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SUCCESSFUL SALE OF FRIARS WALK COMPLETE



Friars Walk is now under new ownership following the successful completion of the sale by Queensberry to Canadian investment company Talisker Corporation.

Council Leader Councillor Debbie Wilcox welcomed the deal which will ensure the council can repay the loan it took out to finance the scheme in full.

Councillor Wilcox said:

"I believe Talisker's confidence and commitment to Friars Walk bodes well for the future of both the centre and Newport."

The council will have a continuing financial interest in the scheme through a small share in the rental income that will bring benefits to the city for many years to come."

David Howard, of Talisker, said;

"We are very excited about the newest addition to our portfolio of UK properties. Friars Walk offers a modern, well thought out scheme with a secure income stream with a lot of potential for future growth."

"We look forward to working closely with the community, our tenants and the city council to ensure that Friars Walk continues to mature into the true heart of Newport."

TRIAL TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAILED A SUCCESS



A trial to ease traffic congestion around the city's Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) was so successful that Newport City Council is to continue the scheme over the summer.

The reversing of the traffic flow at Docks way will be in place for weekends only until a full review of weekday traffic systems is completed.

During the trial reversing the traffic flow meant the number of vehicles waiting on the

A48 was reduced therefore ensuring better traffic safety.

The trigger for the change was last month's Champions League Final where traffic congestion was anticipated as hundreds of thousands of people descended on Wales.

The event also prompted a change in Bank Holiday waste and recycling collections which was also so successful that Newport City Council and Wastesavers plan to do the same for all bank holidays, apart from Christmas, starting with the

August Bank Holiday collections.

This means bin and recycling collections remain as normal instead of a day late for Monday Bank Holidays.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Streetscene, said the changes will help improve waste services in the city:

"Both trials around the Household Waste Recycling Centre and the Bank Holiday collections were very successful."

"We had a lot of positive feedback from both residents and staff and this is why we are introducing the changes."

"We will trial the reverse traffic flow during summer and if there is still good feedback we will make it a permanent feature."

"The Bank Holiday waste collections will also stay for August and we are glad to say Wastesavers are also following suit," said Councillor Jeavons.

He also welcomed the news that

residents are helping the council achieve its waste recycling targets set by the Welsh Government.

Interim results released in May show the council's overall performance on recycling, up to December 2016, has increased by around six per cent to 62 per cent – our highest rate – exceeding current targets by four per cent.

For more information on what can be recycled and to check your collection days visit our website at www.newport.gov.uk/Recycling

WALK THE PORT – SIGN UP NOW

Now's the time to dust-off your walking boots and sign up for this year's Walk the Port event.

The city's second skyline challenge will take place on Saturday 9 September.

There will be a series of walks including short walks suitable for families with younger children and longer routes for those looking for more of a challenge.

Ranging from 1.5 to 16 miles, and both led and self-guided walks, there will be something suitable for all abilities.

All routes will again start and end at the Active Living Centre in Bettws and promise stunning surroundings that let walkers enjoy Newport's varied countryside.

Newport Council and Newport Live are working with Let's Walk Cymru, walking groups, volunteers and partnership organisations to ensure Walk the Port 2017 is a great success.

This year's event will be supporting the Alzheimer's society.

For more information and to sign up visit www.newport.gov.uk/walktheport

DIRECT DEBIT – THE EASIEST WAY TO PAY COUNCIL TAX

Did you know that the easiest and safest way to pay your council tax is by direct debit?

There's no queuing, no postage costs, no need to remember to pay and you have a choice of four payment dates – 1st, 5th, 12th or 20th of the month. Plus, you can request to spread the costs over 12 months instead of the usual 10 months.

By paying by direct debit you are helping to keep admin costs low which helps direct money to other vital services.

To pay by direct debit, visit www.newport.gov.uk/counciltax

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER TASTY FOOD FESTIVAL!



For the seventh successive year, The Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival will return to the heart of Newport city centre.

From 9am on Saturday 7 October, High Street and Newport Market will come alive, bustling with food and drink stalls, demonstrations by locally and nationally renowned chefs, street theatre, music and much more.

Some of the highlights will be:

- 80 food stalls
- Chef demonstrations

- Teenchef final
- Talks, tasters and skills sessions
- Children's activities including face painting and balloon modelling
- Street entertainment

Newport-based Tiny Rebel Brewery is the headline sponsor of the festival for the second year. Once again they bring with them all the fun and passion that goes into their beers and bars. They will be inviting visitors to taste treats inspired by the special beer-infused menu served at their three Tiny Rebel bars (Newport, Cardiff and Rogerstone),



and join in the culinary magic created by their innovative chefs.

We are also very grateful to our other sponsors whose backing has made it possible to grow the event year-on-year.

This year we are supported by the Celtic Manor Resort, Newport Now and the Golden Lion Magor.

For more information on this year's event visit www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk, like us on Facebook @newportfoodfestival or follow us on Twitter @NewportFoodFest

PLENTY TO DO OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Looking for somewhere to take your children over the summer holidays? Look no further than your local library.

Events include 'animal disguises' where youngsters can make a mask or learn how to write secret messages in the 'design a coding machine' sessions.

You can also have fun making a game to challenge others in the library using and coding a microbit, but make sure you book - places are limited.

If you like creative challenges why not create a door plaque using animal letters or create your own agent ID badge?

On Monday 24 July there is a 'design

a coding machine' in Bettws Library while on Tuesday 25 July, youngsters can visit Rogerstone Library to make leap frog or tortoise coasters.

On Wednesday 26 July there are several events on the same day - at Caerleon Library there is the 'animal disguises' session; 'design a coding machine' in Ringland Library and 'animal disguises' at Pillgwenlly Library.

Library events continue throughout August. For full details visit www.newport.gov.uk/whatson

Newport Live is hosting a weekend of family fun during the Big Splash street theatre festival with lots of free entertainment on 22 & 23 July. For full details visit www.newportlive.co.uk

ROADWORKS

Residents can check out what roadworks are going on around the city to help them avoid delays on their journey.

The list of all the works taking place in and around the city is updated weekly and our website also gives you a link to the Traffic Wales site for alerts on delays maybe caused by road accidents.

If you want to plan your journey to avoid roadworks around the city, check out our website at www.newport.gov.uk/roadworks



CHEER ON THE QUEEN'S BATON

Newport is to host one of the stages of this year's Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay.

Our city is one of several communities in Wales which will be visited by the Queen's Baton in its 388-day journey through the entire Commonwealth, covering 230,000 kilometres en route to its final destination – the Opening Ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games on 4 April 2018.

The Baton visits Newport on Wednesday 6 September this year, leaving Newport Stadium at 8am and on to the Transporter Bridge then Pillgwenlly Primary School before going to John Frost Square and onto the Newport Centre.

Newport City Council is hoping as many people as possible will turn out to cheer on the baton bearers on its journey through the city.

NEWPORT CREDIT UNION

Newport Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial co-operative operating from Newport Indoor Market.

More than 3,000 adults and over 1,000 children are members who are encouraged to develop a regular pattern of savings even if this is only a few pounds a week or a month.

By joining Newport Credit Union you will be investing in your community and by growing the business it can continue to develop programmes dedicated to increased financial literacy, confidence and well-being for its members.

The Credit Union has many options for how to save and aims to make it as easy for members as possible.

There are two types of savings accounts for adults and two different saving accounts for child members.

You can save for a holiday, special birthday celebrations and one of the most popular savings of all, for Christmas. The Christmas savings account lets you save all year but you can only access your money from 1 November to 31 December thus avoiding the temptation to withdraw cash until the festive season is here!

Without savings Newport Credit Union could not function as savings from the pool of money can be borrowed by other members.

Organisers believe that while saving money can be difficult on a limited income, regular small savings can soon add up.

If you would like more information either call on 01633 214913 or email info@newportcreditunion.co.uk

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Members' allowances for the year 2016/17 are now available to view on the council's website www.newport.gov.uk/allowances

Levels are set annually by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and the council is not legally permitted to vary them.

NEW MAYOR TAKES UP ROLE



► Photo: Courtesy of Peter Ellis

A tradition dating back to medieval times in Newport was continued on 16 May 2017 when Councillor David Fouweather became the 385th Mayor and his wife Paula became the new Mayoress.

Councillor Fouweather was born in the Newport home of his great grandfather, local hero Tom Toya Lewis. When he was just 17, Tom risked his life to help others in the Newport Docks disaster of 1909.

He has worked for 23 years at the Prison Service where he now helps to support prisoners with mental health and addiction issues.

The father-of-two is an active school governor, supports local groups such as the Ridgeway Community Centre and enjoys walking his two dogs.

During his year of office, his charities will be St David's Hospice Care, MLT (the Motivational Learning Trust) and Amazing Grace Spaces.

Newport-based St David's offers support and care to people with life-limiting illness and their families; MLT helps young people achieve their full potential, while Amazing Grace Spaces is a charity helping local people in crisis.

In May, residents went to the polls to choose the 50 people who will represent them on Newport City Council.

Labour took the most seats, 31, and will be led by Councillor Debbie Wilcox after she was appointed unanimously at the full council meeting.

Conservative councillors with 12 seats are the next biggest party and Councillor Matthew Evans is the leader of the opposition.

The rest of the council is made up of four Newport Independent Party members, two Liberal Democrats and one Independent.

For full details of all the councillors, and who represents your ward visit www.newport.gov.uk/council

Details of appointments to cabinet positions, committees and other bodies can also be found on the website.

Councillor Wilcox said that Newport was in the midst of some game-changing developments. These included the City Deal which has already seen an investment of £38 million committed for a semiconductor plant which could create 2,000 skilled jobs.

"Other companies are also demonstrating their faith in the city such as Carpeo Estate Planning who recently announced plans to create 300 jobs in Newport over the next five years."

"Work has begun on the conference centre at the Celtic Manor which will again raise the profile of the city, particularly in the world of international business and events."

Councillor Wilcox took over the

EXCITING TIMES AS NEW COUNCIL GETS ON WITH BUSINESS



position as council leader last year and added that, as she resumed that privileged position, her sights were firmly set on Newport's future but she also cares about the city's proud history.

"I am determined that the council will play its part in both preserving the uniqueness of our city while making Newport a great place to work and grow business, to learn, live and bring up a family."

"There is no doubt there will

be challenges – we know that budgets for all councils will only get tighter and that the demands for services, particularly for our youngest and elderly residents, will grow considerably."

"Education, community safety, the environment, transport and jobs are high on our priority list for the coming years – our aim to provide strong core services for the people of our city that will further support our efforts to build a better Newport."

BUSINESS SCHOOL TO POP UP AGAIN

Following the success of the PopUp Business School earlier this year, the council is arranging for another one to be held from 11 to 22 September in Newport Market.

People who attended the first school, also held in the market, described it as inspirational, amazing and brilliant.

To find out more about this autumn's event, and to sign up, visit www.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/newport



IMPROVING PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET) in Newport has fallen to a record low.

In 2011 the number of young people leaving Year 11 and becoming NEET was 6.7 per cent. In 2016 this had reduced by three quarters to only 1.7 per cent – below the Welsh average.

Actions taken in Newport to improve the prospects and chances for young people include; intensive work with providers of education and further learning, better partnership working to develop specific employment and learning opportunities and events, and focussed work to ensure young people are better engaged and can access the support they need.

PLANE TICKETS, SUNCREAM, VACCINATIONS!

With summer festivals and holidays upon us, Public Health Wales is urging young people to stay safe from measles by making sure they're up to date with two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Despite the recent outbreak affecting Newport, many people think that measles is a disease of the past – but the infection circulates constantly in many countries.

And with summer holidays and events bringing us into contact with new people who might be infected with measles, everyone is urged not to take the risk of ruining their fun by contracting this potentially very serious disease.

Measles is highly infectious and the only way to prevent large outbreaks is through vaccination. Young people, and parents whose children are not up to date with two doses of MMR, should contact their local surgery immediately.

Although recent outbreaks have mostly affected young people aged between 10 and 18, adults born since 1970 who have never had measles or the vaccine, are also urged to ensure they contact their surgery, especially if they work with children.

The first dose of MMR is given to babies between 12 and 13 months of age, and the second at three years and four months of age, but it is never too late to catch up.

About one in five children with measles will experience serious complications such as pneumonia or meningitis. One in 10 children with measles ends up in hospital and in rare cases it can be fatal.

Anyone with symptoms – which include a fever, cough, runny nose, red eyes and a distinctive red rash – should stay away from school or work and not attend large events.

Parents who suspect their child has measles should contact their GP or NHS Direct Wales on 0845 46 47.



SPENDING BOOST SET FOR FURTHER CITY REGENERATION PROJECTS

Newport City Council is seeking an agreement with the Welsh Government that will unlock more than £2 million on regeneration schemes.

In 2002, the council and the Welsh Government established urban regeneration company Newport Unlimited.

To achieve the aim of economic regeneration, a number of joint ventures were undertaken including the development of Old Town Dock and the renting out of Alacrity House for a business incubator hub.

As result, more than £2.3 million has been generated for the council.

In June, the cabinet approved a protocol which will enable the money to be spent in the city with Welsh Government approval.

It was agreed that all the funding should be used for economic regeneration activities within Newport.

Spending this money in Newport would support the aims of the Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act - building a more prosperous and resilient city with sustainable and cohesive communities by creating and maintaining jobs, preventing further decline in key areas and improving the physical environment.

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

"We have a proud record of regeneration in the city but we know there is still much more that could be done.

"Unlocking funds that were generated through the auspices of the former Newport Unlimited will make a significant contribution towards this essential ongoing work.

"It is intended that, with the approval of the Welsh Government, all the funding should be used for economic regeneration activities within the city.

"We want to build a more prosperous

Newport by creating and maintaining good quality employment for our citizens, revitalising areas of the city and improving the environment for residents and those who work here."

Since the demise of Newport Unlimited, regeneration work in the city has continued including through the Vibrant and Viable Places programme which has seen landmark buildings brought back into use or significantly improved.

Successful projects have included the conversion of the former King's Hotel into smart new city centre apartments and offices and the restoration of the facades of buildings near Mariner's Green.

LITTER PICKS

Community minded residents who would like to organise litter picks in their neighbourhood can get help from Keep Wales Tidy who will set volunteers up as a group for insurance purposes.

Bags and gloves are usually provided for anyone interested. The community contact is Steve Chamberlain, please email steve.chamberlain@keepwalestidy.cymru for more details.



KINSHIP CARERS SUPPORT GROUP

People who look after children separated from parents can get mutual support from members of the newly formed Kinship Carers Support Group (Newport).

A kinship carer is an adult who is looking after the child or children of a relative or friend on a full time basis.

The biggest group of kinship carers are grandparents but there are many others including older brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, more distant relatives, family friends and neighbours. This may be a permanent arrangement or temporary, formal (through court arrangements) or informal.

Children in Wales and Families First (via GAVO's Parent Participation Officer) have come together to establish the group which will run monthly from Newport Centre on the second Tuesday of every month from 10am until noon.

This relaxed and informal support group will offer kinship carers the opportunity to meet, discuss

and learn from others in a similar situation and the chance to offer each other emotional and practical support, helping to alleviate some of the isolation felt by many carers.

The next meeting is on 15 August with others planned for 12 September and 10 October.

For more information email Bernadette.byrne@gavowales.org.uk or Deborah.smith@childreninwales.org.uk



MORE FUNDING FOR HOUSES INTO HOMES SCHEME



When so many people are in need of housing, empty properties are a wasted resource. Newport City Council's houses into homes scheme, funded by the Welsh Government, can provide interest-free loans to help owners bring properties back into use as homes for sale or let.

Projects can range from the renovation of a single house to

the conversion of an empty commercial building into self-contained apartments, subject to planning approval.

The maximum loan is £25,000 per unit, with a ceiling of £150,000 per borrower, depending on the available equity value. Loans to let are repayable after three years and loans for sale are repayable upon the sale of the property but within two years.

For more information about the houses into homes scheme visit www.newport.gov.uk/emptyhomes

If you would like to talk to someone about the scheme, call 01633 656656 and ask to speak to the housing strategy team.



DOWNLOAD THE NOISE APP

Residents suffering from a noise nuisance, whether it be from a neighbour, a local business or a barking dog, can now download an app to help record evidence to back up a complaint.

Newport City Council launched the Noise App in May. It is available to residents with a smartphone or tablet who can download the app for free by visiting www.thenoiseapp.com or search online for The Noise App RHE at Google play or the Apple App Store.

Residents will be required to create an account in order to use the app to make such a complaint.

The app allows you to make a 30 second recording of the noise, complete a form and submit a report online.

Using the app doesn't replace noise monitoring visits by council officers to determine whether a statutory noise nuisance exists, however it does make it easier for residents to provide evidence to support their allegations.

The council can look into noise nuisance arising from amplified equipment such as music, televisions, DIY activities, barking dogs and noise from commercial premises.

LANDLORD FINED UNDER NEW LAW

Newport City Council has secured the first conviction for Rent Smart Wales after a Newport landlord was fined £4,400 for operating a dangerous, unlicensed house in multiple occupation.

Robert Ivor Grovell of Tram Lane, Llanfrechfa, Cwmbran is the first landlord in Wales to be prosecuted for failing to become licensed with Rent Smart Wales, a Welsh Government scheme which is helping to drive up standards in the private rented sector.

Rent Smart Wales requires private landlords to register and for managing landlords and agents to become licensed with the scheme.

Since 23 November 2016, landlords and agents who fail to comply with Rent Smart Wales are breaking the law.

Mr Grovell was prosecuted under Section 7(5) of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 at Newport Magistrates court for his non-compliance.

The offence was one of a number brought against him by Newport City Council for housing-related offences at a property on Orchard

Street in Newport to which Mr Grovell pleaded guilty.

An inspection of the property by Environmental Health officers in December 2016 uncovered serious problems with the design and layout of the property and an escape route blocked with furniture and other items, both of which could have been fatal to tenants in the event of a fire. In addition the property was occupied as a house in multiple occupation but Mr Grovell had failed to apply for the necessary licence from Newport City Council.

Rent Smart Wales checks identified that Mr Grovell was registered but not licensed, even though he was carrying out management activities at the property.

Since the inspection, he has completed the required Rent Smart Wales training and submitted his application for a license.

Bethan Jones, Operational Manager of Rent Smart Wales at Cardiff Council, the single licensing authority for the whole of Wales, said: "This case is a real milestone for Rent Smart Wales, being the first prosecution of a non-compliant landlord."

"This prosecution sends a strong message to other non-compliant landlords who continue to flout the law and those who haven't complied should come forward now to avoid action against them."

In total Mr Grovell was fined £4,400 and ordered to pay £1,000 costs and victim surcharge of £170.

Councillor Ray Truman, Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation at Newport City Council praised officers for their dedication in bringing such a prosecution to court.

"This was a serious breach of regulations covering a house in multiple occupation where the residents were put at risk because of the landlord's failure to comply with essential regulations aimed at keeping people safe in their home."

"This court case should also remind landlords of the need to license houses in multiple occupation. Failing to do so could end up with an unlimited fine being imposed by the court."

"Newport City Council will continue to be vigilant in ensuring landlords and agents stick to the rules covering their rental properties. Well done to officers for bringing this case to a successful conclusion," he said.

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NURSERY APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for a September 2018 nursery place (maintained nurseries only) are now open.

Children are eligible for a nursery place in the term following their third birthday and in Newport this can be in a maintained nursery class/school or in a non-maintained setting (a playgroup or private day nursery).

The closing date for applications is 18 September 2017.

In a change to previous years, there is now no need for parents to submit a separate application for a Rising 3 place. Rising 3 places can be offered to children born between 1 September and 31 March, with a nursery start date of January or April 2018.

The council is responsible for admission to community nursery schools but for a nursery place in a voluntary aided school or non-maintained setting, enquiries should be made directly to the school or provider.

Both Welsh and English-medium places are available.

For more information and

to make an application visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions



BUILDING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CITY

Members of Newport's Public Services Board, One Newport, have come together to boost efforts to make Newport a dementia friendly city.

Some partners have already achieved or are seeking individual accreditation through the Alzheimer Society scheme, but through closer working the aim is to improve services and understanding of the needs of those with dementia more quickly and consistently across the city.

Dementia is a major concern with one in 14 people over 65 years of age reported to be living with the condition and those numbers expected to increase.

In Newport, new dementia friendly champions have been introduced, support groups, dementia friendly cafes and carer's groups are being developed, and the profile

of such issues are being raised through the work of all partners.

Dementia friends awareness sessions have been delivered to over 2,000 people in organisations including Monmouthshire Building Society, Newport City Council, Derwen, Seren, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and Gwent Police.

St Joseph's RC High School was also the first in Wales to be accredited as dementia friendly with all pupils and staff receiving dementia friends awareness training.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council and PSB member, said:

"All the PSB partners are very much on board and recognise that by working together in a more coordinated way, we can have much more impact across the city."



FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW IN THE MARKET

Newport Market has welcomed a number of new traders to join the ranks of its established independent businesses.

Angharad Wrigley and her sister Katherine have opened up the Market Bakery while upcycler Natasha Graves, who creates items from concrete, is also open for business.

Susanna Johnson has opened Jenia selling pre-loved children's clothes, Spice and Dice is a new vegetable shop and Andrew Coley is selling antiques and bric-a-brac in Ace of Spades.

Newport Market offers award-winning butchers, fresh fruit and vegetables, bakeries, clothing, gifts, cards and more and has been central to Newport life for nearly 150 years.

Earlier this year, the council and Newport Norse ran a Dragon's Den style competition offering prizes of stalls for a year or six months. The winners and runners-up are due to start trading very soon so keep an eye out for them when you visit the market.

Space can be rented from as little as £10 per day. Stalls are let on a weekly licence with rent payable each week.

The upstairs gallery area of the market can also be hired for events.

To find out more contact Newport Norse Property Services by email property.services@newportnorse.co or telephone 01633 240450

In 2013, a £1 million project to refurbish part of the grade-two listed building was completed. A new central entrance was created flanked by smart new units. One is now occupied by award-winning Tiny Rebel Brewery.

Earlier this year Newport City Council embarked on a new programme of marketing and improvements to help boost trade at the historic indoor market.

Events are staged in the upstairs gallery area to encourage more footfall including elements of the popular Newport Food Festival, craft markets, record and comic fairs and tea dances.

ROYAL HONOUR FOR PRIDE IN PILL GROUP

Congratulations to all the members of the Pride in Pill community group who have won a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

Supported by Newport City Council along with the Welsh Government's Tidy Towns initiative the group is well known for its commitment to tackle littering and fly-tipping in Pillgwenlly.

The group was founded by Paul Murphy who has also won support from Newport City Homes who provide the group with funding for equipment, volunteers and covering waste collection and disposal.

Other groups also offer their support when there are events such as community litter picks.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, Cabinet Member for Newport City Council's Streetscene department, praised the work of the volunteers in PiP and congratulated them on their award.

"As a council we appreciate all the hard work carried out by the Pride in Pill group who are tireless in their efforts to clean up their neighbourhood and who thoroughly deserve this accolade.

"Congratulations to all concerned, it is a great achievement."

Mr Murphy also thanked all his volunteers and committee members on Pride in Pill.

He said: *"By working together we are the first community in Newport to get the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.*

"Four years ago I would not have dreamt we would be in this position today. Thank you to all the organisations that have supported us over the years and special thanks to all at Pill Millennium Centre for their help and hospitality over the years."

Rob Lynbeck, director of operations at Newport City Homes added his congratulations.

"We are happy to have worked with and supported Pride in Pill since its creation and this awards is well deserved. Pride in Pill has a dedicated group of people who are determined to make a difference in their community and should be congratulated for their on going work," he said.

WHAT'S ON



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

CITY CENTRE
www.newportlive.co.uk
22 & 23 July

Big Splash weekend of free family fun around the city centre in the special Big Splash zones including the Riverfront, Friars Walk, Kingsway Shopping Centre, Newport NOW zone in High Street/Commercial Street and the river walkway between the University and The Wave.

RIVERFRONT THEATRE
www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront
24-28 July

Ballet Cymru Wales Summer Dance School.

July & August
Holiday clubs including Monday Minecraft, Tuesday film club and mini textile workshops.

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

Bookings through The Riverfront box office. This event is part-funded by Ty Cerdd, Welsh Government and The National Lottery. For further details contact newportorchestra@hotmail.com

NEWPORT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY
www.newport.gov.uk/artgallery
Open Tuesday to Fridays, 9.30am to 5pm.
Free day out for the family.

21 September
Lunchtime talk: Looking after Museum collection 1pm.

DOLMAN THEATRE
www.newport.gov.uk/artgallery

Saturday, 2 September
An Evening of Song with Steve Bissex Williams presented by Newport Operatic Society.