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**NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL  
- A TASTY TREAT!**



**Newport's popular food festival returns next month and with an amazing line-up taking shape, it promises to be a delicious day out!**

The Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival 2017 will boast around 70 stalls, expert chef demonstrations and the return of the popular Teenchef competition.

There will also be entertainment and activities for all the family and following the success of last year's Battle of the Burger, there will be another head-to-head competition – this year it's a pie theme!

Over 14,000 people joined us in 2016, despite the odd

shower, creating a real buzz across the venues.

The main activities on Saturday 7 October will centre on High Street and Newport Market, including its gallery level, and surrounding areas.

The support from local businesses has again been brilliant, enabling us to put together such a fantastic offering. Find out more about what's in store on page 3.



**CITY TO WELCOME  
INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETES**



**Newport has officially been announced as the host city for the Westfield Health British Transplant Games 2019.**

The event is expected to attract more than 850 transplant recipient athletes and more than 1,500 supporters, including donor families, to the city in the summer of 2019.

Organised on behalf of the charity Transplant Sport, the aim of the Games is to raise awareness of and increase organ donation. Title sponsor Westfield Health, a leading not-for-profit health insurer, has been involved in the Games for more than a decade.

Newport City Council, Newport Live, Welsh Government and the Games organisers will work in partnership to make this the best event yet.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said:

*"We are honoured to have been selected to host this prestigious event. Newport has an excellent record of hosting sporting events from the Ryder Cup, Velotron, track cycling championships to Olympic and Paralympic training camps – but this event will be something special for the city.*

*"These athletes are inspirational and the Games bring with it such an important*

*message. Wales has led the way in its approach to organ donation, but there is much more to do to raise awareness of its importance and encourage commitment across the country.*

*"We hope as a city we can not only deliver spectacular Games but also do justice to this worthy cause."*

Held over four days, the Westfield Health British Transplant Games include over 25 sporting, social events and competitions, from fishing through to track and field including the Donor Run, an inclusive event open to the public.

An array of campaigns will also take place at a local level to educate and raise awareness of the NHS Organ Donor Register.

Dr Paul Harden, Chairman of Transplant Sport, said:

*"We are delighted to be taking the Transplant Games to Wales. We have seen the Games grow from strength to strength and we are sure Newport will be able to follow on from the success of North Lanarkshire this year and Birmingham in 2018.*

*"2019 is also an important year for us as the World Transplant Games*

*comes to the UK, raising the important message of having the donation conversation with your family on an international level."*

The British Transplant Games is the flagship event of Transplant Sport. Developed by the Transplant Surgeon Maurice Slapack in 1978 the Games were originally an international event welcoming teams from France, Greece and even the USA. Today the British Transplant Games see teams from hospitals across the UK come together to compete. Many athletes also go on to take part at the World Transplant Games.

## ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR HOUSE BUILDING



More than 950 new homes were completed in Newport in 2016/17, up on last year's record-breaking figure.

In 2015/16, 908 homes were built which was the highest number in any local authority area in Wales.

A number of major developments that are taking shape in the city have contributed to the totals including Glan Llyn in Llanwern and Jubilee Park in Rogerstone as well as Mon Bank and Loftus Village not far from the city centre.

Jubilee Park was the highest performing house site in Newport in 2016/17 with 223 units completed.

Many of these significant new builds are also creating facilities for the residents. New schools are being created, for example, in Jubilee Park and Glan Llyn (see story opposite).

## SOFTWARE ACADEMY GROWS IN CITY



Cardiff University's National Software Academy will expand into new offices in the Information Station to cater for more students on its unique and innovative programme.

The Information Station will remain a one-stop shop where residents can access council services.

## MORE HORRORS PROMISED BY NEWPORT PAIR



Martin Palmer, Elinor Daniel & Cllr Jane Mudd

Elinor Daniel and her brother David launched their brilliant experience entertainment, **The Escape Rooms**, in a space underneath Newport Market earlier this year.

Guests in groups of up to six work as a team to escape. They have to analyse the clues, and find the way out before the hour is over ...or await a grisly fate.

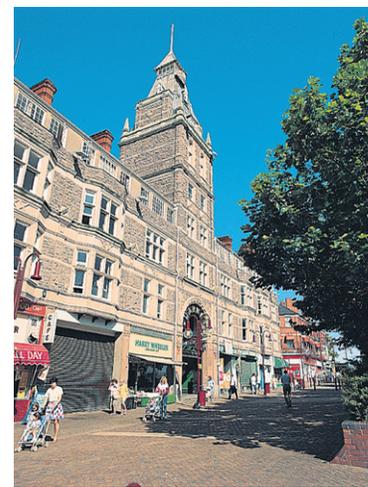
Response to the horror-themed attraction has been very encouraging since it opened in May, and now the plan is to move to the next stage.

"We are now looking to develop two or three more rooms with different escape scenarios," commented Elinor.

Support for the venture has come from Newport City Council and the Kickstart programme, jointly funded by the authority and Tata Steel subsidiary UK Steel Enterprise.

Martin Palmer, investment executive with UK Steel Enterprise, said: "The Escape Rooms is an excellent addition to enhance the entertainment scene in Newport."

Councillor Jane Mudd, the council's cabinet member for



## COUNCIL TAKES FURTHER STEPS OVER DERELICT TJS BUILDING

Newport City Council has again told the owners of the former TJS building they have to carry out remedial work or face a further prosecution.

In July, the London-based company which owns the former nightclub, and two of its directors, were ordered to pay fines of more than £53,000 for being non-compliant with a listed building enforcement notice and another notice relating to unsightly land.

## NEW SCHOOL FOR GLAN LLYN



Cllr Debbie Wilcox (R) Cllr Gail Giles (L)

Last month marked the start of work on a new primary school on site at the £1 billion Glan Llyn development in Newport.

It is being delivered for Newport City Council by St. Modwen, the land owner and lead developer at Glan Llyn, as part of a diverse range of long-term community facilities planned for the site.

When it opens in September 2018, the school will accommodate 420 local primary pupils, from the Glan Llyn catchment area, as well as providing nursery facilities for younger years.

regeneration and housing, said:

"It is fantastic to see local young people establish new and exciting businesses in the city and I'm delighted that we've been able to support The Escape Rooms.

"This creative and innovative venture is a perfect fit for the historic Newport Market in an area of the city centre which is becoming more vibrant as regeneration work continues."

For more information about Kickstart or the council's business services visit [www.newport.gov.uk/business](http://www.newport.gov.uk/business)

## TASTY NEW BUSINESS TAKES OFF



Pattarika Bankluay & Cllr Jane Mudd

Pattarika Bankluay's new Thai takeaway has received assistance from a fund set up by Newport City Council to help new businesses.

As well as receiving a grant towards the first year's rent, Patt-Thai is situated in a Cardiff Road building that benefitted from refurbishment as part of the Vibrant and Viable Places programme.

Pattarika was also grateful for some practical advice and guidance she received from the council's business services team.

Councillor Jane Mudd, the council's cabinet member for regeneration and investment, was delighted to

meet the young businesswoman on a visit to the restaurant.

"Starting up a business is a big step and I'm glad that the council has been able to help Pattarika, not just in a small way financially but with practical support.

"It's exciting to see a young person opening a new business in Newport and I'm sure Pattarika's enthusiasm, drive and commitment will mean a flourishing and successful future."

For more information about the council's rent subsidy scheme, or to find out about other ways the business services team can offer assistance, visit [www.newport.gov.uk/business](http://www.newport.gov.uk/business)



## NEWPORT SAVERS HIT £1MILLION

**Savers at Newport Credit Union have hit a financial milestone, having collectively amassed a fantastic £1 million worth of deposits for the first time.**

The member-owned financial co-operative, based in Newport Indoor Market, is only open to those who work or live in the city, to keep money in the community.

Newport Credit Union chairman Reg Smith said:

*"£1m is a remarkable achievement especially at this time when savings throughout the UK appear to be at an all-time low. We are looking forward to the future and the next million pounds in savings!"*

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said she is delighted to see the Credit Union thriving and hopes many more people will take advantage of the service the community co-operative offers.

Newport Credit Union is open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 3pm and from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturdays. Visit their website at [www.newportcreditunion.co.uk](http://www.newportcreditunion.co.uk) or call 01633 214913 for more information.

## HMS SEVERN PARADE



HMS Severn, Newport's affiliated naval vessel will visit the city in October for the last time prior to being decommissioned and will mark this by exercising its Freedom of the City, parading through the city centre with bands playing, flags flying and bayonets fixed at noon on Saturday 14 October.

**Whatever whets your appetite, you'll be sure to find it on offer at the Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival 2017.**

An impressive range of exhibitors will be ready to fill your fridge with delights including meats, cheeses, spices and preserves, breads, pastries, cakes and crepes, to pies, pasties, oils and sauces.

When you've worked up an appetite exploring the offerings and activities, there will be plenty of refuelling choice – Asian, Greek, Italian or Welsh, pulled pork, burgers, noodles or churros, and of course ice cream for when the sun (hopefully!) comes out.

And we promise to keep you refreshed whether your tippie is Tiny Rebel beer, ale, wine, cider, spirits or something soft.

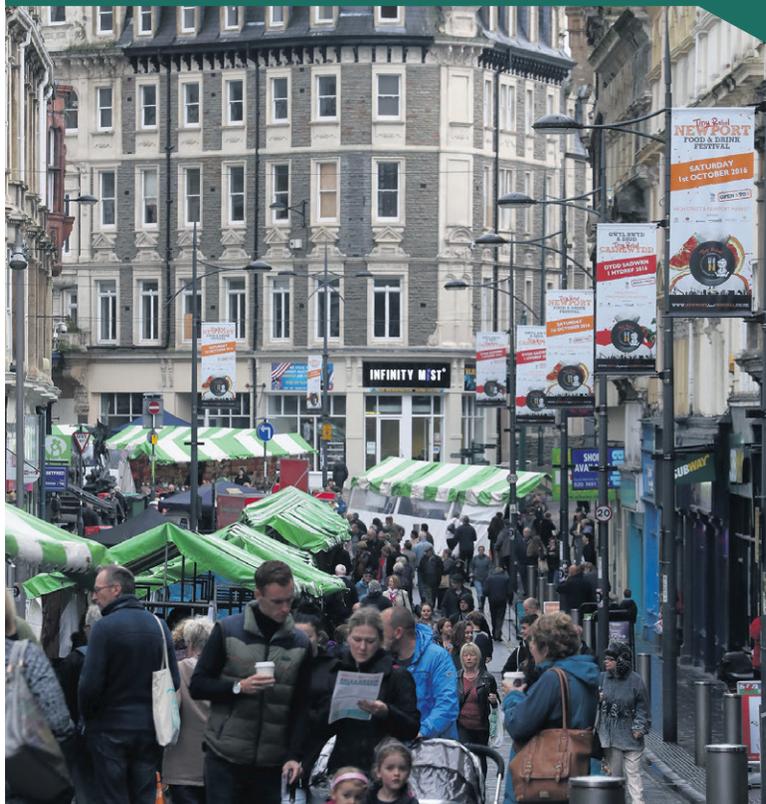
If you like the heat of the kitchen you'll be able to learn some tricks of the trade with free chef demos taking place throughout the day. We have some of the best chefs in the area joining us including Hywel Jones of Lucknam Park and festival patron, James Sommerin, Dion Tidmarsh of The Golden Lion, Anil Karhadkar of Curry on the Curve, and Tiny Rebel's Ricky Ash.

There will also be plenty to keep the children (and parents) amused from street entertainment to balloon modelling.

The popular Festival Supper is taking place on 2 and 3 October at Tiny Rebel's new premises in Rogerstone where a specially designed five-course meal will be served up.

What promises to be an amazing festival has been made possible thanks to the support of local businesses. Supporting sponsors of this year's event are Tiny Rebel, Newport

# JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FESTIVITIES!



Now, Celtic Manor Resort and The Golden Lion, Magor.

The Newport Now Business Improvement District is sponsoring the gallery area of Newport Market – the Newport Now Zone – which will host some of the headline events including demos and the Teenchef competition where you can watch the next generation of chefs battle it out.

The festival takes place on Saturday

7 October between 9am and 5pm. The main activities will centre on High Street, Newport Market and Westgate Square.

For the latest festival news and more information about activities, events and exhibitors, visit [www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk](http://www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk), like us on **Facebook** [www.facebook.com/newportfoodfestival](https://www.facebook.com/newportfoodfestival), or follow us on **Twitter** @NewportFoodFest

## TINY REBEL FESTIVAL SUPPER



**On 2 and 3 October, Tiny Rebel will be hosting a special supper at their brewery in Rogerstone.**

It promises to be an experience to remember with fab food alongside award-winning beers.

Executive chef Rickie Ash has packed the menu with locally sourced ingredients, and created dishes full of warm, spicy, and autumnal flavours.

Each of the five courses will be served with one of Tiny Rebel's tasty beers, selected by their experts to complement each dish - making the evening that extra bit special.

The fully-stocked bar will have plenty of wine and spirits on offer as well.

This is a real feast for foodies and an unmissable event in Newport's culinary calendar. Tickets cost £45 per head and must be booked in advance from [www.tinyrebel.co.uk](http://www.tinyrebel.co.uk)

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**NEWPORT**  
**FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER**

**NEWPORT CITY CENTRE**

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# PRAISE FOR NATIONAL RECYCLING AWARD

Newport City Council would like to pass on its formal congratulations to recycling champions Wastesavers on its national award.

The charity, which carries out weekly kerbside recycling in the city, was singled out for praise at the annual Resource Association lecture in London and presented with an award for delivering high quality recycling.

And together Wastesavers and Newport City Council would like to thank residents for the part they play in recycling a variety of items every week.

The high quality of our recyclable waste means it can be sold on and reused therefore creating an additional income for the council.

Cllr Roger Jeavons, cabinet member for streetscene, said the money generated came to around £1 million which can be ploughed back into council services.

*"It is thanks to our residents who consistently carry out recycling every week which has resulted in this award for Wastesavers."*

*"During the last 12 months Wastesavers has met relevant quality standards, recognised at industry level, as well as having no loads of recyclables rejected which in turn has resulted in more items being reprocessed."*

*"Well done to all concerned. It is a feather in the cap for Wastesavers and in turn for our residents,"*

Resource Association Chairman Robbie Warden commented: *"Our purpose in initiating this awards scheme is to emphasise the good practice and the positive work being done to achieve consistently high quality recycle by suppliers to reprocessors."*

*"The quality of recycling remains an issue dear to our hearts and we wanted to showcase good work being done and say, 'thank you' to suppliers who deserve acknowledgement and recognition for their efforts."*

Phil Hurst on behalf of Wastesavers said: *"Thank you Newport for giving us such good quality paper for recycling that we've won a national quality award!"*

*"It is nice to have the recognition for the work of residents and our collection teams at a national level."*



► Penny Goodwin CEO Wastesavers with Cllr Roger Jeavons

## HOW MUCH DO YOU RECYCLE?



**With Recycle Week just around the corner (25 September - 1 October) we are asking residents to think about whether or not they are recycling all that can be recycled around the home.**

It's not just the usual kitchen items (food waste, plastic drink bottles, pots, tubs and trays) that can be recycled; other rooms in the house also have recyclable waste. From toothpaste boxes and toilet roll tubes, shampoo and shower gel bottles to perfume and medicine bottles, bottle tops, receipts and envelopes, you can recycle in every room of your home.

By recycling as much as possible you help to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill which not only saves the council money, but also helps the environment.

Did you know that if everyone in the UK recycled one bathroom cleaner bottle, enough energy could be saved to vacuum around 82,460 homes and recycling one bleach bottle saves enough energy to power a street light for six and a half hours?

To find out more about how you can recycle for Newport or to order new bins and boxes visit [www.newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newport.gov.uk/recycling)

You can also get hints and tips on reducing, reusing and recycling from [www.recycleforwales.org.uk](http://www.recycleforwales.org.uk)



## 50+ INFORMATION DAY

**Now in its 18th year, this popular event takes place this year on Saturday 28 October from 10am to 3pm in the main sports hall of Newport Centre.**

It regularly attracts hundreds of older people and more than 100 organisations will be represented during the day.

## GREEN FLAG AWARDS

**Keep Wales Tidy has once again awarded Green Flag status to Belle Vue Park and Gwent Crematorium in recognition of their excellent facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.**

Newport City Council's cabinet member for culture and leisure Councillor Deb Harvey said she was delighted the Green Flag Award has again been presented to these two venues.

Belle Vue Park has also been awarded Heritage Status by Keep Wales Tidy who are behind the Green Flag awards systems.

A celebration took place in August at the park to mark these two prestigious awards.



## TEA AT Tŷ EIRLYS

**Residents of Tŷ Eirlys hosted an afternoon tea when some special guests called in to see their new home.**

Rebecca Evans, the Minister for Social Services and Public Health, saw first hand the positive impact of the Pobl Group's flagship living scheme was having on people with learning disabilities.

She was joined by Newport City Council cabinet members Paul Cockeram and Jane Mudd.

Tŷ Eirlys opened in April to provide a much needed pathway between supported and independent living for adults with learning disabilities, which focuses on supporting people to live as they choose and as independently as possible.

Councillor Paul Cockeram said:

*"I'm pleased that the council has been able to work with Pobl Group on this excellent project and, despite tightening budgets, we have been able to make a financial contribution through capital grant*

*and supported people funding.*

*"Social workers worked with tenants and held meetings before they moved in so they could get to know each other before taking the positive, and potentially life-changing, move to live independently."*



## NEWPORT CITY DOGS HOME HAS A NEW LEASH OF LIFE!



There have been a lot of changes to the Newport City Dogs Home over the past 18 months.

Thanks to the support of Friends of the Dogs Wales, the buildings have had a face lift with the installation of double glazing and air conditioning.

They have also created a rehoming hub with a

welcoming green space to give the dogs and their prospective new owners a chance to meet each other in a calm and relaxed environment. In addition to this the Friends also provide vital funds for veterinary care.

Friends of the Dogs Wales is a local charity which helps promote the dogs in our care to find their 'forever home'.

They also run a dog walking scheme where people can volunteer to walk the dogs to give them exercise and even get fit themselves! For more info on the scheme visit [www.friendsofthedogs.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthedogs.org.uk)



## ARE YOU LOOKING TO SET YOUR BUSINESS APART FROM THE REST?

Businesses in Newport can join a scheme which will give customers confidence in the service and goods they offer.

Not all schemes, accreditations and websites offer the same levels of vetting and checking of businesses as that offered by the Buy With Confidence scheme which is run by independent local authority trading standards services, including Newport City Council.

Businesses can apply or be recommended to join the scheme and must pass a set of tailored background checks.

Membership of the scheme is not given lightly – among other checks each applicant will have their complaints history reviewed and will receive a visit from the council's trading standards team.

A rogue trader has just been convicted where one of the victims was approached by the business after they used a well known user-rated price quotation website.

If you would like to sign up to the Buy With Confidence scheme please visit [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

## PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) FOR PILL AGREED

Newport City Council has supported the implementation of a public space protection order (PSPO) in the Pillgwenly area of the city.

The PSPO is intended to prevent individuals or groups committing specific acts of anti-social behaviour in public places where they cause a nuisance to the local community and disturb local people's quality of life.

Councillors formally agreed to adopt the order at a meeting of full Council on 25 July and a community information day took place in August.

The PSPO provides police officers and police community support officers (PCSOs) with additional criminal enforcement powers to deal with specific incidents of anti-social behaviour in Pill.

A breach of the order is a criminal offence and can be dealt with by issuing a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £100 or a fine of up to £1,000 on prosecution through the courts.

**The Pillgwenly PSPO includes:**

- 1. A ban on drinking alcohol in public.



Community information day

- 2. A power for police officers and PCSOs to disperse groups of three or more persons if they are causing trouble.
- 3. A ban on any person having in their possession, selling or supplying any other intoxicating substance (i.e. "legal highs").

Councillor Ray Truman, cabinet member for

licensing and regulation, said:

*"This PSPO will benefit the neighbourhood of Pillgwenly and residents will feel more secure knowing that the police can disperse gangs of people and confiscate alcohol if necessary."*

Gwent Police Inspector Paul Davies who is the lead

for Pill Neighbourhood Policing Team, said:

*"This order is one of a range of measures that can be used to educate and, if necessary, prosecute the minority of persons who cause offence. We know that these (PSPO's) have had successful results in other areas of Newport and wider Gwent and we're committed to working together to produce the same results in Pill."*

## WELSH TEAM TRAINING PITCH RECYCLED IN PILL

Youngsters in Pill are playing on the same surface as their Welsh rugby heroes thanks to the WRU.

A 3G pitch, which was previously used by Wales' rugby teams, has been installed near Pill Millennium Centre.

During the summer, it was used for sessions of "rugball", a joint

initiative with the WRU, the Football Association of Wales Trust and Newport City Council, to get more children playing sport.

Former Wales captain, and British and Irish Lions player, Ryan Jones threw his support behind the scheme.

Ryan, the WRU's head of participation, said the installation

provided a huge boost to the community which has seen an influx of children of all ages and abilities attending the rugball sessions.

*"When the training pitch from the National Centre of Excellence became available, I jumped at the chance to make sure the community of Pill got their slice of the surface,"* he said.



# COUNCIL BUDGET AND SERVICES SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

**Like councils across the country, Newport has had to make considerable savings over the last few years and dramatically change the way we deliver services.**

Around £45m of savings have already been made in the last five years, but it still needs to find a further £34m of savings by 2020/21.

Over the next few months the council will be asking you about the things that are most important to your wellbeing now and in the future and how you think it could do things better and save money.

This feedback, along with previous consultation responses, discussions with partners and data on the population of Newport, will be used to help plan future services and shape proposals for the 2018/19 budget.



It is hoped as many people as possible will take an active part in the consultations to help draw up a budget which will ensure vital services to our community can be delivered.

Last year's consultations saw an increase in the number of people who helped shape how the council operate.

We know education is a vital service which is why we found an extra £1.1 million earlier this year for the schools budget.

For more information and to have your say visit [www.newport.gov.uk/budget](http://www.newport.gov.uk/budget)

► Leader Cllr Debbie Wilcox



## NATIONAL LIBRARIES WEEK

**The first National Libraries Week will take place across the UK between 9 – 14 October.**

A week long celebration of our much-loved libraries, it is an opportunity for libraries to showcase all they can offer and for you to discover the range of things you can do at your library.

During the week, Newport Libraries will be running a range of activities and events across our sites.

Events confirmed to date include talks by the authors M R Hall and Phil Steele; a family fun day at the Central Library; celebration events at the Riverfront Theatre and poetry workshops with local schools.

We will be adding more events in the run up to National Libraries Week and full details will be available at [www.newport.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.newport.gov.uk/libraries)

However you don't have to wait until October to explore what libraries have to offer.

Did you know there is a housebound service which

provides books to anyone unable to visit their local library?

This service is offered to residents who cannot visit the library because of their age, an illness or disability and who have no-one to visit a library on their behalf whether this is on a temporary or permanent basis.

Housebound service members can borrow up to 20 items and the service is free of charge.

Any title from Newport Libraries including spoken word or large print titles.

Your books will be chosen by trained library staff using an individual reader profile so that you will receive books you will want to read.

A volunteer will bring your books and spoken word items right to your doorstep once a month and collect the books you have already read.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this free service or if you would like to volunteer to deliver books please email [central.library@newport.gov.uk](mailto:central.library@newport.gov.uk)



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## WHAT'S ON



There is lots to see and do over the coming month in Newport including...

**RIVERFRONT THEATRE**  
[www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront](http://www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront)

**23 September 7.30pm**  
Black Is The Color Of My Voice – written and performed by Apphia Campbell musical drama inspired by the life of Nina Simone

**26 September 7.45pm**  
We are Bronte - two performers combine rigorous physical theatre with anarchic comedy in a madcap reimagining of the Bronte myth

**28-30 September, various times**

Not About Heroes – Award winning play about the unique friendship between WWI poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon

**DOLMAN THEATRE**  
[www.dolmantheatre.co.uk](http://www.dolmantheatre.co.uk)

**22, 23 September 7pm plus matinees 1pm & 4pm on the Saturday**

Aladdin Junior – Phoenix Productions together with Newport Operatic present Disney's junior version of Aladdin

**27-30 September 7.15pm**

Priscilla Queen of the Desert – musical of a heart-warming, uplifting adventure of three friends who agree to take their show to the middle of the Australian outback.

**8 October 2.30pm**

Newport Orchestra invite instrumentalists to a workshop of contemporary Australian music. 10am start, 5pm free performance of pieces to music lovers

**HALF TERM FUN**

Various venues and dates  
Visit

[newport.gov.uk/holidayfun](http://newport.gov.uk/holidayfun)  
for more details

