

£10m budget deficit confirmed

Newport's draft budget settlement from the Welsh Government has confirmed Newport City Council's fears that cuts to next year's budget will be greater than originally expected.

The council had started making plans to save £4.9 million next year, on top of £50 million of cuts in the past few years, when the Welsh Government warned councils to expect even bigger cuts, potentially up to 4.5 per cent.

Although the Newport settlement was below this, the council will still have to find savings of around £10 million as well as preparing for further potential cuts in years to come.

The council has already made significant financial savings through developing new service models, finding

innovative new ways of delivering services and in some instances even having to stop services that we have traditionally provided but can no longer afford.

This worsening situation will only mean that there will be even more difficult decisions to make which will impact on the key services we deliver.

The Welsh settlement grant accounts for around 80 per cent of the council's net funding with council tax from residents contributing just 19 per cent to the pot. The remainder is made up

from other fees and charges.

As a result the council has already taken steps to explore areas for more potential savings, but this is becoming more and more difficult to save money without having a major impact on key services.

What happens next?

A number of events have been held across the city giving residents the chance to have their say on which services are important to them and how the council could make savings. You can also complete our questionnaire on page 2.

The council's scrutiny committees have also been looking at options for cuts.

Using the public feedback, scrutiny recommendations and on-going work to modernise our services, a new draft medium term financial plan will be produced and presented at the December cabinet

meeting for consideration.

Following that meeting, further public consultation will take place on the specific proposals. In February, cabinet will again consider all the feedback received and put forward their recommendations which will then be considered at the full council meeting later that month.



Newport's budget challenge her cyllideb Casnewydd

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Your council

- We provide over 1,000 different services for 146,500 local people living in 65,000 households
- Our population is growing. Largest growth is for children under five and older people over 65
- We provide employment for over 5,000 local people



Have your say

- Visit www.newport.gov.uk/budgetchallenge
- Attend our consultation sessions in December and January
- Complete our budget questionnaire on page 2 or online
- Join our citizens panel
- Email your suggestions to budget.challenge@newport.gov.uk
- Write to Budget Challenge, Public Relations, Newport City Council, Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR



£10m of savings for 15/16, how does that impact?

Illustrative figures:

- £154 less per household
- Almost twice the current spend on leisure and cultural services
- More than the budget for regeneration and regulatory services
- About 12 per cent of the schools budget
- Over 16 per cent of the social services budget



Local people could make a big difference

- Supporting a further 70 older people to live independently at home would save £1m
- Recruiting 35 more foster carers would save £1m in care placements
- Recycling 70 per cent of household waste would save over £1m
- More use of online council services would save £150k
- Stopping fly-tipping would save £75k a year



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175 years of Chartism



Bob Bright, Leader of the council.

175 years ago more than 3,000 men marched down Stow Hill. They were protesting about inequality and knew that change could only happen if they had a voice in Government.

After the violent suppression of previous risings they expected to be met with force. So they came prepared to confront the Newport magistrates who had imprisoned four of their leaders for making seditious speeches.

Soldiers fired on the crowd and at least 22 were killed and as many as 50 wounded. Five of their charter's six demands are the foundation of our present day parliamentary system.

Every November the young people of Newport re-enact the march down Stow Hill to the Westgate. This year concerts, readings and a musical are also being held throughout the month.

The council believes that the annual commemoration of the Chartist rising has the potential to grow into a major attraction for Newport. In future it will provide a focus for the citizens of many parts of Wales and will attract much needed tourism.

We hope you enjoy the special pull-out that provides the latest research on the Chartists and the lessons that can still be learned from the first movement for civil rights and social justice.



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and green spaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports, leisure and cultural facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
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Why do they matter to you?

How can we do things differently?

How can you or your community get more involved in helping us to save money?

Would you like to join our Involve Newport citizens panel? YES NO

Involve Newport is a panel of Newport residents who have agreed to take part in public consultations and represent the views and opinions of the people in the city. If YES, please provide an email address:

Are you?

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What area of the city do you live in?

Please return to:

Policy & Partnerships, Freepost SWC1476, Civic Centre, Newport, NP20 4UR

For further information visit our website:

www.newport.gov.uk/budgetchallenge

Deliberate fires

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service (SWFRS) has attended a significant number of deliberate fires across the Newport area – over 560 in the last year.

Refuse fires accounted for nearly half of the deliberate fires, with crews also attending 155 grass fire incidents and 43 vehicle fires during the same period.

During 2013/14, the service also had to support the ambulance service as the deliberate fires caused 94 injuries and 34 rescues.

SWFRS works with communities, neighbourhood watch, schools and the council to raise awareness of the impact and consequences of

deliberate fire setting.

Deliberate fires are considered arson, which could mean a prison term for the person convicted.

Through partnerships and community organisations, the service looks to encourage communities and residents to report any suspicious activity to the fire crime unit.

Unfortunately, in the last year SWFRS also attended 60 malicious fire alarms in Newport. Crews being called out to false alarms could result in delays in attending a real incident.

To report suspicious activity call 0800 731 7287 or download the free South Wales Fire app. You can also visit www.southwales-fire.gov.uk

Tannau bwriadol

Mae Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub De Cymru (GTADC) wedi cael eu galw allan i ddelio â nifer o achosion o danau a gafodd eu cynnau'n fwriadol yn ardal Casnewydd – dros 560 yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf.

Llosgi sbwriel oedd yn gyfrifol am bron hanner o'r achosion hyn, a bu'r criwiau hefyd yn delio â 155 o achosion o losgi glaswellt a 43 o danau mewn cerbydau yn ystod yr un cyfnod.

Yn ystod 2013/14, bu'r gwasanaeth hefyd yn cefnogi'r gwasanaeth ambiwlans gan fod y tanau bwriadol wedi achosi 94 o anafiadau a 34 o achosion lle bu'n rhaid achub pobl.

Mae GTADC yn gweithio gyda chymunedau, grwpiau gwarchod cymdogaethau, ysgolion a'r cyngor i godi ymwybyddiaeth am effaith a chanlyniadau cynnau tanau'n fwriadol.

Mae cynnau tanau'n fwriadol yn drosedd y gallai olygu dedfryd o garchar i'r sawl a geir yn euog o'r drosedd honno.

Drwy bartneriaethau a sefydliadau cymunedol, mae'r gwasanaeth yn ceisio annog cymunedau a thrigolion i roi gwybod am unrhyw weithgarwch amheus i'r uned troseddau tân.

Yn anffodus, yn ystod y flwyddyn ddiwethaf bu rhaid i GTADC ddelio ag 60 o alwadau ffug yng Nghasnewydd. Gallai galw criwiau allan i ddelio â galwadau ffug achosi oedi o ran delio â digwyddiad go iawn.

I roi gwybod am unrhyw weithgarwch amheus ffoniwch 0800 731 7287 neu lawrlwythwch ap 'Tân De Cymru' am ddim. Gallwch hefyd fynd i www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/Cymraeg

H&M signs up for Friars Walk

Queensberry Real Estate (QRE) has announced that H&M has signed up for the new retail and leisure scheme due to open its doors in autumn next year.

The fashion chain will be making a welcome return to the city centre alongside a number of other big names.

Work is progressing well on the buildings for key anchor tenants, Debenhams and Cineworld, and in recent weeks steelwork on another block next to Debenhams on Upper Dock Street has started.

There is a large amount of activity on the development

with approximately 150 people on site. Floors and roofs are being formed, staircases and lifts are being installed and the first external walls are going up on the Debenhams block. Soon buildings will be enclosed.

Cooke and Arkwright has been appointed as the new retail letting agent for the development by Queensberry Real Estate.

They are the third letting agent working on the scheme and join national agents Lunson Mitchenall and Strutt and Parker.

Local school children have been getting a special

look at the Friars Walk development with visits to the site.

Pupils from Llanwern High School visited the site to hear talks about the construction industry as a potential career while pupils from St Woolos also visited the site. The pupils are using Friars Walk as a case study for their geography project and had a tour of the site offices and saw the plans for what it will look like when work finishes next year.

You can keep up-to-date with activity on the site at www.friarswalknewport.co.uk or follow Queensberry on Twitter @QBerryRE



Work on the Debenhams and Cineworld buildings is progressing well and can be seen taking shape

Dragons try new homes at Glan Llyn development

Up and coming Newport Gwent Dragons players Matthew Screech and Cory Hill opened the doors to new four-bedroom show homes at the £2 billion Glan Llyn development last month.

The 47 new St Modwen Homes properties at Glan Llyn will comprise a range of two, three and four bedroom homes, with a number of properties overlooking the lakes and mature green landscape at the development.

Newport West MP Paul Flynn, said: "Having worked at the steelworks from 1962 to 1984 it is deeply satisfying to see new natural beauty emerge. St Modwen has earned the gratitude of Newport with the sensitive development of a new community which will combine lakeside living with fine community amenities. Croeso Glan Llyn."

The properties will be available under the government's help to buy scheme making them ideal for first time buyers or those looking for their second or third home. Prices range from £139,000 for a two bedroom home to £249,000 for a four bedroom home.

Glan Llyn is being

developed by UK leading regeneration specialist St Modwen using a phased approach delivering 4,000 new homes over the next 20 years. The 600 acre site will provide a new local centre offering leisure and retail space supported by new education facilities, all surrounded by 80 acres of extensive open parkland.



Sarah Eaton, sales consultant at St Modwen Homes with Newport Gwent Dragons players Cory Hill and Matthew Screech

Funding for Maindee Unlimited welcomed

A community-led group has won funding for a series of projects including pop-up shops, street events and the development of a business improvement district.

Maindee is to receive £38,200 from the Welsh Government's town centre partnership fund and the investment will also be used for a 'health check' survey as well as marketing support for local businesses.

Newport City Council made the successful bid on behalf of Cynefin Newport which has brought together a broad range of organisations

under the Maindee Unlimited umbrella.

It is already embarking on a regeneration programme in Maindee and one of its priorities is the revitalisation of the district centre.

Alison Starling, secretary of Maindee Unlimited, said: "We're delighted to have received this funding to support local businesses and help revitalise the heart of Maindee. Maindee Unlimited has only just been launched and this is a fantastic start to our hopes and aspirations of creating a thriving community, where people living in the area can help change their environment for the better."

New owner for Kingsway Centre

The Kingsway Centre has been bought by Bywater properties and Queensberry Real Estate (QRE). The 250,000 sq ft Kingsway Centre is immediately adjacent to the 390,000 sq ft Friars Walk development which is set to open next year.

Queensberry will act as asset manager of Kingsway Centre with Bywater the main buyer.

Plans for Friars Walk will not be altered to incorporate

the Kingsway Centre.

Paul Sargent, chief executive of QRE said: "This is the first of a number of similar acquisitions we hope to be involved with over the next 12 months – a strategic purchase that will both complement and leverage off the growing success of Newport city centre's retail story.

"Newport is the obvious place for us to start as investors due to our in-depth knowledge of the city and its catchment."

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS

THIS YEAR'S COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS
EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON
THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 4.30PM – 7.15PM
BY THE RIVERFRONT AND THE WAVE.

FREE
EVENTS

NEWPORT.GOV.UK/CHRISTMAS

ENJOY STREET THEATRE AND PERFORMANCES WITH A SNOW THEME FROM SAMI THE SLEIGH.

MAKING A WELCOME RETURN TO NEWPORT IS THE POPULAR BJORN THE BEAR AS WELL AS THE FESTIVE SNOW GLOBE AND FATHER CHRISTMAS WHO WILL BE IN AND AROUND THE RIVERFRONT THEATRE.

FROM 5PM ONWARDS THE STAGE BY THE WAVE PLAYS HOST TO FESTIVE MUSIC, CULMINATING IN A FANTASTIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY ALONG THE RIVER AT 6.30PM. STEVE J AS OLLY MURS PERFORMS LIVE AFTER THE FIREWORKS SO STICK AROUND AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT.

NEWPORT'S CHRISTMAS SNOWMAN TRAIL

Primary schools in Newport have been beavering away, sticking, painting, cutting and creating ten seasonal snowmen which are dotted across the city in various shops, venues and cafés. Can you find them all? The trail will run between 20 November and 4 January. Pick up a trail map from The Riverfront, libraries and leisure centres.

CHRISTMAS CREATIVES

Some of the best and brightest artists and designers both local and regional will be showcasing their work at a pop up shop inspired event running throughout November (1–29). From prints to photography, jewellery and ceramics, modern screen-printed tea towels, bags and mugs, the Christmas Collective will be distinctly different and is perfect for the discerning shopper looking to buy quality handcrafted goodies for all ages.



Family panto at The Riverfront

The Riverfront in association with Hiss and Boo will present another family pantomime this December.

With witty jokes, a sparkling script, memorable songs, fabulous acting and audience participation, Dick Whittington will be on from 2 December 2014 until 4 January 2015.

This year's pantomime brings you all the delights and the dare devil antics of one very special Tommy the Cat (Emma Goodwin) and his master, Dick Whittington (Gareth Tempest).

Attracted to the idea of London's streets being paved with gold, the two friends arrive in the city only to discover it is infested with rats. Tommy quickly comes to the rescue of the beautiful Alice (Elin Llwyd – S4C Stwnch), her father,

Alderman Fitzwarren (Mike Onslow) and their larger than life and hapless cook Sarah (Lee Mengo – the finest dame in panto land), killing the rats in their shop.

However, super baddie King Rat (Richard Elis – Eastenders) has plans to take over the world, and these do not include Dick and Tommy. Their battle takes place on the high seas and on the exotic shores of Morocco.

With plenty of madness, a touch of love, lots of mad-cap antics and a sprinkling of magic from Fairy Bowbells (Nerine Skinner), it's the pantomime with something for everyone.

Tickets are priced from £5.50 to £18 and can be booked on 01633 656757 or online at www.newport.gov.uk/theriverfront



Dick Whittington is coming to Newport for this year's pantomime

Festive market returns

After launching in 2013, Newport's festive food market will return to the city on Saturday 6 December.

There will be around 40 quality stalls brimming with festive treats, mouth-watering food, last minute stocking fillers and more.

Showcasing some of our prime food and drink producers from across the region, plus a selection of arts and crafts people, Commercial Street and Bridge Street will be full of Christmas cheer for the day.

Seasonal specials will be on the food menu plus a family friendly line up of festive entertainment throughout the day.

**6 December, 9.30am-5pm
Commercial Street and
Bridge Street**



This year's Teenchef winners receive their award

The festive food market follows on from the successful Newport Food Festival held last month. The event was sponsored by Coleg Gwent and Celtic Manor Resort. More than 12,000 people visited the city centre and enjoyed a full packed menu of events and

activities including exhibitor stalls selling delicious produce, free chef demonstrations, special master classes and family entertainment.

Robbie Bowen, Jack Cox and John Jones from Underwood youth group were crowned winners of the Teenchef competition which was sponsored by Western Power Distribution. Their winning dish was chicken tikka masala which was judged by MasterChef winner Ping Coombes, chef and Newport Food Festival patron Hywel Jones and Karen Welch from Western Power. The youngsters will now enjoy a kitchen experience with Hywel at Lucknam Park.



Christmas shop window comp

Join in the festive spirit and enter the Newport Christmas shop window competition.

There are a number of categories including retail (includes all retailers and charity shops), commercial premises (offices, cafés, restaurants, health and beauty salons), best market

stall and a Mayor's award.

Judging the competition will be the Mayor of Newport, president of Newport Chamber and Eve Williams. The judging date will be Thursday 11 December. To nominate your business email your entry to [andrea.hall@gwent-](mailto:andrea.hall@gwent-wales.co.uk)

wales.co.uk by 5 December or by post to Andrea Hall, senior field sales manager, South Wales Argus, Cardiff Road, Maesglas, Newport NP20 3QN. Please include the name of the premises, address, contact name and number, along with the category you wish to enter.

Gwent Music Christmas extravaganza

More than 600 youngsters will take part in the Gwent Music Christmas Extravaganza on Friday 5 December at Newport Centre.

Orchestras, bands and ensembles will be on stage while some of the young brass players, all members of the Greater Gwent Youth Brass Ensemble, will play

Christmas Carols in the foyer.

There is something for everyone in the Christmas Extravaganza and it is not to be missed.

Mayor's Christmas message

Warm seasons greetings to all Newport residents.

I am thoroughly enjoying my time as Mayor of Newport and have experienced some exciting events and met some wonderful people. I really enjoy school visits and talking to youngsters and hearing about the activities they have been involved with as well as meeting people who volunteer for a wealth of different projects – they are the unsung heroes of our city.

One of the stand out moments so far would have to be Newport hosting the Nato summit. I attended the reception at the Celtic Manor Resort that had been organised by HRH Prince Charles and met local people who had played a role.

Last month I held one of my main fundraising events, a charity gala dinner which celebrated Newport's finest and raised money for my two chosen charities. I also recently attended the launch of Newport Monopoly. I think it is great that the city has its own version of the game and residents and visitors, both young and old, can have a permanent reminder and souvenir of the great range of places and venues the city has to offer. The game truly shows the diverse range of attractions in our city, and I cannot wait to play the Newport version with my family over the festive period.

One of the highlights also has to be the Newport Food Festival. It was great to see thousands of people sampling produce, attending chef demonstrations and celebrating the food offerings of our city. There was a tremendous atmosphere in



The Mayor and Mayoress

the city.

During my year as mayor I am supporting Teenage Cancer Trust and Newport Sea Cadets. Money raised through donations and various fundraising activities will go to these two very worthwhile charities. People can donate to the charities via the Mayor's office – call 01633 210735/6 or email mayors.office@newport.gov.uk

The next fundraising event will be held on Saturday 22 November at The Parkway and is a dinner dance evening organised by the Chamber of Trade.

The landscape of Newport is changing rapidly with the construction of the new retail and leisure development Friars Walk gathering speed. Speaking to residents I know that this development is welcomed by them and I look forward to it opening in a year's time.

Finally, there are still lots of things planned for this year and I am looking forward to the Newport Christmas Countdown event on 20 November and the Festive food market on 6 December.

The Mayoress and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2015.

Councillor Matthew Evans

Free Christmas park and ride

A free park and ride service will be running between the Civic Centre car park and the city centre every Saturday.

Buses will run every ten minutes from 9am to 6pm until Saturday 27 December.

Drop-offs/pick-ups will be on Queensway and Bridge Street.

Contacting the council

Civic Centre opening times:

- Wednesday 24 December, open until 3pm
- Thursday 25 and Friday 26 December, closed
- Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December, normal opening hours
- Thursday 1 January and Friday 2 January, closed

Contact centre (01633) 656656 opening times:

- Wednesday 24 December, 8am – 4pm
- Thursday 25, Friday 26 December, closed
- Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December, normal operational hours
- Thursday 1 January and Friday 2 January, closed

An emergency out-of-hours service will operate at all other times on 01633 656656.

Christmas waste and recycling

HWRC & landfill site

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| Thursday 25 December | Closed |
| Friday 26 December | Closed |
| Thursday 1 January | Closed |
| Friday 2 January | Open as usual |

The site will be open as usual on Tuesday 24, Saturday 27, Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December.

Refuse and recycling collections

Normal collection

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| Thursday 25 December |
| Friday 26 December |
| Thursday 1 January |
| Friday 2 January |

Changed to

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| Saturday 27 December |
| Sunday 28 December |
| Friday 2 January |
| Saturday 3 January |

Collections due to take place on Tuesday 24, Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 December are unchanged.

Recycling centre winter opening times

The Household waste recycling centre (HWRC) and Second Chance re-use shop will be open during the following hours over the winter.

HWRC

(From 1 November 2014 to mid-March 2015)

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| Monday–Friday | 7.30am–4.30pm |
| Saturdays | 9am–4.30pm |
| Sundays | 9am–4.30pm |

Second Chance re-use shop

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| Wednesdays | 10am–4.30pm (from 1 November) |
| Saturdays | 9am–12pm (from 15 November) |

The shop sells items that are too good to tip from golf clubs, to furniture, to bikes.

For more information on waste and recycling matters, including what you can recycle where, visit www.newport.gov.uk/recycling

MAKE IT A BRRILLIANT CHRISTMAS
AT KINGSWAY CENTRE

Kidz Club!
Kingsway Kidz Club workshops
Bring along your Kidz Club card to collect a stamp, and upload your pics to our Facebook page for PRIZES!

Come along to our FREE family events:

- 22nd Nov Posie Penguin**
Don't miss the friendliest Penguin in Newport this Christmas spreading the festive cheer. A fantastic photo opportunity!
- 29th Nov Sand Workshop**
Back by popular demand! Come inside and build some festive sand sculptures - what creations can you make?
- 6th Dec Loopy Balloon Workshop**
Learn how to twist and turn balloons into a wonderful gift for your loved ones. Your friends and family will be blown away!
- 13th Dec PUPPET workshop**
Join in and make your very own puppet to take home in one of our favourite workshops for hours of fun!
- 20th Dec Frozen Face Painter**
Not to be missed! Our brand NEW face painter comes to Kingsway to transform you into an Ice Queen!
- 20th Dec Singing Sigmund**
Our favourite reindeer Sigmund is back! Join in singing a few Christmas classics and spread the Christmas cheer!

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Business city... Dinas busnes...

Help for city businesses

Businesses in Newport can benefit from a range of incentives including rate relief, grants, loans and finding skilled workers.

Newport City Council operates a number of schemes offering business support.

Grants of up to £1,500 are offered by the council and UK Steel Enterprise for start-ups and new businesses that have been operating for less than 12 months.

They can be used towards the first year's rental of commercial premises, investments in plant and equipment, information technology and websites.

There are also two low-interest loan schemes to help companies grow by supporting investments in plant and equipment, information technology, marketing projects and building improvements.

Through the Super Connected Cities project, the council is working with the UK Government to improve the availability and use of superfast and ultrafast

broadband in the city and is operating a voucher scheme for businesses. Nearly all SMEs are eligible for up to £3,000 towards their connection fees.

Helping people into work – and businesses to find the right employees

Fifty people in the council's community development team are now dedicated to supporting Newport people to find jobs working in collaboration with other organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Communities First, Local Service Boards, Working Links and Careers Wales.

The aim is to encourage local companies to recruit skilled labour and improve the skills of local people to meet business need.

Businesses are also supported through the Work-Based Learning Academy. As well as

training potential staff, there is a recruitment service to link local companies with the right people – all free of charge.

There is assistance available for businesses who employ disabled people, apprentice and graduate recruitment packages and two years on-going support for employers.

Rate relief schemes

A one-off grant fund of £160,000 for rate relief will be used by Newport City Council to help small and medium-sized businesses based in the city.

The money has been allocated by the Welsh Government to support businesses that have been adversely affected by the postponement of a rate revaluation

It has been decided that the allocation of the limited funds should be based on economic and social criteria to ensure they support businesses to develop, so aiding regeneration.

Properties with a rateable value of between £12,000 and £80,000 can apply. This would assist local firms who employ less than 50 people and are not already in receipt of full or partial rate relief.

The relief will be allocated by the council and must be used by the end of this financial year.



Further details about the scheme will be announced shortly.

Two other Welsh Government schemes offer rate relief for new developments or businesses moving into previously empty properties.

The New Developments scheme will exempt all newly built, vacant commercial property from business rates for the first 18 months following completion, if finished after 1 October 2013 and completed before 30 September 2016.

The Open for Business scheme encourages the re-occupation of long term vacant properties. Eligible

properties – those that have been unoccupied for a continuous period of 12 months or more, have a rateable value of no more than £45,000, or meet other certain criteria – will be entitled to claim 50 per cent rate relief for 12 months subject to state aid limits.

Newport's business services team helps established city businesses, entrepreneurs wishing to start up and companies wanting to locate to the city.

More information about the team and the assistance available can be found at www.newport.gov.uk/business



Award-winning Elm Tree Foods has received council support

Newport on world stage again

Newport is hosting an international investment conference aimed at creating jobs and growth for the UK this month.

It is one of the legacies of the successful Nato summit which was held at the Celtic

Manor Resort in September.

The conference will be held at the Celtic Manor which was also the venue for the second Newport City Summit last week. It was an opportunity to discuss and build upon the success of the Nato summit.



Start-up grant helps new business

Natasha Davies started Because U Can at the end of last year and acquired an office at 35 Stow Park Circle offering coaching and training.

Because U Can received a start-up grant from Newport City Council and UK Steel Enterprise.

Natasha's business offers coaching programmes and sessions that help an individual to improve their mindset, grow their business and learn more about themselves. She can help transform them from business owner into a powerful leader who can lead and motivate their team.

When setting up her own business Natasha discovered that although she had invaluable help from various sources, most of the learning happens when you begin running your business.

She found that when she hit challenges the biggest barrier was herself, her beliefs and her story of why she couldn't.

Determined to get her business to a place of stability and growth and knowing the benefits of coaching, she got herself a coach. This helped her to learn faster, achieve her goals quicker and overcome her barriers. Success followed and Natasha's business is now thriving.

As a result, Natasha now

helps other entrepreneurs to challenge themselves, their beliefs and their story and to grow their businesses just like she did.

She also offers coaching for companies to enable them to motivate their staff, and for more successful entrepreneurs to position their business for growth, to make the transition from owner to leader, allowing their businesses to grow and enabling them to move on to other projects.

From her market research Natasha believes that her coaching style and what she offers distinguishes her from her competitors. She uses a straight line coaching style to get results quicker. Natasha believes that people tend to self sabotage their own success, and so she helps them break through barriers so they reach their full potential. Her motto is 'the only limitations are those that you choose to believe are truth'.

Her workshops are designed to wake up the unconscious and move people from their story of 'can't' into their power of 'can' and she is currently working with several organisations to deliver this to staff and clients.

The project serves an unmet demand in the area, filling a gap in the wellbeing sector and a gap in provision for



Councillor John Richards, cabinet member for regeneration, Glyn Thomas of UK Steel Enterprise and Natasha Davies of Because U Can

entrepreneurs. Her service will boost Newport's economy as she continues to work with more entrepreneurs in the area and help them in achieving their business goals.

For more information visit www.because-u-can.co.uk

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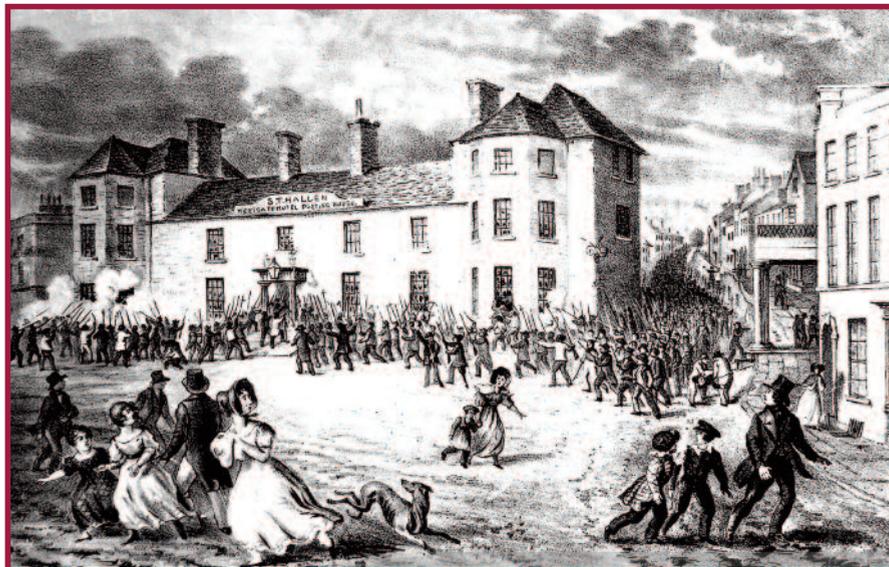
Celebrating the first mass movement for civil rights and social justice

The Battle of the Westgate Inn 4 November 1839

9 am: Over 3000 men marched into Newport down Stow Hill. John Frost, draper and previously mayor of Newport and 'Jack the Fifer', stone mason at the Tredegar ironworks, were at the front. Zephaniah Williams (Blaina publican) positioned at the rear, kept the column moving forward.

Thousands more, ordered by William Jones (Pontypool watchmaker and publican), served as a reserve army positioned along the road from the Marshes toll house, north of Newport Castle, to Pontypool and near Usk.

9.20 am: The marchers turned the corner and faced the Westgate Inn, where the mayor had set up HQ that night. Urged on by John Lovell, a Newport



gardener, a group at the front rushed the front door. A Chartist gun went off, jammed when Oliver, a special constable attempted to close the door. Frost left the scene, sobbing. They surged into the hotel. The specials ran back, firing as they went. The insurgents trampled wounded bodies of friend and foe and those outside fired at the building, smashing windows.

Soldiers of the 45th, moved at 8.30 am from the Stow Workhouse, were hiding in the western wing of the building. Ordered by Lieutenant Gray, they loaded and pulled back the lower shutters. Before the mayor could read the Riot Act, he fell wounded in hip and hand. 'En fillade', the 28 privates and two sergeants fired into the crowd.

Driven back, 'Jack the Fifer' rallied his forces for another

attempt, with some effect as Sergeant Daily suffered six slugs lodged in his head. But the soldiers were now concentrating on clearing the Chartists from the building.

The fighting lasted only twenty minutes, but the soldiers stayed in position for nearly two hours anticipating a counter attack, which never happened. Twenty-two Chartists died, ten of whom were buried at St. Woolos churchyard.

More than fifty people were wounded. Over the next five weeks, over two hundred people were questioned at the Westgate hotel by the magistrates. The Government established a Special Commission held at Shire Hall, Monmouth of three judges headed by the Lord Chief Justice. Thirty men were tried

for treason, sedition, riot and conspiracy. Frost, Williams and Jones were sentenced to death on 16th January 1840 and a fortnight later, faced with a mass campaign across Britain, the Whig government relented and transported them for life to Tasmania. Totally pardoned in 1856, only Frost returned, dying 1877 at Stapleton, Bristol in his 93rd year.

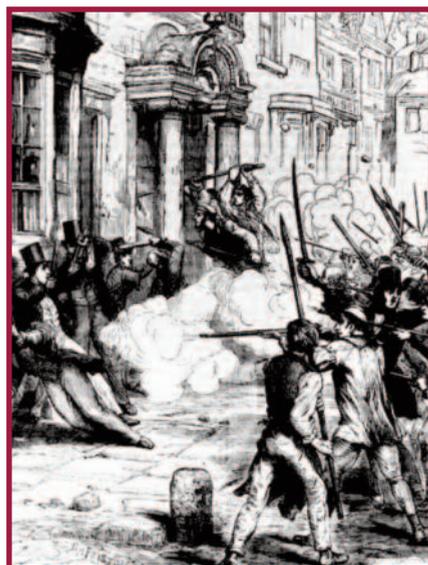
Les James

What Did the Chartists Want?

THE PEOPLE'S CHARTER

launched by London Workingmen's Association May 8th 1838

- 1 The vote for all men aged 21 and over** (votes for adult females were considered but it was decided that this was tactically unwise)
- 2 Equal electoral districts** (to help equalise the value of the vote across constituencies)
- 3 Payment of MPs** (to enable working men to stand and prevent corrupt practices)
- 4 No property qualification for MPs**
- 5 The secret ballot** (at this time voting was a public act and poll books were printed which recorded how people voted)
- 6 Annual parliaments** (at this time a general election was required only once every 7 years and was thought to distance MPs from electors)



175th Anniversary Edition



NEWPORT IN THE LIMELIGHT

Two TV Films about the Chartists are coming... Newport and Gwent are in the limelight. Michael Sheen has been seen filming in many locations this Autumn - outside the Westgate, on a valley's bus, in Blackwood Library, visiting the Newport Museum Chartist exhibition that he opened in 2010.

In his film, he has been talking with people living in places where the Chartists rose up in 1839 to fight for the right to vote. He has been asking what they think about voting and politics today. The film goes out on BBC Wales and BBC4 in the New Year.

S4C is marking the 175th anniversary of the Chartist Rising with a historical documentary presented by historian, Dr. Elin Jones. Elin is telling the story of the march of miners and ironworkers from the Nelson-

Blackwood districts, the heads of the Gwent valleys and from the communities of the eastern valleys, including Pontypool. She will ask why we still



commemorate the Chartists in 2014 and why the movement continues to be relevant in 21st century Wales.



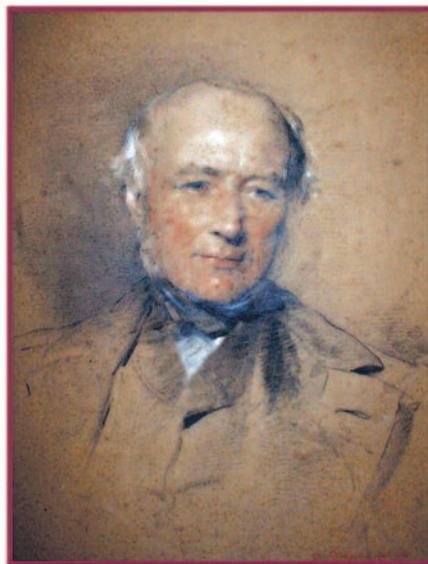

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The adverts on this page from 1848 were taken from Kelly's Directory of Monmouthshire in Newport Museum and Library

NEWPORT MUSEUM, ART GALLERY & CENTRAL LIBRARY



Newport City Council Museum & Library services are key to the City's Drive to raise the profile of the Chartist Story. They have played a major role in promoting the 175th Anniversary with lectures and activities for all ages. The Museum contains the most outstanding Chartist exhibition in the UK and the Art Gallery is currently showing "Documenting the Chartists" – a special temporary exhibition



of letters, pamphlets, posters and prints. These are items that cannot regularly be exhibited as constant exposure to light damages paper. **SO DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY** to see highlights of the important Chartist collection looked after by the City's Museum and Art Gallery. Thanks to funds raised by the Friends of the Museum, a pastel drawing of Sir

Thomas Phillips (artist: George Richmond: above) has been conserved and is also on display and the Central Library also has a Chartist exhibition in its reference section.

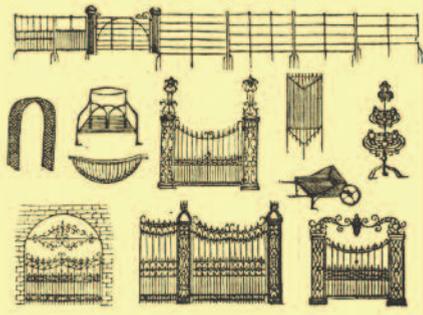


The most well known Portrait of the Mayor of Newport who stopped the Chartist uprising is the lithograph above that is also in Newport Museum

Here Thomas Phillips proudly shows the injuries he suffered during the rising.

He was rewarded with a Knighthood by Queen Victoria five weeks after the Westgate battle.


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ONE HUNDRED POUNDS REWARD.

WHEREAS, during the night of the 16th instant, a RICK of HAY, standing in a field in my occupation, on the west side of the tramroad leading from Court-y-bella, Machine, to Pillgwenlly, was WILFULLY SET FIRE to and DESTROYED :- I hereby offer a REWARD of ONE HUNDRED POUNDS, on the conviction of the Offender, to any one who will give me the information that will lead to such a conviction.

THOMAS PROTHERO.

January 17th, 1840

For the most plausible solution - the editor offers a copy of 'Voices for the Vote': 64 pages worth at least £100 and normally sells at the ridiculously low price of 4.99 in Monmouth Shire Hall and Newport Museum.

CHARTISM magazine (Sept 2014) ran this competition. For the most plausible solution, we could not afford the £100 offered by Thomas Prothero of Malpas Court had done, but offered instead a book on **Chartism - 'Voices for the Vote'***. Prothero's reward was huge. It would have taken an agricultural labourer 4 to 5 years to earn such a sum. Yet even though Sir Thomas Phillips 'communicated the circumstance to the Home Secretary', nobody claimed the reward. Such defiant resistance shows the scale of popular support that existed locally for Chartism. The cause of Chartism

The cause of his death was mortification of a burnt leg.

did not die on the steps of the Westgate. The hay rick was set alight on the day after John Frost, Zephaniah Williams and William Jones were sentenced to death at Monmouth.

The prize was awarded to Sylvia Taylor, born in Newport, now living in Cardiff. At the Chartist Convention held on 1 November at the University City Campus, she produced a 'clincher'. She brought with her the copy of her great-great-great-grandfather's death certificate. Benjamin Betts lived at the end of Courtybella road in Pillgwenlly, where there was strong support for the Chartists.

One of his neighbours was the milkman, Jenkin Morgan,

who had been sentenced to death, but his punishment was immediately reduced to transportation. Perhaps his wife was amongst the gang? She was most certainly an activist Chartist. So too was the Betts (Beatty) family. Benjamin died 5 March 1840, aged 63, only 7 weeks after the rick burning incident. The cause of his death was given as 'mortification of a burnt leg'.

Sylvia has previously written about one of Benjamin's sons, Wright Beatty, her great-great-great-uncle, who was very actively involved in the preparations for the Rising. (*Who do you think you are? BBC Magazine, Spring 2008*)

He had not been arrested by the authorities in the months immediately after the battle at the Westgate, and if still at home he could have been involved in the rick burning. Months later in September 1840, he was arrested and charged with conspiracy, sedition and riot. Two witnesses accused him of being in an armed band of men that raided the home of John Lewis, a tin plate manufacturer at Ty Du, searching for weapons. Another witness recognised him at the front of the Chartist crowd on its arrival at Newport and claimed he pointed his gun at the soldiers inside the Westgate Inn and "fired his piece through the window". Wright Beatty was sentenced to 3 years hard labour.

*Voices for the Vote: 64 pages, full of illustrations, tells the story of local Chartism and the trials that took place in 1840 and sells at the remarkably low price of £4.99 in Newport Museum.

Mayor of Newport Matthew Evans DESCENDANT OF A CHARTIST



This is a speech delivered by Cllr. Matthew Evans, Mayor of Newport City Council, at the South Wales Chartist Convention on 1 November 2014 at the City Campus, University of South Wales

My great-great-great-great grandfather on my mother's side - five generations back - was the Newport printer and Chartist, John Partridge. He had at least five, possibly seven children - two were boys. I, and my mother, are descended directly through his eldest son, John. On the death of John Partridge, senior in 1844, John then aged 18 and Frederick aged 10, inherited all their father's 'Printing Materials, Printing Press, Type, Cases etc' Born in Wales in 1801, but we are not sure where, Partridge came to Newport in the early 1820s. His son John, my ancestor, was born here in 1826. John Partridge, senior, worked for many years as the foreman in the print shop of the radically inclined Samuel Etheridge. In the late 1830s, Partridge took over the running of Etheridge's press and working closely with John Frost, producing publications for the local Chartists. Examples of his work can be seen at Newport Museum in the special 175th Anniversary exhibition 'Documenting the Chartists'. These include broadsheets and

pamphlets written by John Frost and Henry Vincent.

When the battle broke out at the Westgate Inn just after 9 o'clock on Monday morning, 4th November, John Partridge was seen standing on Stow Hill at the corner of Charles Street watching the Chartists marching down Stow Hill. When the fighting occurred, he disappeared into the slum land of Friars Field and the riverside, where the Museum is today and in 1839, the special constable feared to go.

It was there, later that day, that he bumped into Charles Waters, secretary of the Workingmen's Association, in a beer house. Avoiding the Westgate hotel, they both carefully picked their



(Matthew Evans cont.) way along the canal tow path to the Mill Pond, north of the castle and then went up Mill Street to Partridge's home. Only Amelia, aged 17, was at home.

From statements made to the magistrates and reported in the Merlin and other newspapers, we know that at about 7 O'clock that evening, obviously acting on a tip-off, a group of special constables arrived at his door and knocked loudly. Partridge called out 'I have gone to bed'. They forced the door and the bolt fell out. Once inside they could see Partridge standing in the room – he kept saying, 'I have gone to bed'.

And there two yards further inside the room was John Frost. They grabbed the collar of his coat, declaring he was arrested.

Frost was not wearing his trousers. He had taken them off to dry. They let go as soon as he said 'I will come with you immediately'. Partridge was still repeating 'I have gone to bed', but now claiming he had just been roused from bed by Frost's arrival. Frost had spent a miserable day on the run and he had come to Partridge for food and shelter. But clearly, he had been there some time, for Partridge's daughter, Amelia, admitted that Frost had provided her with a shilling to go out and buy bread and cheese. Once they were right inside the room, they realised there was a third man present, Charles Waters.

All three men were taken before the magistrates at the Westgate inn, where they were charged with treason, refused bail and taken under escort to Monmouth gaol.

Partridge was sentenced at the Monmouth trials in mid-January 1840 to six months hard labour for riot and conspiracy. He clearly did not recover from the daily stone breaking that he was made to endure.

John Partridge, Chartist printer, was aged 43 years old when he died on 11 September 1844.

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JOIN THE PROJECT – you can transcribe the documents, which are digitally available. No specialist knowledge is needed and full training will be given. Join in at home, giving as much time as you like. There will also be opportunities to take part at the Gwent Archives, if you wish- Contact Rachel Lovering (Project Officer) at **GWENT ARCHIVES** 01495 353363

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THE FORGOTTEN

is a multi-media community musical, giving voice to the men, women and children who sacrificed their lives to the cause of Chartism that seeded democracy in this country. This is popular story telling – the 1839 Rising in music and song.

The music is by award winning television and music theatre composer Justin Nicholls and is a blend of Celtic folk and the driving rhythms of protest songs.

The 'flagship' song of the show is Use Your Voice For the People and we defy anyone NOT to be roused by The Chartists Are Coming!

This is NOT a one song show - *Saturday Night* and *Rattle Her Bones* are powerful

choral pieces. The region's singing clubs of Karl Daymond will be raising the roof. The memorable Libretto is written by Patrick Jones and Vanessa Dodd.

The show is supported by Newport's Community Arts Development Fund and the Arts Council of Wales. It is a Screwpacket Playwrights Production.

Performing at The Riverfront Theatre, Newport NP20 1HG on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30 pm and Thursday 20 November at 2pm and 7.30pm
Box Office: 01633 656 757
Tickets: £10, Concessions £8, Schools and students £5
There are also performances at Llandogo Millennium Hall; Drill Hall, Chepstow and Savoy Theatre, Monmouth



Follow the events of the Chartist Rising as they occurred 175_

Follow the arrests, magistrates examinations and the Trials at Monmouth Day by Day from November to January @ChartistLive



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Taken from the 1839 Monmouthshire Merlin

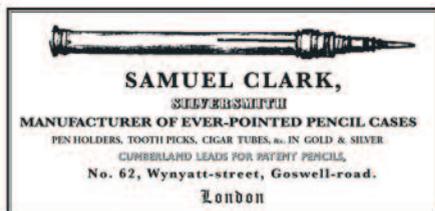
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Tiny Rebel – the Newport company taking the UK brewing industry by storm



Gareth, Brad and Hannah of Tiny Rebel Brewery

Two years ago we highlighted a Newport business that had just launched with financial support from Newport City Council, Tiny Rebel Brewery. We felt it was time we caught up with them again to see what they've been up to and to find out what they have in store for the future.

In just two years Tiny Rebel Brewery has gone from strength to strength. It has doubled its capacity, employed more people, scooped numerous awards, opened a bar in Cardiff and is exporting its beer to Singapore.

Co-founder of Tiny Rebel, Gareth Williams, takes up the story: "Two and a half years ago my brother-in-law Brad Cummings and I opened the brewery on Maesglas Industrial Estate but two years prior to that, in our garage, we were experimenting with brewing beer."

"In the two years since opening the brewery the business has really taken off. We have expanded our brewing capability by 100 per cent meaning we can now brew twice a day and have taken on more staff."

In 2012 Tiny Rebel was officially launched and has

taken the brewery scene by storm. Just this year they have scooped gold for the second year running in the Champion Beer of Wales competition and their Cardiff bar won best new pub in Britain in the summer.

"One of the highlights of the past two years is working for yourself and having your own business, especially as it started as a hobby and is now my full time job," continued Gareth. "We have won Champion Beer of Wales for two years in a row which has been really pleasing and one of our beers has just been shortlisted in the British Beer Festival. This is a real accolade as between 200 and 300 British brewers are shortlisted and there are in excess of 1,000 in the UK. Opening our own bar in Cardiff has to also be one of

the major highlights of the past two years."

Tiny Rebel is Newport's only micro brewing company and in two years has achieved an awful lot, but they are not resting on their laurels and have big ambitions for the future. "Ideally we would like to open a bar in Newport and there will be a time when we will have to expand the brewery again. We did so in 2013, a year after opening, but we would want it to be located in Newport," said Gareth. "I'm from Newport, as is Brad, and it is important for us to stay in the city."

Eight people are currently employed at the brewery and they are looking to add to that number soon. In its Cardiff bar they employ between 20 and 25 people. The business has developed strong links with Newport businesses and earlier this year teamed up with The Lamb on Bridge Street.

"We have a good relationship with The Lamb, and they are the only pub we supply regularly to in Newport. We did a tap take over with them where they exclusively sold our beer. It went very well and while Newport is not renowned as a place for real ale, slowly that is changing. Doing things like the partnership with The Lamb helps to introduce people to our beer."

As well as the relationship with Newport businesses, Tiny Rebel was also involved in the Newport Food Festival and

is a member of the partnership which has been established to allow collaboration across the local food and drink sector to ensure a sustainable and vibrant event.

"We believe the food festival is very important for the city and puts Newport on the map as a food and drink destination. It is especially important for local producers," continued Gareth.

"The festival is a real crowd puller and for talented chefs in Newport and the locality it gives them exposure. Tiny Rebel is pleased to partner the food festival and it is a chance for us to raise awareness in the local community as a lot of

people still haven't heard of us.

"We have had a really good reaction from Newport people and everyone has been supportive," said Gareth. "The beer has been well received and we are often asked when we're going to open a bar in Newport. The answer to that is when the time is right we will do. That is one of our ambitions.

"The regeneration of Newport's city centre is important for us as a business and Newport has its own identity. We would love to have a bar in the middle of the city."

For more information on Tiny Rebel visit www.tinyrebel.co.uk



The Tiny Rebel team with a member of the council's business services team



Grant for local solicitors helps to restore city centre premises

Solicitors Roger James Clements and partners located on Bridge Street was provided with a grant under Newport City Council's key buildings scheme. The scheme aims to revitalise Newport by providing grant assistance towards the restoration of shop fronts and façades in the city centre.

The business is an expanding legal professional firm and had taken over the long-term vacant property next door to its premises. This property was an eyesore and used for anti-social

behaviour. The grant from the council was used to restore the building.

The restoration was not straightforward and was a challenge as the property is located in a conservation area and as a result all work had to meet exacting standards for restoration works. As well as this, the design had to satisfy the historical sensitivity of the area.

The council was able to assist with the difficulties the company was facing and work is now complete. The firm is very pleased with their new premises, which they are in the process of occupying.



Roger James Clements and partners with the council's economic development manager and Councillor John Richards

Local business already benefitting from Friars Walk



Angelo Attorre of Bar Piazza serves up treats to Tony Rides and David Watkins of Bowmer and Kirkland

Bar Piazza, located in Newport's city centre, has been benefitting from the Friars Walk retail and leisure development.

Since construction began the family run business has been providing food and drink for corporate lunches and functions held by main contractor Bowmer and Kirkland and developer Queensberry Real Estate.

Angelo Attorre, owner of Bar Piazza, said: "The regeneration of Newport will not only benefit traders but the whole of Newport."

Bar Piazza is open 9am-5.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Martin Tresidder, senior development manager at Queensberry Real Estate, said: "Bar Piazza has been very supportive to the Friars Walk development, and we are very pleased that we have been able to support them."

"They have provided first class lunches for a number of events and the service has been fantastic."



365 gym challenge

The Active Newport gym teams at Newport Centre, Newport International Sports Village and the Active Living Centre are celebrating a year since the redevelopment of their facilities with an exciting gym challenge.

The 365 gym challenge is open to members and pay and play customers to take part in until 31 November.

The challenge requires completion of 300 burpees, 65 squats and to burn 365 calories. Instructors are on hand to help and guide participants so you can complete the challenge at

your own pace.

There are some great prizes on offer for those who complete the challenge including three months free membership, an iPod and

guest passes.

For further information ask at a gym reception or visit

www.newport.gov.uk/activenewport



New home for Newport Ship

Newport's medieval ship will have a new home in a recently constructed commercial property.

The lease on the current home of the ship in Maesglas industrial estate will expire at the end of December and there was no option to renew it. Therefore, a suitable storage space for the ship's conserved timbers in Newport and space to continue the conservation of the project had to be identified for the next three years.

Welsh Government has confirmed there is a grant of

£20,000 per year for the next three years to support the conservation and storage project. However, this grant was conditional on the chosen storage providing adequate public access.

The new building will be able to store the timbers that have been through the freeze drying process, the conserved artefacts recovered during the excavation, project archive documents, photographs, plans and the model created as well as other ancillary equipment. It will also mean that the public open days will still be able to be held.



Riverfront ambassadors

Are you a student who is passionate about theatre and events?

Riverfront Student Ambassadors have the opportunity to watch live performances for free, get behind the scenes of a professional theatre and enhance their CVs. All that's asked in return is for a little of your time to help promote events at The Riverfront Theatre.

For information visit www.newportcreatives.co.uk or call 01633 656679.

Search for best young dancer

Newport City Council's Riverfront Theatre and Arts Centre is to host the category finals of a prestigious national dance competition next year.

Talented dancers aged 16 to 20 are being invited to take part in the BBC Young Dancer competition with ballet, contemporary, hip hop and south Asian dance categories.

Velothon to ride in to Newport

The inaugural Velothon Wales is an event that will deliver a weekend of cycling on a scale Wales has never before witnessed and it will pass through Newport.

Taking place on 14 June 2015, the event will see more than 10,000 amateur riders cycle alongside professional cyclists in a closed road race. It is anticipated that the event will attract some of the world's top cyclists.

The race will start and finish in the heart of Cardiff city centre and the completely closed road sportive will take riders on a challenging 120km route through the breathtaking Welsh countryside.

There is also a 50km route which will head towards Newport before going west towards Caerphilly where

riders will be able to take in the sights of the majestic Caerphilly Castle.

Detailed routes will be announced soon.

At the time of going to press there were still spaces available priced at £55 for the 120km route and £40 for the 50km route (plus a £3 booking fee).

There are also a number of charities with entries available including Velothon Wales' gold charity partners Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research and Save The Children who are offering individuals the opportunity to enter for just £30, providing they reach minimum fundraising targets.

To find out more and enter visit www.velothon-wales.co.uk

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School pupils name new streets

Pupils at Bassaleg School having been helping to name the streets in the new Jubilee Park housing development, Rogerstone.

Year seven and eight pupils were asked to consider the geography and history of the site, carry out research and think of their own experiences when considering names for the new streets.

Councillor John Richards, cabinet member for regeneration and development, said: "Despite the tough economic

challenges, it is rewarding to see that new homes and communities are still being built in Newport.

"This project with local school children will help give a real sense of community and history to the residents who move there."

The street names chosen are: Ebbw Close/Clos Ebwy (Ebbw River runs close to the site); Alcan Grove/ Rhodfa Alcan (to reflect the previous use of the site); Welsh Oak Way/Ffordd y Dderwen (the Welsh Oak Pub was a meeting place of the

Chartists); Novelis Road/Heol Novelis (to reflect the last use of the site); Hurricane Way/Heol Hurricane (metal for the WWII aircraft was produced here); Spitfire Road /Heol Spitfire (metal for the WWII aircraft was produced here); Copper Grove/Clos Copr (copper rolling mills on site during 18th century); Aluminium Close/Clos Alwminiwm (aluminium was produced on site); Carnegie Close/Clos Carnegie (to link to the Carnegie Library in Rogerstone that

was built with money donated by Scottish-American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie); Obama Grove/Rhodfa Obama (to

commemorate the visit to the area by President Obama).

Nearly 1,000 homes are being built at the former Alcan site in Rogerstone over a 12-year period.



Artist impression of the new development at Jubilee Gardens

Voluntary organisations helping people in Newport

Remap Gwent

Remap Gwent is a local arm of a national charity. We are Resourceful Engineers Making Anything for People with disabilities unable to find a commercial solution for their needs.

Established in 1993, we do need new members to keep our aims alive. As well as those with practical skills, we also need members with administrative skills.

There is ample reward for what we do but it is never financial. The reward comes from seeing those we help gain greater independence and quality of life.

What we do varies from easy tasks to very challenging ones and the membership includes competent crafts people, occupational therapists and scientists, including our president, Professor Heinz Woolf.

While anyone can ask for our help, most projects are requested by occupational therapists who have failed to find a suitable solution for a person under their care.

We meet at 2pm on the second Monday of each month. If you are interested

please contact us (preferably by email) at r.n.vaugan4@ntlworld.com or call 01633 675141.

Happy Hearts

Our cardiac exercise group meets at the Beaufort Centre, St Julian's, every Wednesday from 11am until 12pm.

We exercise for about one hour and then sit down for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. We also run monthly day trips and other social activities for our members.

Our members range from approximately 55 upwards and generally have heart problems or have had heart surgery, but many members have other ailments such as difficult walking or breathing. We also accept members with no specific health problems but who like to exercise with members of their generation.

We are affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and also work closely with St Woolos Cardiac Trust. We employ a fully qualified instructor who adheres to standards set by St Woolos Cardiac Trust and members go at the pace they set themselves.

If you are interested please

contact the secretary, Denise Painter, on 01633 277021.

ToCH

There has been an increase of interest in ToCH as we commemorate the anniversary of the First World War because the organisation was started as a result of that war. Army padre Rev Tubby Clayton set up a rest centre for soldiers a few miles behind the frontline in Belgium in Talbot House – ToCH in army signallers code.

It was open to all ranks and after the war Rev Clayton thought it would be a good idea to pass on to future generations the special atmosphere of fellowship and friendships without barriers.

ToCH accepted all who were in sympathy with its aims, not just ex-servicemen.

The Newport branch received its charter in December 1929 and is now the only remaining branch in Wales.

All ToCH members are unpaid volunteers who in the past started the blood transfusion service at the Royal Gwent Hospital, ran brownies, guides and rangers packs, started the club for the

lonely, had a film unit which provided films for many homes and hospitals, arranged outings for children and disabled people and much more.

Today the organisation, which has its own hall in Eveswell Street, has only 12 members – some in their 80s and 90s – so the work we do has to be restricted and we run just three activity groups each week catering for between 60 and 70 people who are elderly, disabled and vulnerable.

On Tuesday afternoons there is a structured meeting with speakers, demonstrators or entertainment. Light refreshments are provided.

The Friday coffee morning is a drop-in event while a gentle exercise group meets on Friday afternoons from 3pm to 4pm.

Three or four coach trips are also organised each year.

Our greatest need at present is for younger volunteers who are prepared to take on responsibility for running the work in an executive capacity such as getting speakers, introducing them at meetings or organising the coach trips. We also really need a younger

treasurer.

If you would like to volunteer to help in this work please call either 01633 667344 or 01633 667727.

Progress

We are a registered charity set up by patients in 1996 to provide advice and support for patients and their families before, during and after diagnosis and treatment for prostate cancer and related problems.

We also raise public awareness of prostate cancer, have a 24-hour helpline (01633 234237), a help desk at some clinics in the urology department at the Royal Gwent Hospital as well as holding an annual awareness day.

In addition we hold quarterly meetings and other social occasions as well as attending various events throughout Newport and south east Wales.

For further information, please write to us c/o Urology Dept, Royal Gwent Hospital, Cardiff Road, Newport, ring our helpline, email progresswales2013@gmail.com or visit prostatogwent.com

Connecting people to combat loneliness

A new scheme to combat the social isolation that can be felt by older and vulnerable residents was launched by Newport City Council this autumn.

Community Connectors aims to reduce that sense of loneliness by helping people to connect with their communities.

Initially there will be three, fully-trained, workers who will assist people to access services and activities in their local area; help them to meet more people in their community; provide information and advice on the support available and; importantly, help to build confidence and promote independence.

They can be contacted for information and advice by phone or at a face-to-face meeting.



Newport's new community connectors are there to help

Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social care and wellbeing, said: "One of my priorities as cabinet member has been to tackle the issue of social isolation that can often have a detrimental effect on the lives of older members of our communities.

"It is something I feel passionately about and last year I brought together a range of organisations and

council officers to try to find solutions to the problem.

"Community Connectors is one of the ideas that sprang from those meetings and I think it is an excellent scheme."

For more information call 01633 656656, visit www.newport.gov.uk/communityconnectors or email community.connectors@newport.gov.uk

Are you caring for a child that isn't your own?

An estimated 10,000 children are privately fostered in Wales and England but last year only 1,500 of these arrangements were notified to local councils.

Private foster care can be a very positive experience but it can also place some children in a vulnerable position.

If a child aged under 16 - or under 18 with disabilities - and is cared for by someone other than a close family member, such as a parent,

step-parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle, for more than 28 days then they are in private foster care.

Private fostering arrangements may occur for a variety of reasons but those involved must inform the council.

Newport's private fostering officer can be contacted on 01633 656656 or email fostering@newport.gov.uk

For more information on fostering visit www.newport.gov.uk/privatfostering



Picture posed by models

Helping to crack down on fraud

The National Fraud Initiative is a data matching exercise that helps detect fraudulent and incorrect payments from the public purse across the UK.

Newport, along with other councils in England and Wales, is required to take part in this exercise which is carried out under Part 3A of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Information from the following databases will be provided to the Audit Commission and compared to information from other

public bodies in order to prevent and detect fraud.

- Payroll
- Trade creditors
- Insurances
- Private supported care home residents
- Residents parking permits
- Blue badges
- Concessionary travel passes
- Market traders / operators
- Taxi drivers
- Personal licenses to supply alcohol
- Personal budgets (Direct Payments)

For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/finance or contact the chief internal auditor on 01633 656656.

Are you sure you're registered to vote?

Why is it important to be registered to vote? Because it gives you a say on important issues that affect you.

You must be on the electoral register in order to vote for your political representatives at a local, national and European level. Without a vote, you can't have your say on things from roads and recycling in your area to education and climate change.

Not being on the register can also affect your credit worthiness, whether you are looking to apply for a credit card, mortgage or even mobile phone contract.

Earlier this year, a new

voter registration scheme was introduced. Previously, one person in every household was responsible for registering everyone else who lives at that address.

Under individual electoral registration, each person is now required to register to vote individually.

Most people who were already registered will be transferred automatically to the new register, but it is worth checking you are still registered – especially if any of your details or circumstances have changed recently.

To find out more and to register visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Chartist project managers

The Chartist Commission has been established to deliver a commemoration of the Newport Chartist uprising, which celebrated its 175th anniversary on 4 November this year.

The commissioners recently advertised for a project manager and is delighted to announce the appointment of Emma M Price of EMP Projects and Jo-Anne Breckon of Ceridwen as joint project managers. Emma and Jo-Anne will be responsible for arranging public consultation, developing the artists' brief and securing funding for delivery of the commemoration. There will be further information as the project develops.

Alcohol Awareness Week 17-23 November 2014



For more information, advice and interactive tools visit www.nhs.uk/Change4Life

What may seem like just a drink or two most evenings can do a lot of harm to your body, inside and out.

If you drink alcohol regularly, you might notice that you're building up a bit of a spare tyre. That's because there can be a lot of calories in alcohol. Perhaps your mood can be a bit low in the mornings, maybe your skin's not as clear as it was. And did you know that drinking too much can lead to decreased sexual performance, especially for men?

It can be a bit tricky to understand and remember how much alcohol is in drinks, and how this can

affect our health. The lower risk guidelines can help with this. All you really need to do, if you choose to drink, is to stick within the guidelines shown. There's one for women and one for men.

No one can say that drinking alcohol is absolutely safe, but if you keep within these guidelines, there's only a low risk of causing harm in most circumstances.

Easy drink swaps

You can still have a drink – just aim to have less and stick within the guidelines. Our swap ideas can make it easy for you to cut down on alcohol instead of cutting it out altogether.

- If you tend to have a drink at a certain time of day, break the habit by doing something different at that time. If you drink every day, try to have at least two days a week when you don't drink at all.
- Why not try pacing and spacing? Pace yourself by sipping slowly and enjoy the taste. And space your drinks out – have a soft drink or glass of water in between.
- Have a smaller bottle of beer instead of a can or a single measure instead of a double.
- Swap your usual for a drink with less alcohol. Choose one with less alcohol content – "ABV" (you can find this on the side of the

bottle or can). There are more drinks with less alcohol available these days. Some of them are cheaper too and often have fewer calories.

Women

Should not regularly* drink more than:

2-3 units a day



That's not much more than standard 175ml glass of wine (ABV 13%)

Men

Should not regularly* drink more than:

3-4 units a day



That's not much more than a pint of strong lager, beer or cider (ABV 5.2%)

Dim alcohol dim risg
No alcohol no risk

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For more information, please speak to a health professional or your midwife

www.healthchallengewales.org/home
www.heriechydymru.org/hafan
www.dan247.org.uk



The Riverfront – 01633 656 757

Workshops (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays host to a vast range of workshops with something to suit all ages, interests and abilities.

Cinema (ongoing)

The Riverfront plays a broad range of films from around the world. We also have a selection of matinée and bring baby showings.

Christmas arts collective (until 28 Nov)

A selection of hand-crafted goods for sale – perfect Christmas presents.

Sing-a-long Frozen (16 Nov)

A fun-packed interactive celebration of the Disney movie that has wowed children and adults alike.

The Forgotten (19 & 20 Nov)

The voices of working men, women and children who joined in protest against the injustices of the age and called for 'one man, one vote'.

Clown in the Moon (21 Nov)

A dramatic portrait of Dylan Thomas' chaotic, frequently hilarious and all too brief life.

Rites of War (22 Nov)

Two soldiers serve in wars 100 years and 3,000 miles apart. A performance of endurance, grief, humour and hope.

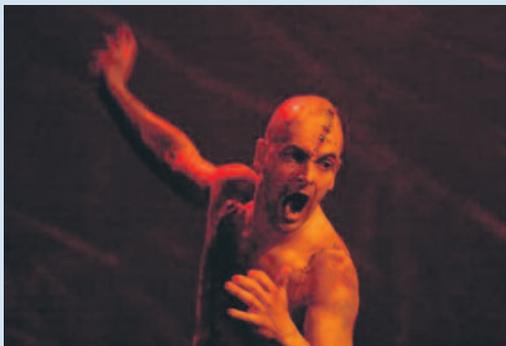


Sinfonia Cymru with Llyr Williams (23 Nov)

A unique double concerto programme.

Frankenstein (27 Nov)

National Theatre Live broadcasts the best of British theatre live from the London stage direct to cinemas across the UK.



Comedy Shed (28 Nov, 12 Dec)

The relaxed cabaret style comedy club on the last Friday of the month offers you the chance to enjoy a drink and catch up with three professional comedians.

Dick Whittington exhibition (1 Dec-7 Jan)

Featuring work tied to the characters and themes of this classic story by local artists and schools.

Dick Whittington (2 Dec-4 Jan)

Witty jokes, a sparkling script, memorable songs and plenty of audience participation – it's panto time! See pages 4, 5, and 6 for more info.

First Wednesday (3 Dec)

A regular series of lunchtime recitals.

Sessions open mic night & boutique market stalls (12 Dec)

Boutique stalls adorn the foyer from 5pm until 11pm and performance fills the air in the café from 7pm. All types of performers are welcome to come along from comedians to poets and musicians and all you need to do is turn up on the night. This event is not aimed at under 16s; acts after 9pm may be unsuitable for children.

Tredegar House – 01633 815880

Christmas weekends (29, 30 Nov, 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 Dec)

Celebrate Christmas together with our traditional 'A Christmas Carol' themed festivities. Father Christmas will be visiting with a gift for all the children, just make sure to watch out for Scrooge! 11am-4pm.

Newport Museum and Art Gallery – 01633 656656

Object enquiry session (11 Dec)

Bring along your archaeology and social history objects and works of fine and decorative art. Please bring no more than two objects at a time. 2pm.

Newport Wetlands – 01633 636363

Reedbeds in winter (15 Nov)

A walk to explore the reedbeds in winter, 3.40-4.40pm, meet at the reserve car park.

Wildlife in Welsh (22 Nov)

A guided walk looking at the birds at Uskmouth in the morning followed by the birds at Goldcliff in the afternoon. Conducted in Welsh. 10.30am-3.30pm.

Newport Centre – 01633 656757

Christmas tribute to the 50s and 60s (13 Dec)

In aid of leuan the Lion Memorial Fund. Featuring Dave Wickenden as Buddy Holly, Darren 'Graceland' Jones as Elvis Presley, Robb Dee as Tom Jones.

City Centre – 01633 656656

For details of all our Christmas events, see pages 4, 5 and 6.

Ward meetings

Discuss local issues with your ward councillors

Rogerstone: 19 Nov, 7pm, High Cross Primary School

St Julians: 4 December, 6.30pm, St Julius and Aaron Church Hall

Llanwern: 12 Jan, 6.30pm surgery, 7pm police, 7.30pm meeting, Redwick Village Hall.

Newport Cathedral 01633 212077

Concert – St Woolos Players Orchestra (16 Nov)

Tickets £10, available at the Cathedral shop and at the door. 3pm.

Concert – The Flying Shepherds (13 Dec)

Admission free with leaving collection. 12 noon.

Events are subject to change – visit www.newport.gov.uk/whatson for updated listings

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Caerleon TIC

Caerleon Tourist Information Centre is now operating new seasonal opening hours.

It will open from Thursday to Sunday (10am-3pm, except Sundays 2-5pm) between 1 April and 30 September each year.

Tourist information will still be available at local attractions and hospitality providers all year round.

A proposal for seasonal opening was previously agreed by the council as part of the on-going need to find significant savings.

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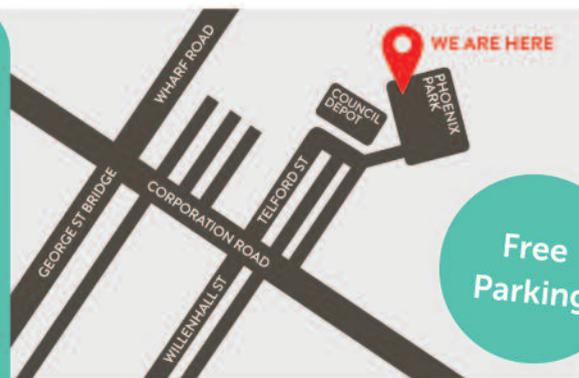
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