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VELODROME TO BE RENAMED IN HONOUR OF TOUR DE FRANCE VICTOR



Newport City Council and Newport Live have announced that Geraint Thomas MBE has accepted our invitation to rename the city's Wales National Velodrome in his honour.

It will become the **Geraint Thomas National Velodrome of Wales** in recognition of his fantastic success and his close links with Newport's key cycling venue.

In July, the Olympic double gold medallist became the first Welshman, and only the third UK rider, to win the world's most famous cycling road race, the Tour de France.

Geraint Thomas said:
“It’s a huge honour for me to have the Velodrome renamed after me - I can’t quite believe it if I’m honest!”

“The Velodrome has played a pivotal part in my cycling story and continues to play such a key role in inspiring the next generation of cyclists in South Wales.

“It’s a fantastic facility for riders of all ages and abilities to hone their talents.

“I would personally like to thank everyone who has played a part in this and look forward to seeing everyone for the grand opening.”

EXCITING PROPOSALS FOR HISTORIC CITY BUILDING



Newport City Council's cabinet has given in-principle backing to a £12 million redevelopment proposal to regenerate and revitalise the historic Newport Market.

Simon Baston, managing director of Loft Co, who was behind the transformation of Cardiff's Tramshed, Barry's Pumphouse and Porthcawl's Jennings Building, now has exciting ambitions for the Grade-Two listed market.

The company plans to work in partnership with Welsh company WRW Construction on the

project which will be completed in three phases over 18 months.

The award-winning specialist in SME incubation and community collaboration wants to create a 24-hour working/living space with a tech hub, apartments and performance space while retaining market units and a food hall.

Cabinet agreed to grant his company a 250-year development lease with the council receiving a 15 per cent share of the rental income following completion and a maximum loan facility of up to £8.9 million at a commercial rate of interest.

These are subject to satisfactory legal and financial due diligence.

If the scheme goes ahead following those checks, and the granting of planning permission, the work will be phased so businesses in the market can continue to operate during the construction period.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said:
“As well as potentially rescuing the market from further decline, the proposals also fit in with the council's ambition to have a more vibrant offer in the city centre.

“We are very excited about this opportunity as we see it as protection for, and enhancement of, an historic landmark and, just as importantly, a more secure and brighter future for the market.

“Simon anticipates the development could create more than 300 permanent new jobs, with a significant number of small and medium sized businesses taking off in the first year and, together with the increased residential use, that will inevitably boost the footfall and create more trade for the stall holders.”

She paid tribute to markettraders' chair, Annette Farmer, for the work she has been doing to try and boost footfall.

“We believe this major investment in the market is exactly what the stall holders have been calling for over a number of years and a successful redevelopment will benefit traders and residents.”

Mr Baston has already met with traders and other businesses who operate in the market building and further consultation will be undertaken as the project progresses

The news came shortly after it was announced the council's bid for National Lottery funding for the nearby Market Arcade had been successful – see page 2.

SPORT AND RECREATION REVIEW



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NEWPORT LIVE CASNEWYDD FYW

A study of sport and active recreation provision, commissioned by Newport City Council and jointly funded by Welsh Government, is due to be reported to cabinet later this year.

Newport Live, the charitable trust which manages and operates sports and leisure services on behalf of the council, has been working alongside the council and appointed consultants Mace.

Councillor Debbie Harvey, Newport City Council's cabinet member for culture and leisure, said: "We have a number of sporting and leisure facilities across the city and, for a number of reasons, we want to make certain they are in the right locations and providing the right services for residents."

"Most significantly, as part of the Well-being and Future Generations Act, the council has pledged to have a thriving arts, sports and culture offering. The review will look at ensuring the sports and recreation element of that aim is on track."

"We are also aware that some of our assets are reaching the end of their expected life spans and these issues need to be fully considered as part of this study."

"The review will be considered thoroughly before any proposals are put to the council but it must be emphasised that this is the start of the process of making sure all our facilities are sustainable and of a 21st century standard."



GO-AHEAD FOR FOUR-STAR HOTEL



Newport City Council's planning committee has given consent for the redevelopment of Chartist Tower into a four-star hotel and quality office space plus retail units in the former BHS store in Commercial Street.

Emma Churches, of developer Garrison Barclay Estates, said: "To achieve planning permission for a major redevelopment, just six months after acquiring the site, is testament

to the excellent collaboration between Newport City Council, the Garrison Barclay team and its advisors.

"We are delighted with both the striking architectural design for the project and the fact that the council has approved our plans."

She added: "Our investment of over £10m in this project reflects our confidence in Newport, where the high demand for quality offices is demonstrated by the fact that

negotiations for leasing some 60 per cent of the new office space are well advanced."

Ms Churches said the company has the confidence in the office market in the city centre which meant they would now progress plans to redevelop the former sorting office in Mill Street.

Approval for this development was agreed by the planning committee in August.

NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDING SECURED FOR HISTORIC ARCADE



In the summer, it was revealed that National Lottery funding for a scheme to refurbish and revitalise Market Arcade had been successful.

Development funding for the Townscape Heritage project from the National Lottery (through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)) was awarded last year.

Last month HLF confirmed that the full bid for more than £1.1 million has been awarded to restore Market Arcade to its former glory.

Originally called Fennell's Arcade, the arcade was created in 1869 as a key pedestrian route between the railway station and the then new provisions market.

In recent years, it has declined so the council worked with the multiple owners to find a solution which led to the bid being submitted to HLF.

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Leader of Newport City Council, said: "This is another brilliant piece of news for the city centre and I would like to thank all those involved in the successful bid – council officers, owners, members of the community and schools and, of course, the National Lottery players without whom none of it would be possible."

"The regeneration of the city centre remains a key focus for my administration and we are working with a range of partners to find innovative ways of breathing new life into key areas such as Market Arcade."

FRESH LOOK FOR RESPITE CENTRE

Centrica Lodge, a respite home for adults with learning disabilities in Newport, was officially reopened in July following a major refurbishment project.

It has included new en-suite facilities for five bedrooms; an internal lift; new and improved kitchen facilities and redecoration throughout the building.

The home in the Gaer is run by CPI Care Ltd. and offers a person-centred service, enabling people with learning disabilities to enjoy short breaks away from their home in an environment where they are encouraged to develop their independent living skills.

Funded by the Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund, the scheme was led by Newport City Council and the work was carried out by the Kier Group.

An afternoon tea was held at the home to mark the official opening attended by families; Councillor Debbie Wilcox, leader of Newport City Council and a ward councillor; Councillor Paul Cockeram, the council's cabinet member for social services and other guests.

WW1 MOSAIC

A successful application for Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) has been made by Newport City Council to create a commemorative mosaic to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War.

Stephanie Roberts, a local artist, is working with Newport youth groups to design and create the mosaic which will focus on the changing role of Newport women during the war to go up in St Paul's Walk public open space.

The plan is to unveil the mosaics in time for First World War centenary celebrations in November 2018.



CHEF DEMOS AT FOOD FESTIVAL

Visitors to this year's festival will have the chance to watch the experts at work cook up tasty dishes – which you may be able to sample on the day!

We have invited top chefs to demo their amazing skills in our festival kitchen set up on the upper level of Newport Indoor Market and at the Pobl offices on High Street.

Chefs will be fitted with a microphone headset so they can talk to their audience throughout compiling their recipe although there will also be a compere on hand too to give out essential info.

Some of the guest chefs have sourced their ingredients from Newport Market stallholders while others have brought their more unusual ingredients with them.

NEWPORT MARKET

11am - Teenchef Final

- Maindee v St. Julians Youth Clubs

12noon - Hywel Jones,

Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa

1pm - Steve White,
The Red Lion, Caerleon

2pm - Ben Perriam, The Pod

3pm - Gareth Pembridge,
The Celtic Manor

4pm Competition

POBL GROUP

11.30am - Dickie Flinn,
The Waterloo (Andersons)

12.30pm - Tiny Rebel

1.30pm - Anil Karhadkar,
Curry on the Curve

2.30pm - Dion Tidmarsh,
Stuffed Dormouse

3.30pm - Graham,
Wagamamas Friars Walk



GETTING READY FOR THE BIG DAY

Tiny Rebel NEWPORT FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

Months of hard work will culminate in one of the biggest events in Newport City Council's calendar taking place in October.

This year the annual Tiny Rebel Newport Food and Drink Festival will cover a bigger area with visitors able to take in the sights, smells and tastes laid out on around 80 stalls.

The ever growing festival will not only be placed along the High Street but will take the visitor into Newport's Indoor Market

and back on the High Street into John Frost Square in Friars Walk.

Thousands of visitors are expected to descend on the city for the popular event on Saturday 6 October.

A huge variety of food and drink offerings, ranging from organic dairy products to gourmet meats, plus local ales and ciders, will be on sale which will of course include a range from the award winning Tiny Rebel Brewery who are the main sponsors for the third year running.

The event is also supported by Newport Now, the Celtic Manor and Friars Walk.

A popular part of the festival is the teenchef competition, sponsored by the Celtic Manor, where youngsters from around the city compete to show off their culinary skills in a series of contests ending in the final to take place in the upstairs gallery at Newport Indoor Market.

Hywel Jones (pictured right), executive head chef from Lucknam Park Hotel and Spa is the festival



A WORD FROM OUR MAIN SPONSOR:



Bradley Cummins (pictured above with his business partner Gareth Williams), commented: "We're really pleased to be sponsoring the Newport Food and Drink Festival for the third time. We're looking forward to bringing some of the best food and drink producers from all around the Newport area and trying their products. We can't wait to see what's new this year and to discover things we never knew were made around Newport!"

FRIARS WALK JOINS IN THE FUN

Friars Walk is delighted to be linking through with the Tiny Rebel Food Festival this year, with exciting activity planned throughout the day in Usk Plaza, housed in a dedicated marquee.

Activity will include chef demos from Friars Walk restaurants, cocktail mixology sessions and family entertainment within the restaurants themselves.

Friars Walk is home to a wide range of popular restaurants including Las Iguanas, Wagamama, GBK, Chiquito, Zizzi, who will all be taking part in the event.

Simon Pullen, Centre Director at Friars Walk said: "Newport's annual Food Festival adds a real buzz to the city centre, and we are delighted to be showcasing some of the fantastic chefs who work at our popular restaurants."

"This event gives these local chefs the chance to come out from their kitchens and show us how to make some of their favourite dishes."



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www.newportfoodfestival.co.uk



BRITISH TRANSPLANT GAMES FLAG HANDED TO CITY

Newport has officially accepted the British Transplant Games flag following this year's event in Birmingham

As the 2019 host, Newport will welcome more than 850 transplant recipient athletes and 1,500 supporters, including donor families, to the city next summer.

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

The Games include over 25 sporting and social events and competitions for all abilities, from fishing through to track and field, plus the Donor Run, an inclusive event open to the public. There will also be some new events specially hosted by Newport.

Although Wales has already introduced 'deemed consent' for organ donation, there is still a considerable need to promote the benefits of organ donation, how essential it is to discuss wishes with loved ones, and the need for transplant recipients to lead active and healthy lives to increase transplant life expectancy.

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

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

"These athletes are inspirational and the Games bring with it such an important message. Wales has led the way in the UK in its approach to organ donation, but there is much more to do to raise awareness of its importance and encourage commitment across the country."

britishtransplantgames.co.uk



DOWNLOAD OUR NOISE APP



Did you know you can download a Noise App which allows you to make a 30 second recording of the noise, complete a form and submit a report online?

Newport City Council is promoting the free service for residents who can download the app on a smartphone or tablet.

The app can be used to submit evidence in relation to an alleged noise nuisance once the complaint has been reported to the council.

Using the app doesn't replace noise monitoring visits by the Community Safety Warden Service or officers

from the Noise and Neighbourhood team to determine whether a statutory noise nuisance exists.

However it does make it easier for residents to provide evidence to support the investigation.

All you need to know can be found on the council website. Follow the link below:

www.newport.gov.uk/en/Transport-Streets/Pollution-and-noise-control/Noise-nuisance/How-we-deal-with-noise-complaints.aspx

NEW COURSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

Adult Community Learning courses are available for those aged 16 or over to help gain qualifications, employment opportunities, or to reach personal goals.

The new 2018 course programme is now available online, or in hard copy at libraries and a variety of other community buildings, and includes: Assistant and Dressmaking.

Teaching takes place at the following venues:

St Julian's Community Learning & Library Centre, Beaufort Road, NP19 7UB

Learning Suite, Central Library, John Frost Square, NP20 1PA

For further information contact:

Tel: **01633 656656**

Web:

www.newport.gov.uk/communitylearning

Email:

communitylearning@newport.gov.uk

COUNCIL PLEDGE TO REDUCE USE OF PLASTIC



Newport City Council has agreed to start reducing the amount of plastics in use across the city.

Council leader Cllr Debbie Wilcox put forward the motion, which had cross party support, to reduce the use of single-use plastics on council premises and promote the use of single-use plastics elsewhere.

The council will also encourage local businesses and retailers to stop using and selling single use plastic items, replacing them with sustainable alternatives.

Some key examples of where the council will target our efforts to reduce single use plastics and their alternatives are:

- Recyclable or reusable cups
- Metal, compostable or other materials instead of plastic cutlery
- Paper bags or wrapping instead of plastic
- Reusable bottles instead of throwaway plastic.

"We have seen the news stories and the campaign highlighted by TV celebrity David Attenborough on the horrific effect of plastics crippling our seas, destroying our oceans and crippling the wildlife.

"How can we, as leaders of this city, allow this to continue

without picking up the gauntlet leading the way in reducing single-use plastics in all the buildings we manage?

"We are leading the way by examining the use of plastics in the civic centre and all council buildings.

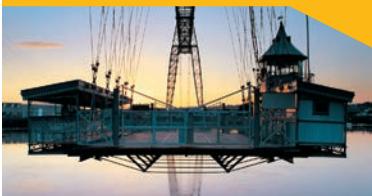
"We hope others will follow suit and look at ways they too can reduce the use of plastics in their environment," said Cllr Wilcox.

► Leader Cllr Debbie Wilcox



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HELP SUPPORT OUR ICONIC BRIDGE



If you live in Newport you can't help but notice the amazing iconic Transporter Bridge which spans both sides of the River Usk and can be seen for miles around.

However if the city wants to keep this unique structure then Newport City Council needs the support of local communities and businesses.



The council has pledged to raise an initial £30,000 to start the fundraising ball rolling by setting up a justgiving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/newporttransporterbridge1

You can leave a comment on what the bridge means to you and your family and in the coming months attend events which will be staged there.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has donated £1 million in the first stage of supporting the plans to revamp and repair the bridge.

However we need the HLF to see that our residents are backing the scheme and that means donations, however small, will be very welcome.

ST JULIANS GREEN POWER AWARDS

A Newport school has taken part in a project aimed at unlocking potential and sparking enthusiasm for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) through the excitement of motorsport.

Year 6 pupils at St Julian's Primary took part in a challenge to design, build and race an electric car at a Greenpower Formula Goblin Race Day.

The young engineers worked with volunteers from the Intellectual Property Office in an after-school STEM club to assemble and test the cars, using kits provided specifically for the event from the UK based charity Greenpower Education Trust.

Mrs Hollings, St Julian's Year 5&6 phase leader who led the project said: "We were delighted to receive our trophies and we're extremely grateful to Greenpower, Renishaw, Tesco, Atlantic Recycling and all the pupils and teachers who took part. It was a brilliant day!"

Councillor Gail Giles, Newport City Council's cabinet member for education and skills said: "Projects like this are invaluable for engaging young people offering a wonderful insight into how the subjects they study translate to real life opportunities and exciting future possibilities."

GREEN FLAG HONOUR FOR CITY'S PARKS AND CREMATORIUM



Beechwood Park has won the Keep Wales Tidy accolade of a prestigious Green Flag award for the first time in its history.

Newport City Council and the Friends of the Ornamental Parks of Newport celebrated the fantastic news with a celebration in the park coupled with an afternoon's entertainment on the park's newly finished entertainment area.

The beautiful surroundings of Belle Vue Park has also been awarded a Green Flag – for the 11th year running.

Both parks are a tribute to the hard work of the green team staff at the council and the Friends who lend year round support.

A third Green Flag honour was also awarded to Gwent Crematorium for its beautiful surrounds which offer some comfort to the bereaved at a time of sadness and upset for families and friends.

Councillor Deb Harvey, cabinet member for Culture and Leisure said she was delighted to see the hard work of staff and volunteers rewarded with the honour at Beechwood Park.

"In the past Beechwood Park may have been seen as a poor relation to Belle Vue but this prestigious Green Flag award places it firmly on the map.

"Beechwood Park, especially with the addition of the performance area, along with the tearooms

and children's play areas has something to offer visitors of all ages. We are delighted to receive these Green Flag awards for both our parks. Well done to everyone involved in helping us achieve this," said Cllr Harvey.

Gwent Crematorium's award winning landscaped grounds include a Garden of Remembrance laid out as a lawned area with a variety of trees and shrubs, chosen for their beauty and colour.

Councillor Roger Jeavons, Cabinet Member for City Services, said: "Gwent Crematorium serves the communities of South East Wales and the grounds are extremely well maintained by staff whose hard work has contributed to the Green Flag award for the third year running, it is very well deserved."

'TOMORROW'S DEMOCRACY' EVENT

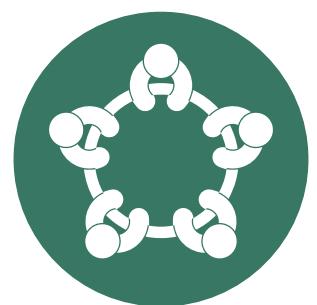
The council will be welcoming a number of prominent speakers to the city on November 5 for a one-day conference. Immediately following the Newport Rising Festival taking place

on November 2-4 which will celebrate our Chartist heritage, the conference will bring those events up-to-date through a series of debates looking at how democracy works in the modern world.

Using the theme of 'Tomorrow's Democracy', the event will explore the changing picture of modern politics and representation, and how the traditional view of democracy is being challenged through new technologies and shifting public attitudes.

This event is being held as part of our corporate plan commitments to develop an exciting programme

of local events, raising the profile of Newport on the national stage, and hopefully encouraging more visitors and investors into the city.



WW1 CENTENARY EVENTS

November 2018 marks the centenary of the end of First World War 1914-1918, a conflict which had a huge impact on Newport residents as young men left their families to go to war while young women took on new roles in industry.

This year, projects and events in Newport remember the sacrifice of those families and individuals.

• First World War

- Steel Remembered is a project led by Linc Cymru (Linc) to uncover the real-life stories of the Orb steel workers who marched

to war in 1914-1918, those who came back and those who are commemorated by the Orb Steel Works War Memorial. Read more at www.steelremembered.org/index.html

• St Woolos Cemetery:

walking tour of the cemetery's war graves with local historian Richard Frame, Wednesday 10 October, 10am. Meet at the main gate on Bassaleg Road.

• Caerleon Remembers:

a commemoration of the 1918 Armistice in words and music. Saturday 10 November, 7.30pm at St Cadoc's Church,

Caerleon. Tickets available from Caerleon Arts Festival and Caerleon Post Office

• St Woolos Cathedral

hosts a day of exhibitions and activities featuring Newport's role during the First World War, including music, archive documents, short talks and music. Entry is free and all are welcome. Saturday 10 November, 10.30am-4.30pm

• Newport

Remembrance Sunday: the city's annual parade from High Street followed by a service of remembrance at the Cenotaph, Sunday 11 November, 10.30am

• Caerleon

Remembrance Sunday:

a public laying of poppies at Caerleon war memorial, everyone welcome. Sunday 11 November, 10.30am.

• St Paul's Walk:

Newport City Council has successfully bid for Heritage Lottery Funding to create a commemorative mosaic illustrating the changing role of Newport women during the First World War. It is hoped that the mosaic will be unveiled in November 2018.

WHAT'S ON



RIVERFRONT THEATRE

www.newportlive.co.uk/riverfront

11 October 7.45pm

Twisted Tales

A hilariously dark triple bill of riotous comedies.

23 October 7.45pm

Exodus: Four neighbours build a plane in an allotment and take off in search of a life free from politics and the grind.

NEWPORT MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

01633 656656

www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

8 November 1pm

Looking after museum collections

Informal lunchtime talk.

20 September 3pm

Art store tours

Venture behind the scenes of the museum and art gallery. Booking essential.

NEWPORT MEDIEVAL SHIP CENTRE

01633 656656

www.newport.gov.uk/heritage

International Guild of Knot Tyers

Try your hand at tying knots under their guidance and instruction of the guild.

NEWPORT WETLANDS

01633 636363

www.rspb.org.uk

29 September 10am - 4pm

Unlocking the History and Archaeology of the Gwent Levels

Discover how the Gwent Levels were created. Activities for all the family.

DOLMAN THEATRE

01633 263670

www.dolmantheatre.co.uk

5 – 6 October

The Wizard of Oz

Join Dorothy and her friends in this family favourite musical performed by youngsters aged 5-15 from Phoenix Productions.

9 October

T42: The T42 team present singer Mandy Starr for an afternoon of entertainment. Refreshments included.

STAY SAFE WHILE HAVING FUN



There is plenty to look forward to as we move into autumn.

Schools break for October half-term from Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November 2018 and children's activities and workshops are planned in the city's libraries, museum and heritage sites and Newport Live venues.

You will be able to find all the details at www.newport.gov.uk/holidayfun

"Remember, remember the 5th of November..." Bonfire Night will bring lots of 'oohs' and 'aahs' as we celebrate with fireworks but please make sure you celebrate in the safest possible way by attending an organised event.

Newport City Council organises a voluntary firework display registration scheme to ensure that everyone enjoys a happy and accident-free display.

If you are planning to attend a firework display why not visit a venue that is registered with the scheme?

Details will be added to the council website as soon as venues are confirmed.

Retailers need a licence to store and sell fireworks, if you are applying for a new licence or are unsure about what you need to do please email trading.standardsnewport.gov.uk

It's against the law for anyone to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except on Bonfire Night when it is extended to midnight and New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year when the cut off time is 1am.

Please visit www.newport.gov.uk/fireworks for more information.

CHILDCARE OFFER FOR WALES IN NEWPORT

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The CHILDCARE Offer for WALES
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From this month, Newport families are among those in Wales able to claim 30 hours government-funded early education and childcare for up to 48 weeks of the year as part of the new Childcare Offer for Wales.

Eligible working parents or guardians of three and four-year-olds in Gaer (including Maesglas), Rogerstone, Lliswerry, Malpas, St Julian's, Stow Hill and Shaftesbury, can now apply online (see details opposite).

The Welsh Government scheme is being piloted in those wards this autumn before being rolled out across the city.

It will consist of a combination of existing early education provided by Foundation Phase which is available to all three and four-year-olds and the additional funded childcare for eligible families.

Parents have to meet certain criteria and for more information about the scheme, or to apply, visit www.newport.gov.uk/childcareoffer