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Cathays Monthly Update – December 2020

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The Big Welsh Virtual Christmas Market

One of our local legends; Gloria has asked me to mention the 'Big Welsh Virtual Christmas Market' - please have a look on ***https://www.facebook.com/groups/thebigwelshvirtualchristmasmarket/***

No Christmas Tree this year …….

Having consulted with dozen people who organised the last three year's Christmas Tree, lights, carols etc – giving the unpredictable scope of everything we are experiencing in 2020; we had to make a decision between us all in September/October regarding installing a year for the 4th year running.

It was decided that we would not put a tree up for this Christmas (which will annoy quite a few residents) due to constraints of time, raising the funds, people to keep an eye on it etc.

The representatives from the local businesses, faith groups, schools, residents etc did mention we should have contributed to those local people in real desperation at this point in time.

CAN YOU HELP? Are there any residents you know of who are in real desperation at present? You can tell us in confidence, and we'll pass information onto relevant faith groups/food donating bodies.

Hopefully if things go 'back to normal' then we hope to get another Christmas tree put up for December 2021. Fingers crossed.

Gearing up for 2021 …. "The Cathays comeback!"

Please can you tell us your ideas, potential family projects for community ventures in the new year? With Cathays Compass gaining 12 months of Co-Op causes – various community projects are being explored. Please do get in touch with your ideas that may benefit the local community of Cathays.

Your 'Freedom of Information' Acts in Cardiff?

If you contact the council on ***foi@cardiff.ac.uk*** – you can ask for specific information on things that may impact on your life.

- How many parking fines went out on your street?
- How many bins fines actually paid of the fines that went out?
- How many businesses set up/shut down in recent years?

Its your right to know – so please do enquire to the council on issues that concern you – AND GET THE FACTS !!! Many of you wish to know what factual account exists across Cathays and wider Cardiff – why don't you ask the council for factual accounts of specific things?

The recent 'Noise complaints/noise fines' I have included in this update, towards the end of this document.

…Am happy to add your response letter to this update if you wish it….

Love_Cathays Magazine!

The submissions by various residents for the upcoming Love Cathays Magazine have been incredible and will make for amazing reading when you all receive the launch magazine in 2021. If you wish to write something (A5 size) about your experiences of Cathays – please do get in touch ***love_cathays@yahoo.com*** – 8 residents entries per magazine; we'll have stories for years to come to share with you all!

Eva – Love_Cathays Magazine

Dec: Foodbank across Cathays

Deposit in Foodbank Boxes at Sainsbury's, Lidl, Co-Operative etc. – Cardiff Foodbank are short of:

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
CUSTARD (TINNED)
RICE PUDDING (TINNED)
SWEET TREATS (CHOCOLATE/SWEETS)
TOILETRIES: SHAMPOO / SHOWER GEL / DEODORANTS / SOAP

Please can you donate any of the above? Every single donation helps a great deal in these difficult times!

For September there is excess of:

BAKED BEANS
UHT (LONG LIFE) MILK
PASTA
TEA
SOUP
TINNED SWEETCORN
PORRIDGE
NO MINCE PIES!!!

Thank you to all who contribute!

Gauri - Foodbank

Next Door Website:

www.nextdoor.co.uk

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

Daisy's Christmas Pendants !!



Hello guys! ♡

With Christmas coming up I'm doing these adorable little wood slices that can hang on your Christmas tree as well as be hung on your wall all year around.

They are 7x7cm and each come personally hand painted with your own pets portrait and their name on the back, they come with a hole in the top and string.

I do any animal but only one animal per wood slice. These are available before Christmas for £25! My art account is ***https://www.facebook.com/doodlesbydaisyh/*** if you want to look at any more of my work. Message me to order one!

Support local businesses this Christmas 🐾🎄

Daisy – local artist

Register your support for the community Awards for local groups in Cathays for 2021 !!

Link: **https://causes.coop.co.uk/**

Wish to get a Co-Op card – look on weblink above for 'Become a Co-Op member'

The Community fund for November 2020 – October 2021 has been chosen.



Next time you shop at Co-Op please use the Co-Op Members 'Divi' Dividend card to help fund local projects. Last year the likes of '1st Cathays Scouts' were the recipients of the funds, which we hope has funded their scouting projects.

Thanks to Lindsay (manager at Co-Op Crwys) pushing all of the groups to apply across Cathays in recent years (really glad 1st Cathays Scouts go in on project in 2019/2020!!) and we actively encourage other groups to apply in mid-2021 for the next years 2022's potential gains.

For now though – every time you shop at Co-Op you can choose to donate to:

1) Gladstone Primary School

2) Cradle Group

3) Cathays Compass

This will help invigorate a lot of local projects – so the likes of our young primary school pupils at Gladstone Primary School will benefit from the Co-Op Community fund.

You can use the Co-Op App to choose which local group will benefit from your 'Divi' card each time you spend at any of the Co-Op Food establishments.

For Cathays Compass – what funds are raised will go towards multiple community projects across Cathays in 2021/2022.

CATHAYS & CENTRAL YOUTH AND COMMUNITY PROJECT www.cathays.org.uk | www.ConnectCathays.org.uk | www.davius.co.uk | Cathays Compass www.CathaysCompass.org | Your Cathays Community Newsletter www.YourCathays.org.uk | Cathays Partneriaethau a Chymunedau Ynghyd PACT Partnerships and Communities Together search: Cathays PACT

The Co-Op Local Community Fund explained:

Link: ***www.coop.co.uk/causes*** Now

Here's a few ideas to help your cause make the most of the fund

Connect with your local Co-op

- The more members who select you, the more funds you'll raise. Encourage your supporters to become Co-op Members so they can select you as their cause. They can join online at coop.co.uk/membership
- We have Co-op Member Pioneers in every community. Work with them throughout the year to raise your cause's profile. Find your local Member Pioneer at coop.co.uk/member-pioneers.
- Promote your cause by using our community notice boards in store. Just speak to your local food store manager about using our free advertising space.





Promote your cause

- Every cause has a dedicated page about their project on our membership website. Share the link to your cause profile page on social media so members can easily find you and choose you as their cause.
- Promote your involvement in the fund by posting on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.
- Use **#ItsWhatWeDo** on social media posts to ensure your messages reach like-minded people.
- Join the Co-op Communities Facebook group to discuss how to get the best out of the fund.

Spread the news

- The Local Community Fund promotional guide contains a range of Co-op branded artwork you can use on your website and social media channels.
- You can even spread the news further by writing a letter to your local press, letting them know about your project and how Co-op members can help you make a difference.

Keep in touch

- Look out for our monthly emails during the funding period which offer guidance and support.
- If for any reason your circumstances change, i.e. one of your key contacts leaves or you can't deliver the project anymore, it's important you let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Email us at communityteam@coop.co.uk

Key dates to remember:

2020

- Mid-year payment - **April 2021**
- Final payment - **November 2021**
- Funding phase ends - **23 October 2021**



Membership that makes a difference

Cardiff Sewing volunteers – NEED your donated materials in Cathays!!

Link: ***https://www.facebook.com/groups/252033952685901/***



The local sewing volunteers are making more masks in lieu of supporting NHS and other local groups!!

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE ANY MATERIALS FOR THIS IN CATHAYS?

The sewing volunteers have explained that best material is:

- Dark Plain Poly Cotton
- Cotton sheeting
- Duvet covers
- If it's a Christmas theme textile - then great !!

All materials must be in good condition - and NON-transparent!!

I am happy to pop down to yours (I will wear a face mask) to pick anything up you wish to shed - I will drop it off to the relevant people's who are doing all the sewing.

Am happy to organise pick up of material after 9th November - if you still wish to contribute any materials!

Cathays Library 'Click and Collect' services:

Cathays Library is still running the 'Click and Collect' service.



Al-Manar Centre Community Support & Foodbank:

Link: ***https://www.almanar.org.uk/***



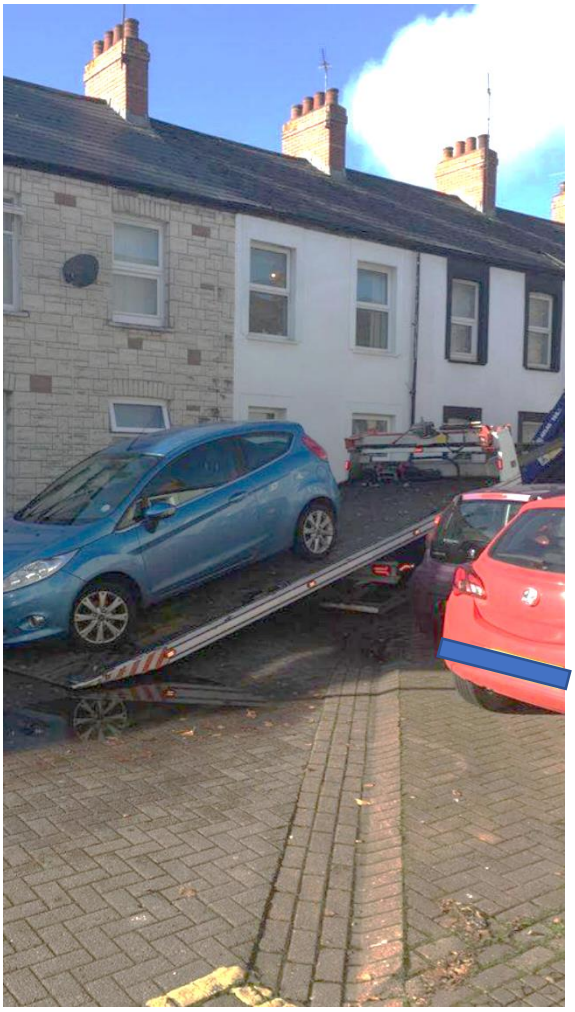
Please keep reporting on the dangerous parking levels!!

For the naysayers always bleating *"nothing gets done!"* your neighbours have been keeping up big efforts with the reporting as parking is at dangerous levels across many parts of Cathays.

If you unsure when to call either Traffic Enforcement or the Police then on the newsletter website there is some information for you; ***https://www.yourcathays.org.uk/parking-in-cathays-parking/*** which you'll find at bottom of the page.

These pictures are from Joseph, Miguel & Diane – more evidence of you all collecting data and reporting the problems. The first image is obviously of car being towed after blocking access. If it's not the fire engine having a nightmare trying to get down Rhymney Street, it's the Bin Truck's not being able to get down there at times so they have to reverse all the way back up – incredibly wasteful of the council staff's time, energy and resources!!

The other two images I fear the most as 'corner parking' blocks pedestrians and drivers line of sight which makes this incredibly dangerous. As for the grass parking – let us hope this does not catch on!! ***PLEASE REPORT EVERYTHING !!! The council need the data!!!***







Just Giving – Help a local resident out please!

We're raising £5,000 to help disadvantaged children and to support our daughter, as her father battles terminal cancer

Link: ***https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mark-alexander-8***



I am fundraising money on behalf of Mark Alexander.

He wishes to raise money to help disadvantaged young people and in financial support of our daughter.

After almost 6 months of knowing that something was not right with his health but receiving several incorrect diagnoses from doctors, he went for a colonoscopy and was diagnosed with bowel cancer a fortnight after his 38th birthday in February 2020. After weeks of scans, he was graded as stage 4 at the beginning of the lockdown as the cancer had metastasised to his lymph nodes and spread throughout his liver. He was told the tumours in both the bowel and the liver were inoperable and incurable and given just months to live. He will be leaving behind his darling daughter, who has just turned 8 years old, and is regretful that he will not be able to support her throughout her lifetime or watch grow up. He started having chemotherapy and immunotherapy to buy himself more time with his daughter and to help her make wonderful memories.

He is an Artist, having always been creative with passions in Illustration, Graffiti Art and making music. He hasn't had enough time to reach his goals with his creativity, suffering a lifelong battle with depression and anxiety which has made life challenging.

It is his goal to set up a charitable organisation for children and young people facing challenging situations in their lives or with their mental health to be creative, to be themselves or to just be free. As it looks like he will be unable to achieve this within his lifetime, he is setting the wheels in motion for this ambition to be carried out by his friends and family posthumously in his memory.

He also wants to help his young daughter to cope with and grieve his passing, to pay for any additional support and activities she needs to deal with her emotions and to have fun and to create new happy memories. This way, his memory will live on forever 🤍

Natasha Alexander

Council Survey 2020: Please have a go?

£50 prize draw – shopping vouchers to use on High Street

Link: ***https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159957176618***

"Ask Cardiff is an annual survey undertaken by Cardiff Council. The survey gives people living and working in Cardiff and those visiting the city the chance to share their experiences of public services: the good experiences and where things could be improved.

This year's survey also includes ***questions on how you think Cardiff should recover from the impact of COVID-19*** *- we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to reshape the future we, as residents, want for the city following the disruption caused by the pandemic.*

Tour experiences and ideas for your neighbourhood, as well as Cardiff as a whole, are really important to help us plan the future of our city. We want to hear from as many people as possible, ***please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to complete the survey*** *- all ages, all backgrounds and from all areas of the city."*

This will take approximately 20 minutes – last year the counil had 4,000 responses – please have a go; as your opinions's count a lot in gathering information on how to help rebuild Cardiff post-COVID-19 experience.

Dar Ul Isra & Fareshare Cymru: Fresh Food Collection

Website: ***https://www.darulisra.org.uk/***

Facebook: ***https://www.facebook.com/DarUlIsra/***

Dar Ul Isra have partnered up with FareShare Cymru and beginning Sat 31st Oct from 12.30pm to 3.30pm we will be open to anyone who would benefit from some free fresh food.

This will happen ***every Saturday*** going forward.



FoI [Freedom of Information] request on *Cathays Noise Complaints* 2016 to 2020:

I enquired into how many noise complaints / noise fines went out in 2016-2020; here is what 'FoI Council staff' kindly passed onto me: Please zoom in to see the details more clearly (had to rearrange the MS Excel sheet they sent me so that it would fit into this Cathays Monthly Update)

n.b Due to a change in our Management Information System in February 2017, there is a variation in the codes used for the academic year September 2016 to August 2017 as the information has been retrieved from two separate systems

PART ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2016 TO JANUARY 2017	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Grand Total
Amplified Music	18	29	14	20	13	92
Barking Dog	1	2				3
Construction Site	1		1			2
DIY			1			1
General Disturbance	4	4	4	1	6	19
Machinary/Plant Noise	1					1
Property Alarm	2	3	4	1	2	12
Grand Total	25	38	24	22	21	130

Fines Issues in the cathays Area	
Sept 2016 – August 2017	1 prosecution case in Cathays Fine £2200
Sept 2017 – August 2018	No prosecution cases in Cathays
Sept 2018 – August 2019	1 prosecution case in Cathays Fine £2000
Sept 2019 – August 2020	No prosecution cases in Cathays

PART ACADEMIC YEAR FEBRUARY 2017 TO AUGUST 2017	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Grand Total
Noise Alarm (intruder)				1	1	2	4	8
Noise-barking Dog	1							1
Noise-diy			1	1				2
Noise-music	19	7	10	13	3	1	1	54
Noise-party	4	5		1	4			14
Noise-people	1	1	3	5	1	2		13
Noise-plant/machinery (mobile) E.g. Construction Site		1	1		2	2	1	7
Noise-public Address Systems							1	1
Noise-tv/radio	1							1
Noise-unidentified/other	1	2		1				4
Noise-vehicles					1		1	2
Grand Total	27	16	15	22	12	7	8	107

FULL ACADEMIC YEARS SEPTEMBER 2017 TO AUGUST 2020	SEPTEMBER 2017 TO AUGUST 2018												2017/18 Total	SEPTEMBER 2018 TO AUGUST 2019											2018/19 Total
TYPE OF NOISE COMPLAINT	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	
Noise Alarm (car)				1									1		1				3	1						5
Noise Alarm (intruder)			1		1		1	1		2	2	11	19	2	2	2		1		2	2	2	1	1	2	17
Noise-barking Dog				1	1						1		3					4		1		1		1		7
Noise-diy					1	1				1			3		2	1	1		1		1		1			7
Noise-fireworks													0													0
Noise-low Frequency													0									1				1
Noise-machinery (fixed) E.g. Fans, Boiler					1	1		2		1			5													0
Noise-music	14	15	9	5	14	16	9	17	9	15	8	9	140	23	33	18	18	12	16	16	12	7	25	10	8	198
Noise-other Animals And Birds										1			1													0
Noise-party	4	5	7			6	3	6	3	9		4	47	4	10	18	3	4	6	6	4	4	5	2	1	67
Noise-people	3	5	1	3	6	4	3	7	3	3	4	1	43	2	6	3	1	1	4	3	1	3	2	2		28
Noise-plant/machinery (mobile) E.g. Construction Site						1	1		2	3	8		15	2	2			1			1	1	1		2	10
Noise-public Address Systems													0												1	1
Noise-tv/radio			1		1								2							1						1
Noise-unidentified/other	1								1			1	3	1			1				1	2	1			6
Noise-vehicle Repairs													0													0
Noise-vehicles								1					1		2								1	1		4
Grand Total	22	25	19	10	25	29	17	34	18	35	23	26	283	34	58	42	24	23	30	30	22	21	37	17	14	352

FULL ACADEMIC YEARS SEPTEMBER 2017 TO AUGUST 2020	SEPTEMBER 2019 TO AUGUST 2020												2019/20 Total	Grand Total
TYPE OF NOISE COMPLAINT	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug		
Noise Alarm (car)				2								2	4	10
Noise Alarm (intruder)	2		1	5			1	2	1	1	3	1	17	53
Noise-barking Dog								1		1			2	12
Noise-diy		1		1					1		1		4	14
Noise-fireworks			1								1		2	2
Noise-low Frequency				1									1	2
Noise-machinery (fixed) E.g. Fans, Boiler													0	5
Noise-music	24	30	23	5	11	22	16	10	11	29	20	19	220	558
Noise-other Animals And Birds													0	1
Noise-party	21	12	12	7	1	6	7	1	6	16	9	19	117	231
Noise-people	9	7	3	3	3	3	4	1	1	9	8	5	56	127
Noise-plant/machinery (mobile) E.g. Construction Site				1		1		3	4	1			10	35
Noise-public Address Systems													0	1
Noise-tv/radio		1			1								2	5
Noise-unidentified/other				1			1			1		1	4	13
Noise-vehicle Repairs		1											1	1
Noise-vehicles	1	1							1				3	8
Grand Total	57	53	40	26	16	32	29	18	25	58	42	47	443	1078



January 2021 – Cathays Monthly Update – please get your posters/invites in!

Autumn becomes winter, what can you do in Cathays to help the cohesion of your community?

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 !!

What can we do for winter to help the vulnerable?

Do you wish to support the local Church, Mosque, or volunteer body to help those in difficult times?

Please submit you posters in for January offers!!

Keep an eye out for the links for the Christmas Carols ZOOM sessions which we hope 100's of you can join in with!!

Have a peaceful Christmas all of you !!

Missed a lot of people this year – so looking forward to seeing you all in 2021 !!!

Regards,

Paulus