

## Future looking bright for city centre

### Excitement builds as Friars Walk opening nears

A host of big names have revealed plans to return to Newport city centre or open stores there for the first time.

Friars Walk is rapidly filling up, with many of those who have signed up due to start trading on 12 November when the multi-million leisure and retail scheme officially opens.

Others will open in the following weeks ensuring this will be a Christmas to remember for the city centre.

It was reported in the summer that Marks and Spencer were planning to make a comeback with a new food hall; toy and game shop The Entertainer has unveiled plans to open a new store in Austin Friars; and Sports Direct has started trading in Commercial Street.

In recent weeks, it has been announced that JD Sports, Krispy Kreme, Occasions Cards, Pandora and the Candle Company have all been confirmed for Friars Walk. A bowling alley is also planned for the near future.

Councillor Bob Bright, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "It is great to



*How Friars Walk will look in November - the vision becomes a reality*

see a mixture of independents and big names now flocking to take space in Friars Walk. This is more good news for Newport and the city centre and the excitement as we get closer to the opening day in November is tangible.

"Like many Newport residents, I will also be delighted to welcome Marks and Spencer back to the city centre. I'm glad that their absence from the city centre, after the lease in their previous premises expired, has proved to be only temporary. This is another

sign of the high level of confidence in Friars Walk and the city centre."

In July, Friars Walk was named as one of Britain's top council-led regeneration schemes by the British Council of Shopping Centres (BCSC).

Councillor Bright added: "Newport is undergoing a renaissance and is on the rise to become a dynamic, 21st century city where people will want to live, work and visit."

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for

Regeneration and Investment, said:

"Friars Walk is playing a key role in the revitalisation of the city centre but is part of a wider regeneration vision including the Vibrant and Viable Places programme, which is helping to transform key buildings into new homes, businesses and spaces."

Friars Walk will offer more than 390,000 sq ft of modern retail and leisure space. It will include a full-range Debenhams department store, 35 retail units including Next, H&M, Topshop,

River Island and New Look, an eight screen Cineworld multiplex cinema, 11 restaurants, 350 parking spaces and a major new bus station interchange.

On completion, the scheme will provide an estimated 1,200 jobs in addition to the jobs created during the construction phase and the potential for local companies to be involved in the supply chain of the centre.

See inside (page 3) for more on the Friars Walk story and how Newport City Council helped to make the vision a reality.

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## Public space protection order – your city centre – you decide what takes place

**How many times have you felt frustrated that important decisions affecting your community or the quality of your life are taken by other people? Well here's the chance to do something about it.**

New legislation in the form of a public space protection order allows local authorities to prohibit any persistent behaviour in a public place that impacts negatively upon the quality of life of those who live in, work in or visit that area.

The new law replaces the current city centre alcohol designation order which makes it illegal to consume alcohol on the streets of the city centre away from licensed premises – effectively an alcohol exclusion zone.

Newport City Council is consulting the public on what they would like to see

included in the new legislation aimed at improving people's city centre experience by tackling behaviour that undermines it.

The powers of a public space protection order are more wide-reaching and have the potential to tackle a number of issues that cause a nuisance to the public in the city centre and impinge upon the quality of their lives.

The new public space protection order has the scope and the potential to deliver something very positive for the city. The council, however, is mindful of the importance of striking the right balance between protecting the public and respecting civil liberties and freedom of expression and movement.

Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Regulatory Functions, Councillor Bob Poole, said:

"Few people in Newport will have failed to notice the changes taking place in the heart of the city centre, most notably Friar's Walk retail development due to open in November and arguably the most significant investment in Newport's recent history. The regeneration of the city centre is complemented by the restoration of some its finest buildings under the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Visible Places Programme."

He added: "It is perhaps timely against this background of positive change that this new piece of legislation offers the city and its residents the chance to build on that momentum by ensuring that the experience of people visiting the city centre is a positive one."

### Tell us what you think

As part of Newport City Council's duty to consult

with residents on what should be included in the new public space protection order, we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to answer four short questions and tell us how we can improve your city centre experience through the new legislation.



Councillor Bob Poole

**This consultation runs until 5 October 2015.**

### How to make your comments

1. Pick up a copy of the questionnaire at the Information Station, Old Station Building, Queensway, Newport NP20 4AX.
2. You can also get a copy at [www.newport.gov.uk/have\\_your\\_say](http://www.newport.gov.uk/have_your_say)

### What next?

Your comments will be considered by a scrutiny group of councillors and officers who will make recommendations to the Council for the proposals to be put in the PSPO.

## Meeting the financial challenge

**The on-going financial challenge facing Newport City Council is no secret, and in the July edition of Newport Matters we highlighted the savings we've had to make over the last five years.**

The pressing budget cuts will continue to be a reality for the council, and the announcement from Westminster that public sector budgets could potentially be reduced by 40 per cent may result in an impact on our budget and the level of services we can deliver in future to our residents.

We are bracing ourselves

for further cuts although the exact impact and the amount of money we will receive won't be finalised until the end of November when we receive our final settlement from Welsh Government who provide 80 per cent of our budget.

Council officers have been at various locations over the past couple of months asking for thoughts on about how the council could save money. If you have any budget savings ideas, please email [changing.services@newport.gov.uk](mailto:changing.services@newport.gov.uk) or write to **Corporate Policy, Freepost SWC 1476, Newport City Council, Civic**

Centre, Newport.

Later in the year we will be asking for your thoughts on where the council is proposing to make budget savings, and there will be a consultation process where you can review the proposals and give your views.

To keep up-to-date with the council's budget process and if you'd like to be invited to participate in a consultation session, please register for Keep Me Posted council news updates. Visit [www.newport.gov.uk](http://www.newport.gov.uk) to sign up.



## Finding housing solutions in Newport

**Recent changes in how the council helps people who are homeless or at risk of being made homeless have been introduced by the Welsh Government under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.**

The council has a legal duty to offer help and assistance to individuals in these circumstances, and has with services aimed at helping to prevent homelessness from occurring or to find an alternative solution.

Under the changes, the council has been working with a number of private landlords in Newport to

identify suitable accommodation for individuals through financial help and practical support to both the landlord were already been helped into private rented housing between April and July 2015.

The council is keen to expand the work as it has proved successful, and would like to hear from landlords looking to rent out accommodation.

Officers can explain the services provided and what other options would be open to landlords - contact Catherine Griffiths or Andrew Hale on 01633 656656.

## The Friars Walk story



One of the new stores under construction

November 12 2015 will see the opening of the eagerly awaited Friars Walk retail and leisure development in the heart of Newport city centre.

Ten years of hard work will come to fruition when doors open at 10am and new shops such as Debenhams open for the first time in the city.

While there has been work behind the scenes for over a decade, construction of the 390,000 sq. ft space has taken less than two years from the demolition of Capitol car park on a cold January morning in 2014 to its opening in the autumn of 2015.

In April 2005, Newport City Council first announced

plans for a multi-million pound redevelopment of the city centre, but the developer went into administration. The council was keen to ensure that the dream of a redeveloped city centre was not lost and bought the land needed for the development to take place before the compulsory purchase orders expired. This meant the site was ready for development when the global economic recovery started and work could begin quickly.

At the end of 2013, the council took the bold move to acquire funding for the scheme, and now, in less than two months, we will see the fruition of the decisions the council took – which at times were not popular with some people.

The British Council of Shopping Centres has praised Newport City Council for the bold steps it has taken in leading this regeneration and described the council as being “on the front foot” to ensure the redevelopment happened.

Friars Walk will have space for 36 retail stores including Debenhams, Next, Marks and Spencer, H&M and River Island, 11 restaurants and an eight screen cinema.

It is anticipated that it will see Newport rise from number 198 for shopping destinations in the UK to being in the top 100, and 1,200 jobs will be created bringing around £15 million of salaries into the local economy.

## My city



Newport resident John Burns

John Burns is a Project Manager and keen amateur photographer, regularly posting his pictures of the city on his Twitter account @john\_burns, who has lived in Newport all his life. He is a member of The Newporters and a supporter of the charity Pancreatic Cancer Awareness and is currently helping to organise a Pancreatic Ball at the Celtic Manor Resort in November with all proceeds going to the charity.

“Friars Walk is going to be fabulous and one can only look at it positively. I think it is a brilliant opportunity that’s arrived at just the right time for Newport.

“We need to change the negative image many Newportonians have of Newport. There’s a very apt saying: ‘If you always did what you did, you will always get what you got’.

“What I really like is the whole positive scene, not just regarding what is coming with Friars Walk, as there’s an awful lot going on that some people maybe aren’t aware of. The Riverfront, for example, is an outstanding

venue. I was asked to attend last year’s panto and I thought it was superb.

“There are also lots of very good camera clubs in the area. I only have to walk 100 yards from my home on the Moorings and I’m in the middle of a beautiful field where I can see Reed Buntings, Warblers and Sandpipers along the river bank, and there is the canal path close by too. I think people don’t appreciate what is on their doorstep.

“I love the people of Newport on Twitter, I have met so many wonderful people who are all so positive. More please!”



Photo by John Burns ([www.reflectingme.com](http://www.reflectingme.com)) of the early days of the Friars Walk construction

## Newport first to adopt new planning initiative

**Newport City Council has become the first in Wales to introduce a planning initiative which will reduce the red tape for certain types of development in the city centre.**

A Local Development Order (LDO) is now in force following a public consultation earlier this year and the approval of the Welsh Government.

It streamlines the planning system by granting blanket planning permission for non-contentious forms of development in a defined area.

A range of specified uses are allowed on the lower, ground and upper floors of buildings. In order to protect the retail and café functions of the city centre, the LDO is more restrictive and permits only certain changes of use in the ground-floor units of these areas.

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council’s Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Investment, said: “We believe this will have considerable benefits for the city centre by increasing occupancy levels and commercial activity.

“We are working hard to support and stimulate appropriate development to help boost the city centre’s vibrancy while protecting its character and traditional architecture. I am grateful to all those who took part in the consultation which helped shape the final scheme.

**The full details of the Local Development Order can be found at [www.newport.gov.uk/cityldo](http://www.newport.gov.uk/cityldo)**

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## All systems go for new Welsh-medium secondary school

**Newport's new Welsh-medium secondary school is one step closer after Newport City Council's cabinet – acting as a local determination panel – took the decision to establish the school.**

The new school will open next September and will become the city's ninth secondary school. Work is currently happening on the site it will share with Duffryn High School to build the new school which will provide Welsh-medium education for secondary school aged children.

Cabinet Member for Education and Young People, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, said: "Mae hwn yn ddiwrnod hanesyddol I addysg yng

Nghasnewydd.

"The decision by Cabinet to proceed with establishing a Welsh-medium secondary school was a historic day. For parents who choose for their child to be educated through the medium of Welsh it means they can have all their education in Newport, from nursery through to secondary school. This decision will provide the best education for our children in Newport and south Monmouthshire."

Funding of the new school is via the 21st century school programme as a joint enterprise through Welsh Government, Newport City Council and Monmouthshire County Council.

The development of regional Welsh-medium secondary education

provision in Newport will deliver up to 900 school places in future years and meet the demand that exists across the region. The new school will open in September 2016 for year 7 pupils.

Following the decision by Newport City Council's Cabinet, the chief education officer will work with the Education Achievement Service head of governor support to set up a temporary governing body immediately. They will take forward matters such as the recruitment of the head teacher, the school staffing structure and organisation of the new school including site access, time of the school day, uniform, name and transition arrangements.

## Mae'r ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd yn mynd ar ei aen

**Mae ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg newydd Casnewydd un cam yn nes ar ôl i Gabinet Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd - yn gweithredu fel panel penderfynu lleol - gymryd y penderfyniad i sefydlu'r ysgol.**

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Meddai'r Aelod Cabinet dros Addysg a Phobl Ifanc, y Cyngorydd Debbie Wilcox: "Mae hwn yn ddiwrnod

hanesyddol i addysg yng Nghasnewydd.

Mae'r penderfyniad heddiw gan y Cabined i fwrw ymlaen â sefydlu ysgol uwchradd cyfrwng Cymraeg yn ddiwrnod hanesyddol. I'r rhieni sy'n dewis i'w plentyn gael eu haddysgu drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg mae'n golygu y gallant dderbyn eu holl addysg yng Nghasnewydd o'r meithrin hyd at ysgol uwchradd. Bydd y penderfyniad hwn yn darparu'r addysg orau i'n plant yng Nghasnewydd a de Sir Fynwy."

Mae ariannu'r ysgol newydd yn dod trwy'r rhaglen ysgolion yr 21ain ganrif fel menter ar y cyd drwy Lywodraeth Cymru, Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd a Chyngor Sir Fynwy.

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Cymraeg rhanbarthol yng Nghasnewydd yn darparu hyd at 900 o leodd ysgol yn y dyfodol ac ateb y galw sy'n bodoli ar draws y rhanbarth. Bydd yr ysgol newydd yn agor ym Medi 2016 ar gyfer disgyblion blwyddyn 7.

Yn dilyn y penderfyniad gan Gabinet Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd i sefydlu'r ysgol, bydd y prif swyddog addysg yn gweithio gyda phennaeth cefnogi llywodraethwyr y Gwasanaeth Cyflawni Addysg i sefydlu corff llywodraethu dros dro ar unwaith. Byddent yn symud ymlaen â materion megis recriwtio pennaeth, strwythur staffio'r ysgol, trefniadaeth yr ysgol newydd gan gynnwys mynediad i'r safle, amser y diwrnod ysgol, gwisg ysgol, enw a threfniadau pontio.

## Exam success for Newport pupils at A level & GCSE

**There was A Level and GCSE success for Newport pupils in the recent exam results**

Schools in the city maintained their high performance in the WJEC A Level examinations with results above the Wales average for pupils gaining grades A\*- C.

The percentage of those gaining an A\* was 5.9 per cent while the percentage of those gaining an A\*-A was 23.2 per cent, above the Wales average of 23.1 per cent.

The percentage of those gaining an A\*- C was 76.3 per cent, an increase of 0.8 percentage points from last year, and above the Wales average of 74.3 per cent.

The proportion of students achieving a pass grade at WJEC A Level

(Grades A\* - E) was 97.1 per cent, in line with the Wales average of 97.3 per cent.

There was a rise in Newport WJEC exam entries of 8.6 per cent from last year, a higher increase in entries than the Wales rise of 1.5 per cent.

The number of pupils in Newport achieving WJEC GCSE A\*- A grades was 18.7 per cent.

Figures for the WJEC examinations show that 60.4 per cent of entries in Newport achieved grades A\* - C. Overall, 97.9 per cent of WJEC entries in the city were graded between A\* - G.

The proportion of Newport pupils achieving a pass at WJEC GCSE is slightly higher than the Wales average for all exam boards.

## School year term dates

Please find below dates for the school years 2015/16 and 2016/17,

### School term dates 2015/16

Term	Start	Half term starts	Half term ends	Term ends
Autumn	1 Sep 2015	26 Oct 2015	30 Oct 2015	18 Dec 2015
Spring	4 Jan 2016	15 Feb 2016	19 Feb 2016	24 Mar 2016
Summer	11 Apr 2016	30 May 2016	3 Jun 2016	20 Jul 2016

May Day: 2 May 2016 (schools closed)

### School term dates 2016/17

Term	Start	Half term starts	Half term ends	Term ends
Autumn	1 Sep 2016	24 Oct 2016	28 Oct 2016	16 Dec 2016
Spring	3 Jan 2017	20 Feb 2017	24 Feb 2017	7 April 2017
Summer	24 Apr 2017	29 May 2017	2 Jun 2017	21 Jul 2017

May Day: 1 May 2017 (schools closed)

### School training days

Training days for school staff, also called INSET days,

are held throughout the school year. You are advised to contact individual schools to confirm dates.

## New scheme for landlords and agents

New housing legislation which comes into effect in the autumn will place a duty on private landlords or their agents to obtain a licence to operate.

The Rent Smart Wales scheme will be administered by a new single licensing authority at Cardiff Council. It will replace the Landlord Accreditation Wales scheme (LAW).

Landlords renting out accommodation will be required by law to register with Rent Smart Wales – a process that can be completed online. Those employing an agent to rent

a property on their behalf will have a responsibility to ensure that they are licensed to do so.

Find out more at [www.rentsmart.gov.wales](http://www.rentsmart.gov.wales) Alternatively, landlords can contact

**Rent Smart Wales**  
c/o Cardiff Council  
City Hall  
Cardiff  
CF10 3ND



## My Newport

The My Newport online information service brings together information about local services based around the postcode of your property.

Enter your postcode at [www.newport.gov.uk/mynewport](http://www.newport.gov.uk/mynewport) to find your waste and recycling collection dates, nearest planning applications, councillor contact details, GP surgeries, post office, local police station and more listed under 'My House'.

Or explore 'My Maps' to see car parks, schools, allotments, local parks and other services close to where you live.

## Show your support for Welsh Guards next month

In October, the Welsh Guards and Fifth Regiment of Foot Guards are due to march in the city centre as the honorary Freedom of the City is granted to them.

The special ceremony is being held in recognition and appreciation of their famous record and glorious traditions.

As part of this honour, they will march through the streets of Newport on ceremonial occasions "with drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and bayonets fixed".

At 11am on Thursday 1

October, the Welsh Guards will begin to parade from the top of Cambrian Road (outside Wetherspoons) to Bridge Street and then through High Street to the D-Day Memorial.

A short ceremony will take place before the parade again moves off through High Street and along Commercial Street to its junction with Charles Street.

On the evening of 30 September, a special rugby match will take place between Newport RFC and the Welsh Guards at 19:15 at Rodney Parade.

## Communities First Newport North steps up to the Change for Life challenge

Communities First team in Newport North, received two boxes of pedometers from Change for Life to encourage local people to sign up to a challenge that would help them to get active over the summer.

The team promoted the challenge at different events and had over one hundred people from the local area sign-up to take part. They each received a Change for Life drawstring bag, a water bottle and a pedometer.

Contact details were collected for everyone involved so that they could receive regular texts and send their step counts back. Those who have replied had their steps entered onto a spreadsheet so that their progress could be monitored over the summer.

To encourage people to keep in touch about their step count, prizes have been given out on a fortnightly basis to the individuals who sent a text and completed the most steps for that time period; these included family swim vouchers, flowers and footballs.

The challenge has been very successful; one participant said that, "I've

started taking the dog out far more often to get my steps up!"

Another participant commented that "it's a great opportunity to get active with my children and the pedometers make it like a competition!"

The challenge will run for another few weeks and so far, most people have increased their step count over time.



Some of the winners receiving their prizes

## Painting a brighter life for people with dementia

Staff at two Newport care homes are to work with an innovative project to help stimulate the residents through music, dance and other arts.

Age Cymru's cARTrefu Arts in Care Homes will be hold sessions in Spring Gardens in Belle Vue Terrace and Parklands in Malpas over the next couple of months.

Staff will be trained so they can continue the work with residents and help them express themselves through different art media and have fun at the same time.

Spring Gardens is currently working towards achieving the Dementia Care Matters' Butterfly kite mark award recognising a good level of care for people with dementia.

A recent report found Spring Gardens was well on its way to achieving the

standard and commented that "it felt like a home with a heart".

Newport City Council and its partners are currently working towards accreditation from the Alzheimer's Society as a dementia friendly city.

Last month Mayor Councillor Herbie Thomas and Councillor Paul Cockeram, Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, officially opened the intermediate care unit at Parklands. A Welsh Government grant was used to fund the conversion of a number of rooms at Parklands Residential Home in Malpas to assist older people regain their confidence and independence following a stay in hospital or help prevent admission to hospital.

## Admiral NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL

### SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER

### NEWPORT CITY CENTRE

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#### WELCOME TO THE ADMIRAL NEWPORT FOOD FESTIVAL

Leader of Newport City Council, Councillor Bob Bright

2015 is an important year for Newport as we see the success of our regeneration plans with the eagerly anticipated opening of Friars Walk next month (12 November).

The Admiral Newport Food Festival which this year celebrates its fifth birthday is an important date in the diary and has quickly established itself as a must-visit event for food lovers.

This year there is a distinctively Newport flavour to the event as we celebrate Newport's growing food culture with a chef demonstration programme featuring local chefs and exhibitors from the area.

A warm welcome awaits you in Newport and I trust you will enjoy today's event and return again to our city centre to sample our retail, food and leisure offering.



#### HAPPY COOKING!

Patron of the Admiral Newport Food Festival

Hywel Jones

I'm delighted to welcome you to the fifth Admiral Newport Food Festival.

Over the years the festival has grown and developed into an eagerly anticipated annual event and one that everyone who has been involved in and the people of Newport can feel justifiably proud of.

With events such as this along with the impressive regeneration projects in our city, Newport is set to flourish again.

I look forward to seeing you all on the day.

#### CHEF DEMONSTRATIONS

UPSTAIRS IN NEWPORT MARKET

- 11am Teanchef Final
- 12 noon Hywel Jones - Lucknam Park Hotel and Spa
- 1pm Simon Crockford - Celtic Manor Resort
- 2pm Rickie Ash - The Ridgeway Bar and Kitchen
- 3pm Steve White - The Ruperra Arms
- 4pm Curry Cook-off - Popadoms vs Rachel's Curry Kitchen

FREE

DOWNSTAIRS IN NEWPORT MARKET

- 11.30am Emma Evans - The Green Caerleon
- 12.30pm Dmítri Baylis - Mojo the food bar
- 1.30pm James O'Leary - Jolt Food Co
- 2.30pm Hang Fire Smokehouse
- 3.30pm Adam Whittle - Celtic Manor Resort
- 4.30pm Bruno - Bruno's Bakery and Patisserie Caerleon

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## 2015 Exhibitors List\*

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Twitter: @alotofwaffle

Allys Confectionary  
Althsea Gourmet Malows  
www.althseagourmetmalows.co.uk

Asiaspicebox.com  
www.asiaspicebox.com

Avril's Country Kitchen  
www.madeinmymouthahine.com

Baked By Mel  
www.borabrit.co.uk

Respoke Brewing Co

Big Fish Little Fish  
bigfishlittlefish.wales

Bill King Artisan Baker  
www.billkingartisanbaker.co.uk

Black Mountain Smokery Ltd  
www.smoked-foods.co.uk

Boonta Too Thai Food

Caws Cenarth Cheese  
www.cawsenarth.co.uk

Ciao Bella  
www.ciao-bella.it

\*contact at time of print

Claire's Kitchen

Clam's Handmade Cakes

Curry On The Curve  
www.curryonthecurve.co.uk

Dinky Donuts

E F Foods

Elm Tree Foods  
www.elmtreefoods.com

Fine Wines Direct  
www.finewinesdirectuk.com

Flapjack Fairy  
www.flapjackfairy.co.uk

Fresh as a Daisy

Fuffies  
www.fuffies.co.uk

Gower Cottage Brownies  
www.gowercottagebrownies.co.uk

Grandma Bees  
www.grandmabees.com

Hardwick Hampers  
www.hardwickhampers.co.uk

Jayne's Bakes

La fleur de Chocolat  
www.lafleurdechocolat.co.uk

Leadbury Cider & Juice Co Ltd  
www.wifoes.co.uk

Maison Crepe  
www.maisoncrepe.com

Meat and Greek Ltd  
www.meatandgreek.co.uk

Meat Bar and Grill  
www.meatbarandgrill.co.uk

Mojo The Food Bar Ltd  
www.mojothefoodbar.com

Mr Olives  
www.facebook.com/mrolives

Mrs Brown's Bakes  
www.facebook.com/mrsbrownsbakes

My Own Curry  
www.curry.wales

Needhams Fish Mongers

Noodles in a Box

Old Granary Pierogi  
www.facebook.com/oldgranarypierogi

Oscar's Kitchen

Parr Pantry  
www.parrpantry.co.uk

Pastamore  
www.pastamore.co.uk

Pizza Wheels  
www.pizza-wheels.co.uk

Potato Twisters

Pulled Pork People

Riverford Organic Farms  
www.riverford.co.uk

Rocket Juice  
Twitter: @ulcethemarkets

RSPB Cymru  
www.rspb.org.uk

Seasons Farm Foods

Sorai  
www.sorai.co.uk

Tasty Bites

The Café at Ridgeway  
www.thecafe@ridgeway.com

The Gate at Llanfrec'hfa  
www.thegateatllanfrec'hfa.co.uk

The Partnership Ltd  
www.thepartnership.co.uk

The Preservation Society  
www.the-preservation-society.co.uk

The Ridgeway Bar & Kitchen  
www.toryines.com

The Ruperia Arms  
www.theruperiarms.co.uk

Tiny Rebel Brewing Co  
www.tinyrebel.co.uk

Tudor Brewery

Ty Gwyn Cider  
www.tygwyncider.co.uk

Untapped Brewing Co Ltd  
www.untappedbrew.com

Urban Eats Wales  
www.urbaneats.wales

Varsity Coffee  
www.varsitycoffee.co.uk

Village Table Company

Welsh Food Box Company  
www.welshfoodboxcompany.com

## On street music provided by GWENT MUSIC

Gwent Music, one of the UK's flagship music services, will be providing music featuring one of the many award winning groups from across the wide range of tuition and activities they offer within Newport.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Magic Chef will be out on the streets performing and modelling balloons throughout the day. Look out for him!



## Help your city meet its recycling targets

Newport City Council, like all local authorities in Wales, is facing extremely challenging recycling targets that are set by the Welsh Government. For this financial year, Newport has to hit a 58 per cent recycling target but this will continue to increase to 70 per cent by 2025.

The council offers a very comprehensive recycling service and we would encourage all residents to participate in recycling at home as greater resident participation is needed if we are to meet these targets and avoid a significant fine from the Welsh Government.

The council also faces fines if it exceeds the amount it sends to landfill and faces a fine of £400 per tonne, which could be as high as £800,000 in a single year if the target isn't met.

Newport City Council is one of five local authorities that is a member of Project



*Newport's curbside recycling bins and boxes*

Green – a partnership between Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan. The municipal waste of these five authorities makes up 40 per cent of the total municipal waste of Wales.

Project Green looks for the best environmental, cost effective and practical solution for waste after recycling and composting has been maximised in each area. An energy from waste plant will open at Trident Park in

Cardiff early next year and will turn the five councils' non-recyclable waste into enough energy to power 50,000 homes a year rather than this waste being sent to landfill.

For information about the council's recycling schemes please visit [www.newport.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.newport.gov.uk/recycling)

**Reduce Reuse Recycle**

## Garden waste collections to take a winter break

The council will continue to collect garden waste until week ending 6 November 2015. Collections will start again from week beginning 14 March 2016

Cardboard will continue to be collected fortnightly throughout the winter, on your normal collection day in the green bags for card.

You can take your garden waste – including Christmas trees - to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), Docks Way, or use your garden waste bin to collect leaf fall ready for the first collections in March 2015.

We would like to thank all residents for actively participating in the recycling schemes and helping to reduce the

amount of waste that goes to landfill and saving thousands of pounds each year.

For all of your collection dates visit [www.newport.gov.uk/mynewport](http://www.newport.gov.uk/mynewport)



*Orange bins take a winter break from November*

## Green Flag to fly again at Belle Vue Park

For the eighth year in a row, Newport's Belle Vue Park has been awarded a prestigious Green Flag in recognition of the high standards maintained at the park throughout the year.

Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Streetscene and City Services, Councillor Deb Davies, has welcomed this news: "To receive a Green Flag for the eighth year in a row is fantastic news and a real testament to the hard work and dedication of all

the council's park staff.

"I would also like to thank the volunteers of Newport's ornamental parks who contribute their time, effort and energy to ensure Newport's parks are perfect places for relaxation and recreation for visitors.

"Belle Vue Park is a stunning parkland boasting fantastic views over Newport and is home to some rare trees and shrubs."

A Green Flag award recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces in Wales and is awarded by Keep Wales Tidy.

Run by Newport City Council, the historic Belle Vue Park has now received the honour for eight years in succession.

Lord Tredegar donated land in 1891 for the purpose of a public park for the people of Newport.

There are a number of rare specimens at the park including Himalayan Magnolias and Judas trees. There is also the tulip tree which produces distinctive orange tulip-shaped flowers in June and July. In autumn the spectacular changing colour of the leaves is not to be missed.



*Celebrating another green flag for Belle Vue Park*

## Site of derelict pubs to be transformed

Two former pubs have been demolished to create new homes for people in the Pillgwenlly area of Newport.

One, the historic Kings Arms in Commercial Road, had become an eyesore and was the source of significant anti-social behaviour. Now work on the site of the Kings Arms and an adjacent pub by Seren will mark the latest of a raft of major developments in the city centre.

Landmark buildings are being given a new lease of life thanks to the Welsh Government's Vibrant and Viable Places programme which is being delivered by Newport City Council in partnership with private

and third sector organisations such as Seren.

Neil Barber, Seren director of development, explained the pubs would be replaced by a modern building, sympathetic to the site's heritage, that will house nine apartments with undercroft parking plus a large four-bedroom house.

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council's cabinet member for regeneration, investment and housing, said: "I welcome the Seren Group's scheme which not only rids Pill of a derelict building which was causing a real nuisance in the community, but will create quality new homes that meet a need in that area.

"It is sad that the King's



How the development will look once completed by Seren Group

Arms was left to decay but I'm sure residents will be glad to see it being replaced with homes fit for the 21st century."

Work commenced in early June by local contractor Willis Construction, and the new

homes should be ready for residents to move in during summer 2016.

Newport City Council was awarded £15 million of VVP regeneration funding which forms part of the overall £250m investment now taking place in the city

centre.

Other projects underway as part of the programme include creating flats offices and retail units in the form of Kings Hotel in High Street and the restoration of the National Buildings in Commercial Street.

## Regeneration project leaves a lasting legacy

The Pillgwenlly Regeneration Project in Newport has come to an end but leaves behind transformed buildings, improved public areas and some spectacular art work.

Over the last four years, around £6 million has been spent in the area thanks to a programme led by Newport City Council with financial backing from the Welsh Government's European Regional Development Fund and the Targeted Match Fund.

It has successfully achieved its objective to deliver regeneration in Pill through environmental improvements, a business grants scheme and the creation of a community resource centre.

Councillor John Richards, Newport City Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Investment and Housing, said: "Even though this regeneration project has come to an end, we are continuing to find ways to help enhance the area and its environment for those who live and work in Pill."



With *Passing Ships* created by Stephanie Roberts and Nick Jones

## Welcome to Newport – council wins funding for tourism initiative

Newport City Council has been awarded a grant of £20,000 towards a project developed jointly with the Business Improvement District, Newport Now.

Welcome to Newport will create specific content to tell the story of the city and deliver an ambassador programme to promote the city centre and what it has to offer.

It will be linked to an upgraded Newport Explorer online system using the public realm WiFi

community cloud giving residents and visitors better access to information on what is happening, how to park and getting directions.

Businesses will also be able to connect to this to improve communications with customers all helping to improve the visitor experience and encourage them to return.

An additional £5,000 was also awarded to support a Chartist legacy project involving training young people in film production

The council has also

worked with partners to access more than £320,000 for collaborative projects supporting different sectors of tourism. The funding has come from the Welsh Government via Visit Wales as part of the regional tourism engagement fund.

Councillor John Richards, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Investment, said: "I believe very passionately that tourism is an important growth sector for Newport. It is vital for a mixed economy."

## High St campaign hero nominations revealed

Winners of the High Street Heroes Awards are being revealed during High Street Week 19-26 September.

Project Newport in Commercial Street featured on the shortlist of favourites in the community service provider.

The Welsh Government's

campaign celebrates the valuable contribution our busy high streets make to the economy as well as the vital role they play in community life.

## Newport woman's business blossoms



Twigs Flower School in Caerleon

**Florist Susan Wood has received a helping hand from Newport City Council and UKSE to help her venture grow.**

Susan is the principal of Caerleon-based Twigs Flowers which provides floral arrangements for corporate clients, events and weddings. She has also designed and

developed the Twigs Flowerbox, a new way of sending seasonal flowers through the post via the letterbox

To complement the commercial activities of Twigs Flower School, Susan also runs Twigs Flower School which runs classes for those who want to learn

about flower arranging in a relaxed environment.

"Our classes are for all abilities, starting from people who pick up a pair of floristry scissors for the first time," said Susan. "Many go into a cold sweat not knowing there are such things as floristry scissors but the results produced are always fantastic."

After achieving a degree in fashion and textiles at Bretton Hall, Susan taught at Frome College for five years before becoming an education officer for The Design Council.

Her next move was into the media and while working as a BBC producer she made programmes on flower arranging, Blooming Lovely

for BBC 1, then trained as a florist both locally and with some of the UK's top floral designers.

Earlier this year, she decided to follow her dream of working with flowers full time. She is passionate about them and believes they are as exciting as fashion and interior

design but more accessible to all.

"I feel so excited that I can at last bring my design and teaching skills together with working with stunning flowers and unleashing everyone's latent creative potential is so rewarding."

For more information about Twigs Flowers or attending a Twigs Flower School course

contact [Susan@twigs-flowers.com](mailto:Susan@twigs-flowers.com) or visit [www.twigs-flowers.com](http://www.twigs-flowers.com)

Newport City Council is working in partnership with UK Steel Enterprise to deliver support to start-up businesses in Newport. The grant of up to £1,500 is available to pre start-ups and businesses up to 12 months old. The scheme is funded by UK Steel Enterprise and administered by the business services team.

The council provides low interest loans and professional advice to established businesses and new business start-ups. To find out how the business support team can help your venture email [business.services@newport.gov.uk](mailto:business.services@newport.gov.uk) or telephone 01633 656656

## Views from the Chair of Newport's Fairness Commission

**What is Fairness?**

It's no accident that in times of economic austerity, politicians and policy-makers are keen to demonstrate that their policies, despite reductions in spending, are still adhering to principles of fairness. "We can't do anything about the cuts, but at least we can use resources fairly" is the plea, no doubt, that will be made.

However, we must recognise that fairness is a 'hurrah' word which everyone cheers about – nobody, after all, says they want an unfair society, but with the cheers for fairness masking how the word carries with it many conflicting meanings. So, people will often say that fairness is about treating everyone the same, but this principle clashes with the idea that we also should take account of people's differences. For example, children with special educational needs might

warrant being treated differently, with this difference in treatment being also thought of as fair!

Newport City's Fairness Commission (set-up by Council in 2012 and being the first of its kind in Wales) sees one of its main jobs, as encouraging debate about these issues on fairness. Its activities have included, producing a detailed report in November 2013 on fairness, including a public survey of Newport citizens' views; submitting annual assessments of council budget proposals; delivering training programmes on 'thinking critically' about fairness; setting-up a twitter account to encourage public discussions about fairness. Details of these, and our other activities, can be found on our website [www.newportfairnesscommission.org/](http://www.newportfairnesscommission.org/)

Professor Steve Smith (Chair of Newport City Council's Fairness Commission)

## Barn gan Gadeirydd Comisiwn Tegwch Casnewydd

**Beth yw Tegwch?**

Nid yw'n damwain mewn cyfnod o galedi economaidd, fod gwleidyddion a gwneuthurwyr polisi yn awyddus i ddangos bod eu polisiau, er gwaethaf gostyngiadau mewn gwariant, yn parhau i lynu wrth egwyddorion tegwch. "Ni allwn wneud unrhyw beth am y toriadau, ond o leiaf gallwn ddefnyddio adnoddau yn deg" yn sicr fydd yr apêl a fydd yn cael ei wneud.

Fodd bynnag, rhaid inni gydnabod bod tegwch yn air 'hwrê' y mae pawb yn bloeddio amdano - wedi'r cyfan, does neb yn dymuno cael cymdeithas annheg, ond gyda'r floedd am degwch yn cuddio'r ffaith bod y gair yn llusgo nifer o ystyron croes i'w gilydd. Felly, yn aml, bydd pobl yn dweud mai trin pawb yn union yr un peth yw tegwch, ond mae'r egwyddor hon yn gwrthdaro â'r syniad y dylem ystyried gwahaniaethau pobl. Er enghraifft, efallai bedd angen i blant gydag anghenion

addysgol arbennig cael eu trin yn wahanol, ond gyda'r driniaeth wahanol hefyd yn cael ei hystyried fel teg!

Mae Comisiwn Tegwch Dinas Casnewydd (a sefydlwyd gan y Cyngor yn 2012 fel y cyntaf o'r fath yng Nghymru) yn gweld un o'i brif swyddi yw annog trafod am y materion hyn ar degwch. Mae ei weithgareddau wedi cynnwys, cynhyrchu adroddiad manwl ym mis Tachwedd 2013 ar degwch, gan gynnwys arolwg o farn dinasyddion Casnewydd; cyflwyno asesiadau blynyddol ar gynigion cyllid y cyngor; darparu rhaglenni hyfforddiant ar 'feddwl yn feirniadol' ynghylch tegwch; sefydlu cyfrif 'twitter' er mwyn annog trafodaethau cyhoeddus ynghylch tegwch. Gellir gweld manylion o'r rhain, a gweithgareddau eraill, ar ein gwefan [www.newportfairnesscommission.org/](http://www.newportfairnesscommission.org/)

Yr Athro Steve Smith (Cadeirydd Comisiwn Tegwch Cyngor Dinas Casnewydd)

## Newport in Bloom results

**Well done to everyone who entered this year's Newport in Bloom competition and congratulations to the winners and runners-up.**

**First prizes 2015:**  
**Front gardens** – RA Dodd  
**Front garden in containers and baskets** – Neville Gaunt  
**Commercial premises** – Keith Morgan Dentists  
**Pubs and inns** – C Caddick, Rhiwderin Inn  
**Churches and church grounds** – Francis Jones, All Saints Church  
**Community** – Gill Pitman  
**Residential homes** – Kensington Court Day Centre  
**Any wildlife garden** – Tony Morgan  
**Allotments** – Nina Priestly  
**Most interesting recycled container** – Les Guy  
**A basket of mixed produce from an allotment** – Jane Goode  
**Champions' class** – Rogerstone Community Council

## The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

### Comedy Shed – 25 September, 30 October, 27 November, 7.45pm

A relaxed cabaret style comedy club that offers you the chance to enjoy a drink and up to three professional comedians.

### First Wednesday – 7 October, 4 November, 1pm

Enjoy some lunchtime music, a mixture of music is presented including wind trios, string quartets, harp and much more.

### Sessions, boutique market stalls and open mic night - 9 October, 20 November, 7pm

Boutique market stalls selling vintage fashion, books, accessories and more and open mic night.

### Live screening direct from English National Opera, The Barber of Seville – 19 October, 7.30pm

### Live screenings direct from National Theatre Live, Coriolanus, – 24 September, 7pm and Hamlet (12+) 15 October, 7pm

### The Lindisfarne Story - 25 September, 7.30pm

### Here Be Monsters - 3 October, 11.30am and 2.30pm. Ages 3+

### Richard Herring: Lord of the Dance Settee - 9 October 8pm

### The Buddy Holly and The Cricketers Show - 15 October, 7.30pm

### Tiddly Prom: Cherry Pie's Holiday Adventure - 17 October, 11.30am and 2pm

### Sinfonia Cymru – Music of Strings: Tchaikovsky, Bach, Haydn and Strauss – 17 October, 3pm

### Joss Arnott Dance: 5|10 - 22 October, 7.30pm

### Abbmania - 23 October, 7.30pm

### Every Brilliant Thing - 23 October, 7.45pm

October half term activities include make a monster movie, acting for screen, monstrous make up and monster ball, various dates between 26 October – 30 October

### Ministry of Science - 29 October, 11am and 3pm

### Otiz Cannelloni: History of Magic – abridged! 30 October, 2pm

### Echoing Voices - 31 October, 7pm

Discover Dance, Newport's dance festival, various performances, films, competitions and more. 6 – 14 November

For more details about performances at The Riverfront and to book tickets visit [www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront](http://www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront)

## Newport Centre – 01633 656757

### Keith Sweat and Blackstreet - 9 October, doors 6.30pm

Legendary R&B singer, music producer and songwriter, Keith Sweat, co-headlines the new Kings of RNB tour alongside R&B greats Blackstreet featuring Teddy Riley and Dave.

### Slayer - 21 November, doors 7pm

One of the most successful thrash metal bands of the 1980s and 1990s.

## Newport Cathedral – 01633 212077

### Thursday 24 September, 7pm

Organ recital by Jeremy Blasby (cathedral organist)  
Admission £12 which includes light refreshments

### Saturday 10 October, 12 noon

Recital by Ellen Williams (soprano)  
All welcome, admission free with leaving collection

## Newport Medieval Ship – 01633 656656

Open to visitors at its new home, the Ship Centre at Unit 20, Estuary Road, Queensway Meadows Industrial Estate, Newport, NP19 4SP. Free entry, opening times Fridays and Saturdays 10.30am–4.30pm (last entry at 4pm).

## Here for you...

Free, accessible, quality information for parents, families and professionals in Newport.



For bespoke information based on your enquiry and free information pack contact Newport FIS

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

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## Firework displays

Details of firework displays in Newport can be found at [www.newport.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.newport.gov.uk/whatson)

## Newport High School will be playing an important role in this year's Rugby World Cup which kicked off on Friday (18 September).

The school has been selected as a training venue for the Ireland, Georgia and Uruguay teams who will use the school's facilities in the lead up to their games at the Millennium Stadium.

In July, the Rugby World Cup trophy visited the school as part of its tour around the UK. Pictured with the William Webb Ellis trophy are Newport High School head teacher Karyn Keane, Newport's Mayor Councillor Herbie Thomas, Mayoress Jacqueline Mitchell and chair of governors Bill Langsford.





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