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## May 2017 - monthly update for all of Cathays

Check out the regular events on the Y/C calendar: [www.yourcathays.org.uk](http://www.yourcathays.org.uk)

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## May update intro:

Understandably some of you have complained about the email format being too dry – so I’ll make some attempt to send a MSword (2010 version) and possibly a adobe.pdf document out each month with the wordy email version. Hopefully the new formats will be a little more interesting for you all to see.

This new format will be included in the emails – some colour, images – and most importantly a ‘jump to’ list so that you can click on the contents page and go immediately onto your area of interest to you. I’m not promising it will be this format every month (time constraints) – I just want to see if this will be better received by our residents/families, local businesses, faith groups, volunteers and student/postgraduate community.



Image of Cathays Fair – April 2017

## **Your email privacy:**

We are at 223 email addresses from families across Cathays now - out of 950 to 1,100 potential families (who receive the Your Cathays newsletter) and 250 local businesses, faith groups and voluntary bodies etc. across Cathays.

Please encourage your neighbours to join the monthly email database.

**ALL emails will be sent BCC for your privacy!**



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## [New Librarian / New Heritage Centre/Local History in Cathays Library](#)

Please welcome our new librarian manager **Katherine Whittington** who has taken over Cathays Heritage Library - <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Libraries-and-archives/Find-a-library/Pages/Cathays-Library.aspx> and check out the newly designed set up inside your local library.

Katherine has taken over from **Rodney** who was your librarian manager in Cathays for many years. We all wish Rodney much happiness in his retirement and thank him for everything he did in the locale of Cathays. Please introduce yourself to Katherine, and do look up the **regular library events** that are ran in the library ranging from toddlers to children, young peoples and adults reading groups, to 'FAN: Friends and Neighbours' groups (much of this is listed on the [www.yourcathays.org.uk](http://www.yourcathays.org.uk) calendar to support raising awareness of what goes on in your library) use of free computers and much else besides.

Please visit and check out the new local history section! Email your enquiries to [cathayslibrary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:cathayslibrary@cardiff.gov.uk)

### Opening hours:

Monday	9:00am -1:00pm	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 1:00pm	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 1:00pm	2:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday	9:00 - 1:00pm	2:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday	Closed	
Saturday	9:00am - 1:00pm	2:00pm - 5:30pm
Sunday	Closed	

## **Avoiding clashes of events across Cathays.**

As you will see from previous email – we have two regular monthly events that happen at the same time (Repair Café and Meeting Room Café) this is something that Cathays Compass and other groups in Cathays wish to impress upon people – please use calendars [www.yourcathays.org.uk](http://www.yourcathays.org.uk) and information from monthly updates to reduce the amount of clashes we have of events across Cardiff on a daily basis.

Sadly clashes cannot always be avoided – yet if we at least reduce clashes – and offer events 7 days/evenings a week across all of Cathays, it will ensure everyone is catered for.



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## **Trixie Lixie: Sewing classes: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May**

We have just set up our timetable of Sewing classes to be held at Trixie Lixie during May.

The first class is a very basic introduction to using a sewing machine, Hello Sewing is for anyone who has got a sewing machine but have no idea how to use it, I will show you how to thread the machine, load the bobbin, set the tension and begin to sew. We will go through all the stitches on the machine and make a pot holder. We can provide the sewing machine or you can bring your own. (6th May)

The second class is also a beginners class; Make a patchwork cushion. In this class we will use pre-cut squares from a charm pack to put together a patchwork cushion with a zip closure. (13th May)



Then we are going to run a Shift dress/tunic class over 2 weeks. This is a beginners class, however it is preferable that you already know how to use a sewing machine (or have attended Hello Sewing). This is an easy dress pattern as it doesn't have a zip or buttons, it is pull over the head, you will learn how to do darts and sleeves. Bring your own pre-washed fabric (2.5m) or choose from our selection. (20th & 27th May)

Space is limited so it is essential that you phone us to book a place on 02920 344464.

We are also starting a Thursday evening Sewing club, you can bring your own project, start a new one with our help, learn how to make your own wardrobe using our machines or bring your own.

## **Friends of Cathays Terrace: 7<sup>th</sup> May – Himalayan Balsam Picking**

Next Sunday - 7th May we will meet again at Blackweir at 11 am to continue in the same part of the wood. (i.e Near dead tree in middle of woodland path if anyone should arrive later.)

Sensible clothing and footwear - long sleeves/trousers and gloves in case of nettles and (who knows?) sun protection. Remember to wok in pairs and not leave bags etc unattended.

Mike Harper

## **Next Cathays Compass meeting. - tbc**

**We will email a reminder nearer the time for the next informal gathering of Cathays Compass lot.**



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## **Cathays Summer Picnic - Maindy Park - Saturday 8th July 2017**

Please get this in your diaries - hot on the heels of the Cathays Fair - we are holding the Cathays Summer/Family Picnic. (yes - who of you can come up with a better name?)

The family picnic (imagine a thousand of your neighbours all in one place!) will be held on Saturday 8th July - times to be confirmed. At present Cathays Compass is looking at the following things:

- Kids activities (quite a few things being lined up - tbc)
- Parents/Seniors activities (tug of war?)
- Some of our stars from the fair like the Face painting lady may well return for the event too.
- Musicians again?

We are asking everyone to attend to bring: ONE savoury and ONE sweet dish (we don't want to overload on chochoalte/cakes) to the event. It does not have to be a massive contribution.

There will be a clean up undertaken by KCT: Keep Cathays Tidy on the morning before hand of the Maindy Park area (which so far is preferred site - for access, safety etc.)

*Cathays Compass is looking to you for some help on this. What can you do? Help with clean up on the morning? Manage on of the games activities? distribute flyers?*

## **Cathays Community Centre - Event for seniors - Weds 10th May**

Wednesday, 10th May - The uplifting 'Creative Celebration' will be an amazing opportunity for many residents/families to get involved with - especially our senior citizens!! Located at the bottom of Cathays Terrace, the Cathays Community Centre will be holding this event from 10am until 3pm. drumming, arts & craft and Dance, get some food at the 'pay as you feel' café.

*This Project is FREE - please get involved - tell your resident elderly neighbours about this event please?*

**This project was supported by Age Cymru's Gwanwyn Festival, Wales' national festival celebrating creativity in older age!!!**

Check out the poster enclosed with this email for the 'Creative Celebration' event. The Cathays Community Centre hope to see many of you there !!



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## [Keep Cathays Tidy - next event - Sat 13th May](#)

The meeting place is:

**10am at St Monica's CIW Primary School** at top of Pentyrch Street and top of Cathays Terrace.

Please click on the [www.keepcathaystidy.org.uk](http://www.keepcathaystidy.org.uk) and click on the social media icons for Facebook KCT and Twitter KCT and keep in touch of all our updates:

- *Monthly litter picks*
- *Street co-operation clean-up efforts*
- *Anti-graffiti activities*
- *Planting Cathays initiative*
- *A map of areas in Cathays we/you focus upon*

There are many places to tackle all over Cathays – tell Keep Cathays Tidy on Facebook or Twitter and they will aim to blitz the area you have recommended.

Ceri, Sarah, Chris & Paulus

## [Planting Cathays - early stages developed.](#)

The early consultations have begun with informal discussions with various neighbours on the roads that a partnership between residents and Davius/Cathays Compass/Keep Cathays Tidy/Your Cathays etc. are all starting to collaborate upon.

There is increasing interest from various residents in seeing more planting of wildflowers, green space improvements, street improvements/planting by your neighbours to make Cathays look better. This also includes the over growth on sides of houses, high walls and other places which has quietly been cut back and locally green composted.

One of the aspired projects is ***"the Cathays lazy Z!!"*** which will be a planting box project (in a very awkwardly drawn Z shape) stemming over half a dozen streets as part of 'a journey through Cathays'. This will be explored more with local conversations being undertaken with residents of Cathays Terrace, Catherine Street, Wyeverne Road, Salisbury Road and adjoining streets. There are a lot of families showing interest in this ..... we can all contribute materials, compost/soil and wildflowers to make this a success across many parts of Cathays. There will not be one community garden - the whole of Cathays will become the community garden!

Several landlords have expressed an interest in improving their frontages of buildings/gardens - if a few of you start this, you may be surprised at the positive knock on effect upon your neighbours. I know a lot of you blame the landlords for letting their houses / garden go to pot - however it is 5 of our local landlord who voiced interest in seeing a clean-up/green space increase of the Cathays district - as well as approximately 30 of our families.

This page shows very basic info of project that was started in Cathays in 2002, and has quietly progressed over the last 15 years in your district; <http://www.davius.co.uk/biodiversity/nursery>



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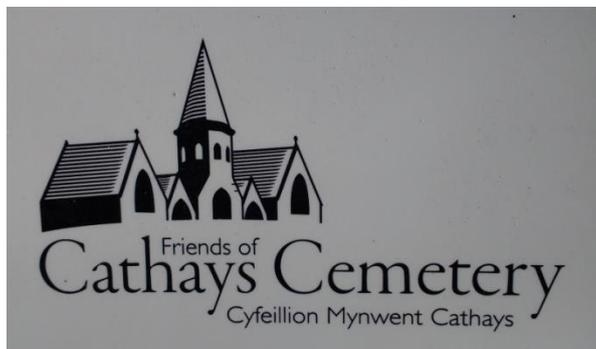
## [Friends of Cathays Cemetery - public lecture - Tues 16th May](#)

Advance Notice:

Talk on the Turner family from Friends of Cathays Cemetery.  
16th May at 7pm. John Percival Building, Cardiff University.

They built City Hall, the University, and much of the Civic Centre. They built David Morgan's, the old Post Office on Westgate Street, and many other important buildings in Cardiff. This talk on the Turner family looks at the contribution they made to the city's built heritage.

Mr. John Farnhill



## [Dar Ul-Isra: What is Ramadan? Thurs 18th May](#)

Event on 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Dal Ul-Isra Mosque on 21-23 Wyeverne Road, Cathays is putting on an event which is open to everyone in Cathays, and wider Cardiff. It will run from 7:30pm to 10pm.

Ramadan starts at the end of May and is the holiest month in the Muslim calendar. It is a month that your Muslim friends, neighbours and colleagues refrain from eating or drinking during day light hours.

But why?

Darul Isra Mosque is pleased to deliver a short talk entitled "What is Ramadan", Tanvier Ahmed from the Mosque's outreach team will talk through why Muslims fast during Ramadan. how the fasting takes place and the challenges that come with it especially as the days are so long fasts last for up to 18 hours.

Its a great opportunity to learn more about Ramadan and ask questions to give you a deeper understanding.

*As always we will close the evening with a hot buffet dinner and networking. Please wear clothing that covers arms and legs, headscarf's are optional.*

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1867255473512922/1869158459989290/?notif\\_t=admin\\_plan\\_mall\\_activity&notif\\_id=1494026735297490](https://www.facebook.com/events/1867255473512922/1869158459989290/?notif_t=admin_plan_mall_activity&notif_id=1494026735297490)





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## **Home by Kirsty: looking for a new shop space!**

I am on the hunt for a new location for my homeware & gift shop- **Home by Kirsty**. Currently the shop is in Castle Arcade, but rents are too high & footfall is not strong enough, so I need to change the traditional retail structure for me to stay in business.

Ideally I am looking for a **space that is roughly 30SqM** so nothing huge. I need to run my homewares shop from there & have a workshop element, so I can do my own work at the same time... a little coach house/ double garage could suite..... or a traditional shop front would be great.

Roath, Cathay, Canton/ Pontcanna areas would be ideal. If you know of anything that might suit I would love to hear from you.

Kirsty

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by **kirsty**

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## **Cathays Part-time drivers wanted.**

This is early days – yet do we have any interest in drivers who would be willing to make deliveries around Cardiff for local businesses based in Cathays. No promises are being made – yet at present a couple of businesses are looking at the prospect of employing local responsible drivers. I'm not giving names of businesses away at present – yet if you are interested, please email me and I'll put your name on file.

Ideally this would be a resident who we know well, is very professional and positive in their demeanour and can help deliver on-off orders from one of our local Cathays businesses for parties, events, weddings, children's parties etc. At present contracts are being looked at on something that can be mutually beneficial and can give a tiny bit of 'pocket money' to our residents for being a delivery person.

This is for local businesses – not franchises.



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## [NewLink Wales: Pantomime backstage support request](#)

Plea The cast is full and rehearsals are coming along thick and fast, and its just two months til the live shows! Oh yes it is!

We're now on the look out for some volunteers who can help out before and during the show. In return for your help, for every hour you volunteer, you will receive one hour Spice Time Credit which you can spend at fantastic places like the Wales Millennium Centre! <http://www.justaddspice.org/>

There are four performances which need cover - Thurs 15- Saturday 17 June with a full dress and tech rehearsal on Wednesday 14 June. If you're unable to cover every show, don't worry, we can work around you.

We are looking for a Stage Manager, front of house and backstage help. I'll be at all the shows too so you wouldn't be left alone. We also have an opportunity for a light and sound technician. The equipment is simple and you would be given instruction by the resident technician beforehand.

We could also do with some *help promoting the shows by distributing posters and flyers* to friendly businesses and in the community which can be done at any time that suits you. So, if you have a few hours you could spare, or, if you have a noticeboard or somewhere where we could place some flyers, that would be fantastic!

We also have some advertising space available in the show programme. If you're interested, let me know and I'll be happy to come and visit to arrange this.

For tickets to the show, follow this link to our website <https://www.newlinkwales.org.uk/Event/summer-panto-a-lad-in-a-talent-show> All of the money raised from the show is reinvested into our work, so not only will you get a fantastic night out, your money will be helping us to support people to get their lives back on track.

Feel free to pass this on to anyone who may be interested and any questions, or to sign up, drop me an email [sue.obrien@newlinkwales.org.uk](mailto:sue.obrien@newlinkwales.org.uk) or call me on 029 2052 9002

Mrs. Sue O'Brien

## [June update](#)

Please get in your notices in a week before June starts latest – not last minute/day of month. As I am trialling this .pdf and word document – it will take a lot of more time, so please get all your notices in!