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Cathays Monthly Update – June 2020

Check out the regular events on the Y/C calendar: ***www.yourcathays.org.uk***

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June comments:

Can you sit outside your houses on sunny days?

40-100 years ago, there were stories how when our Cathays boomers were kids they'd be sitting outside the fronts of their houses en mass with their parents, friends and neighbours – and it was a great way to talk to your neighbours.

A few of you have started sitting out the front during the COVID-19 lockdown (– in a safe and sensible manner!) which does make the streets look busy (and hopefully deter any potential trouble makers) and more community orientated.

Some of you have event contacted me to say it's nice seeing young families with children sitting out front - Will you consider coming outside your house during the nice weather? I think you will be very pleasantly surprised how many families live on your street! It be a good way to at least get a few of you acquainted on a basic level. Again – please practice safe distancing.

Can anyone lend Ellie a board game / puzzle book?

Lets not lie to ourselves – too many of us are going stir crazy. As a bit of help – are any of you able to lend a ***board game/puzzle book/brain teaser*** game to one of our elder residents?

They have to self isolate – they are suffering for not having anyone to talk to etc. They've requested I mention loaning out the above on her behalf.

If you wish to lend out for a few weeks/months; I can arrange to pick it up from you (just leave it outside your house at a precise time) and I'll pick it up and drop it off for Ellie.

Thank you guys!

Planning activities post lockdown for 2021 onwards!!

It is good to hear a few neighbours are planning a few collaborative regular activities/events post lockdown.

I've mentioned it in past – yet now it seems like a Knitting Group is really going to happen as a monthly (maybe more frequently depending on numbers/people's schedules!) as some of our ladies are sorting out the admin, H&S, red tape etc. of it all.

If you are interested in joining a Cathays knitting group in a few months time – please get in touch to express your interest?

Silly pyro shenanigans!!

Bit stupid for someone to set a mattress on fire on metal foot bridge joining Rhymney Street and Richmond Road !!

Could have been a serious hazzard if anyone trying to get through – please inform police of any evidence of charred remains of wood, furniture, mattresses, rubbish if you see it.

Yes – obviously call 999 for fire & police if you actually catch them in the act !!!

Next Door Website:

www.nextdoor.co.uk

A few hundred residents in Cathays are signed up to Next Door; which has been a good tool to ask for/offer help under current lockdown.

This website is free, if you put a message out – you can choose whether it can go to just Cathays residents (or/and wider immediate surrounding 8 districts around Cardiff)

If the Cathays Compass facebook page just got 1000 'likes' from local residents we'd really be able to get the information out to the majority of you as quickly as possible – AND you can put your own messages up there too!!

Cathays Compass on Social Media:

Message your posters over to Cathays Compass on Facebook!!

www.facebook.com/cathayscompass

Cathays Monthly Update:

Please encourage your neighbours to sign up: mail@yourcathays.org.uk

Woodville Baptist Church –'Celebrate your hero' Deadline 1st June 2020 !!

Yes – this is tight deadline, yet we've already put it out on 'Next Door', Facebook and other social media platforms!



Bin days – 'back to normal in June':



Your weekly collections for recycling and food waste will return to normal from Monday 1st June.

Your collection day is not changing.

This means that (see next page)

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♻ Green recycling bags and food waste will be collected from each property every week, with black bag waste and hygiene waste collected every fortnight

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☒ Green garden waste, bulky collections and the glass trial will remain suspended until further notice

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One-off green garden waste collections will continue to take place for the last weekend/s in May

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♻ We plan to re-open our Household Waste Recycling Centres at Lamby Way and Bessemer Close as soon as possible.

We have been working to update the calendar information for residents across the website, Cardiff Gov App and BOBi (our Chatbot).

Please be aware that the calendars only show the next three collections for your property.

Find out more here: www.cardiff.gov.uk/collections

Not sure what to put out? Click on & pop in your house number & postcode
https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Rubbish-and-recycling/When-are-my-bins-collected/Pages/default.aspx

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Information on Recycling Centres re-opening AND new BOOKING SYSTEM!

Recycling Centres and Bulky Waste Collections

For those that haven't yet seen, our recycling centres will be opening:

(26th May for Bessemer and 1st June for Lamby).

This will be on a bookable basis only and we will only be taking certain items.

Bulky waste collections will also resume from 1st June and can be booked in the normal way.

For more info please see attached (ENG and CYM) as separate documents included in this Cathays Monthly Update

Bank Holiday Waste Collections

There will be no change next week for the bank holiday and crews will collect as normal on Monday and throughout the week.

Other services resuming from 1st June

Most kerbside collections will resume from 1st June.

- Recycling bags collected every week
- Food waste caddies collected every week
- General waste black bin or red striped bags collected every 2 weeks

If you not sure – put your house number and postcode into this link to see what week is 'black wheelie bin / red+cream waste bag day: https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Rubbish-and-recycling/When-are-my-bins-collected/Pages/default.aspx

Garden waste, bulky item collections and separate glass collections **will remain suspended until further notice**.

Some rolls of Red/Cream Waste bags to give to (needy) neighbours!!

A certain Food tech retired teacher in Mid-Cathays has generously donated 17 bags of the Red & Cream regular non-recyclable waste.

This is for our residents ***living on Terraced street without a wheelie bin***! The rest of you can put any coloured bags in the wheelie bins!

Obviously first come first serve – however specific priority will go to the *less mobile/vulnerable/elderly/infirm residents* across the various streets in Cathays.

This comes from several households co-ordinating together – producing very little waste (with most of it going to Green Bags Recycling and Food Caddy Waste the last 24-36 months)





Still got a few pink bags to give out to whoever wishes to do a bit of 'Love where you live' – you are most welcome to the pink bags.

If you do undertake a litter pick in your street – please can you leave the pink bags next to Public Council Bins to ensure it is picked up?

Check link in : ***https://www.keepcardifftidy.com/litter-picking-during-lockdown/*** for further information.

Free Cake from Anne …….

One of our long-term residents wishes to give away homemade cakes to nearby residents.

Out of respect for our neighbours – I cannot tell you where Anne lives – however, if you wish to have a cake – respond to this email and we'll organise time/date when it will be delivered to your door!!

It will be left at your door at pre-agreed time/date. For June, this is a volunteering pilot experiment – so the criteria is:

You should be a resident living on (Mid-Cathays):

- Catherine Street
- Cathays Terrace
- Flora Street
- Hirwain Street
- Letty Street
- Merthyr Street
- Treherbert Street
- Treorky Street

Its an issue of Anne being able to hand deliver to your door in the nearby vicinity of where she lives!

ONE CAKE PER HOUSEHOLD – this is not a factory folks !!!

De-weeding the gardens & streets – with pesticide alternative & safer chemicals!!

The weeds are always an annual issue across any town, village and city. With a lot of neighbours taking the extra time to work on yard and frontages of your homes; tackling the weed issue does have some undesirable effects.



Our streets in Cathays and wider Cardiff are no exception. The council is seriously overburdened with continual cuts with austerity measures – reducing the services to all Cardiff. Yet as more of you are getting proactive and taking up efforts to 'love where you live' etc. this will also help reduce burden on Cardiff Council services.

Such measures include the Cathays neighbours setting up rat traps, helping clean up around public drains, doing litter picks and leaving pink bags by public bins – some of you have also began spraying weed killer on various streets across Cathays (as well as your gardens)! Note: the council don't get around until September-ish with street spraying.

Please consider using less toxic / more kinder weed killers for the sake of your children, pets (and neighbours). Please check out the link (image on right) to a more eco-friendly weedkiller.

Weedkiller Plus: https://www.neudorff.co.uk/stockists/online.html or https://www.greengardener.co.uk/biodegradable-weedkiller.html

For the really lazy amongst us – there is a rechargeable electronic weed sprayer (to save you pumping it every few seconds to create desired spray effect to spray more directly/precisely).

Plastic Sprayer: https://www.greengardener.co.uk/rechargeable-5-litre-sprayer.html

15 Homemade Weed Killers link: https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/gardening/advice/g777/homemade-weed-killers/

Petition to ban Glyphosphate:

Lastly – a petition is going around to encourage the council to ban the use of Glyphosphate, please do your own background reading/research on whether we should use Glyphosphates or not then choose whether you wish to sign the petition or not: https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/ban-dangerous-pesticides-in-cardiff-council-borough?bucket&fbclid=IwAR1y2TQMr-5otr2L0SwhrpdVh3hjqsScX9L8s33QXGqgFN-u9k2sYAOenxM

FAN: Friends and Neighbours (Virtual – exciting new direction for FAN groups)

Website: ***http://www.thefancharity.org/fan-groups/virtual-fan-meetings/***

We now have 19 weekly virtual group meetings taking place, which anyone is welcome to join! You do not have to stick to groups from your own area if a different group meets at a more convenient time.



They provide an opportunity to make new friends and chat to friendly people about one another's lives and share thoughts on the weekly topic of conversation and are great for people who are finding isolating very lonely.

For this we use Group messaging, video conference or Group Chat applications. There are different systems offering this service for free - so far we have used Facebook Messenger for Android and Zoom Video Communications. Most meetings last for around 45 minutes.

We are aware that virtual meetings are not accessible to everyone and are exploring options to connect with people that aren't able to use those mediums – and of course when the crisis is over, we will restart actual FAN Group meetings as soon as possible!

The facilitators for each meeting can help you to navigate the technology. Their contact details are listed on our website along with details of each meeting. Link at top of page!

Cardiff wide COVID-19 Support groups!

Website: https://www.yourcathays.org.uk/cardiff-covid-19-community-help-groups/

These links have been created by dozens of volunteers all across Cardiff. Please can you pass them onto anyone in other districts who you think it may benefit.

Butetown & Bay: https://www.facebook.com/groups/635718133658805

Canton: https://www.facebook.com/groups/2532290837040130

Cyncoed: https://www.facebook.com/groups/685229805549686

Ely & Caerau: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036654390037535

Fairwater & Pentrebane: https://www.facebook.com/groups/658316808263698

Grangetown & Leckwith: https://www.facebook.com/groups/139094437480529

Llandaff: https://www.facebook.com/groups/235091941000376

Llandaff North: https://www.facebook.com/groups/222498768818953

Llanishen: https://www.facebook.com/groups/735447276990164

Leckwith Village & Michaelston-le-Pit, Vale of Glamorgan: https://www.facebook.com/groups/215345256335638

Penarth: https://www.facebook.com/groups/207933657118081

Penylan: https://www.facebook.com/groups/207574297320020

Pontprennau: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1345507372504518

Roath/Cathays/Gabalfa/Heath: https://www.facebook.com/groups/251990475816496

Riverside: https://www.facebook.com/groups/516781909027928

Rumney: https://www.facebook.com/groups/550591232330149

Splott & Adamsdown: https://www.facebook.com/groups/633534294092813

Tremorfa & Pengam Green: https://www.facebook.com/groups/TremorfaPengamGreen/

Whitchurch: https://www.facebook.com/groups/758745347983440

Local family selling Ford MPV Galaxy …..

One of our families are selling their vehicle ….. anyone need a people mover?

Details:

Make: Ford Galaxy (2005 model)

Asking price - **£1,799-00p**

Please call: ***07397 793 760***



Woodville Baptist – online meetings AND support for the DEAF residents.

Woodville Baptist Church goes online!

Due to the current lockdown, Woodville Baptist church in Cathays (affectionately known as 'Woody') is currently broadcasting online.

Our weekly services are about 20 minutes long, consisting of a short message and one or two songs - all subtitled with in-picture signers to help the deaf and hard of hearing access them. All are welcome to join us as we meet online.

You can watch via our **Woody Facebook page here:** www.facebook.com/woodybapcardiff

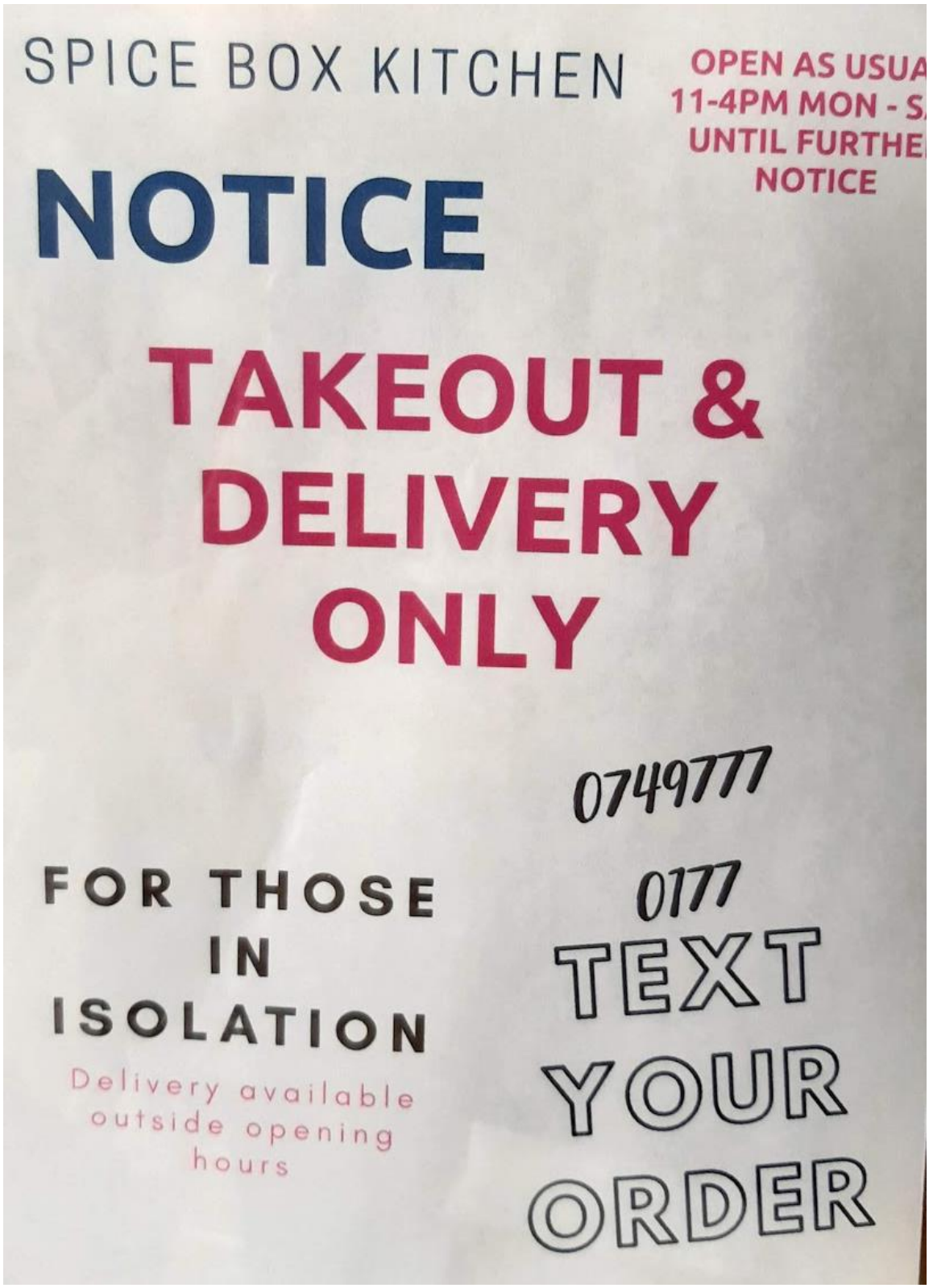
or our You Tube channel here: www.youtube.com/woodybapcardiff
(alternatively just search 'woodybapcardiff')

They premiere on both social media channels at 10.30 Sunday mornings, the same time as our 'normal' services used to start, but of course they are available at any time to view after that.

We look forward to meeting with you 'virtually' online!

Spice Box (Woodville Road) take out & delivery – check it out!!!

Facebook event: ***https://www.facebook.com/spiceboxkitchen/***



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Many things are going online for next few months

Many people think things are easing off – yet if the Government is looking to August / September before UK nips this virus in the proverbial bud – we are STILL on lock down now !!

Please get your community / business / faith online event posters in?

They will be added to the usual social media as well as this update !!!

Regards,

Paulus

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