

Cathays Monthly Update – April 2021

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April comments:

Librarian on NHS sabbatical:

Many of you will know Katherine from Cathays Library from her tireless efforts and renowned administration skills supporting your community.

Katherine will be doing on sabbatical with the NHS for 12 months, and we wish her well on this challenging task. Be safe!!

Happy Easter everyone !!

Every house that I have door knocked in Cathays in the last 10 years has opened up 1000's of ongoing conversations – which has developed into a lot of the local residents in Cathays objectively looking around their space and wishing to partake, support or initiate their own projects on their respective streets/area.

Can you be a Cathays street representative?

Over the last 24 months I have had conversations with approximately 25 residents (all different streets) who have expressed being a 'street champion/street representative/street leader'.

Basically – you can be the 'go to person'

- The 'go to person on your street'
- Help identify vulnerable people – or raise awareness of people who need
- Store excess cream/red bin bags for if there is shortage on your street.
- Be the 'go to person' who keeps an eye on specific things on your street which we can feed back at PACT meetings
- Give out information sheets to the residents AND students on regular events.
- We could achieve lot and have

Are you registered to vote:

Two elections coming up May 2021 and May 2022 – PLEASE make sure you are registered to vote. 3000 residents in Cathays -

Linking up every

OFFER/NEED help off your neighbours in Cathays?

If you need help, or wish to OFFER help in locale – please use the social media with pages such as:

FB Cathays Residents: **https://www.facebook.com/groups/CathaysResidents**

FB Connect Cathays: ***https://www.facebook.com/groups/ConnectCathays***

Next Door Cathays – **www.nextdoor.co.uk**

We are not out of the woods yet – please put a shout out if you need or can offer help! If you want to put an email

GLL Better Survey:

Can those of you who use the Swimming Pool [or have long been thinking about using it] fill out this survey to help us provide better services for the Cathays Community.

Link: ***https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/1UDA-LQP/waterwellbeing?***

Thank you.

Anthony – GLL (Maindy Pool)

Another drug house smashed!

Well done to everyone who reported – yet another drug house has fallen!

Address: 49 Cranbrook Street

If you unsure of what signs are a drug house – use the following newsletter link: ***https://www.yourcathays.org.uk/cathays-police-cathays-pcso/#drug-house***

Thank you to everyone who reported! Please do keep it up Cathays!!

Cathays Police

March: Foodbank across Cathays

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

- **JARS OF COFFEE**
- **1 LITRE BOTTLES OF SQUASH**
- **FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)**
- **SHOWER GEL**
- **SHAMPOO**
- **DEODORANT**
- **DISINFECTANT SPRAY**
- **DISINFECTANT WIPES**
- **BAGS FOR LIFE IN GOOD CONDITION**
- **SPONGE PUDDINGS**

If you can buy & donate we'd be very grateful – please check out the Cardiff Foodbank link:

https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

Thank you to all who contribute!

Gauri – Cardiff Foodbank

Get registered to vote!

https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

The May election is looming – are you sure you are registered to vote?

RIP – Mark Alexander:

After a long battle with Cancer – Mark sadly died in early-March 2021. He is survived by his lovely daughter. The Alexander family, friends and extended family, his art network and the Cathays community will miss this really kind and gentlemanly much respected character.



Born as an early millennial in 1982, Mark was born to a very decent family in Cathays where he attended school with many of you.

Mark attended Swansea Metropolitan and gained a 1st in his Art Degree and brought a great deal of passion to his community engagement with his artwork in the following two decades.

As a 3rd (possibly 4th) generation Cathays boy, his family line have tremendous links in and across Cathays. Mark's reputation as a reliable and down to earth artist created a strong portfolio and more importantly strong friendships everywhere he has brought his artwork across wider South Wales.

It was horrible news for many friends and family to learn that Mark was struck by cancer and his brave battle for many months against the cancer which tragically he lost on 2nd March shortly after his 39th Birthday.

Mark's wishes were that his artwork be auctioned off to benefit local charities – an example of his typical tremendous generosity of character and that he wanted other good causes to benefit even in the face of his adversity.

You will be missed sir – take your rightful place in Heaven Mark and start painting those skies with your amazing skills.

Image courtesy of FB Mark's friends.

Mark's funeral was on Wednesday, 31st March 2021

RIP – Kevin Treweek:

Just a head's up. We lost one of our Florentia Street long term residents Kevin Treweek; who died from cancer earlier hours of the morning on Friday, 12th March 2021.

Ironically Kevin was taken to Heath Hospital with a 50/50 chance of survival if he had the cancer operation. Sadly when Kevin was up at the Heath he then contracted COVID-19 (which is rife up there), which by miracle of God he survived and recovered from the infamous pandemic virus. He was then moved to a different hospital – yet sadly died a few weeks later on on 12th March. Some of us were hopeful that after he survived the virus that god would smile and Kevin would survive the cancer operation – yet sadly this was not meant to be.

Kevin was renowned for always horsing around at the Cons Club, being one of Cardiff Bus long term staff before he retired and part of the 'Quintet Curry Night' lot in recent years.

He loved his music and was a regular of gig's of bands that stemmed the 1960's to 2000's and would regularly regale the residents with his experiences of these amazing live gig's!

He'll be sadly missed by friends and family alike. I am grateful to have known you! Pour yourself a pint in Heaven!! You can see Kevin (eyes closed) on the left of the image below.

Curry night won't be the same without you man! What a lively character!



Image courtesy of FB group 'Rhymney Street Reunion' - ***https://www.facebook.com/RhymneyStreetReunion/***

Kevin's funeral was on Tuesday, 30th March 2021

My Halal – NEW independent business on Crwys Road.

Link: ***www.my-halal.co.uk***

One of 3 new businesses that have bravely opened up during the lockdown. My Halal is run by Ali and his family – you can order via their website of pop into their shop at the top end of Crwys Road opposite Svago Restaurant.

Please support the local independent businesses!!



Fresh fruit and vegetables for everyone in Cathays! Please pop in and say hello and check out our healthy foods!!

Ali – My Halal

Social Eats: NEW independent business on Salisbury Road.

Link: ***https://www.facebook.com/Socialeatscardiff***

Come and try out the delicious new coffees and treats at Social Eats!

Bottom of Salisbury Road opposite the Green Island!!





Come and try our delicious 'social eats' !!

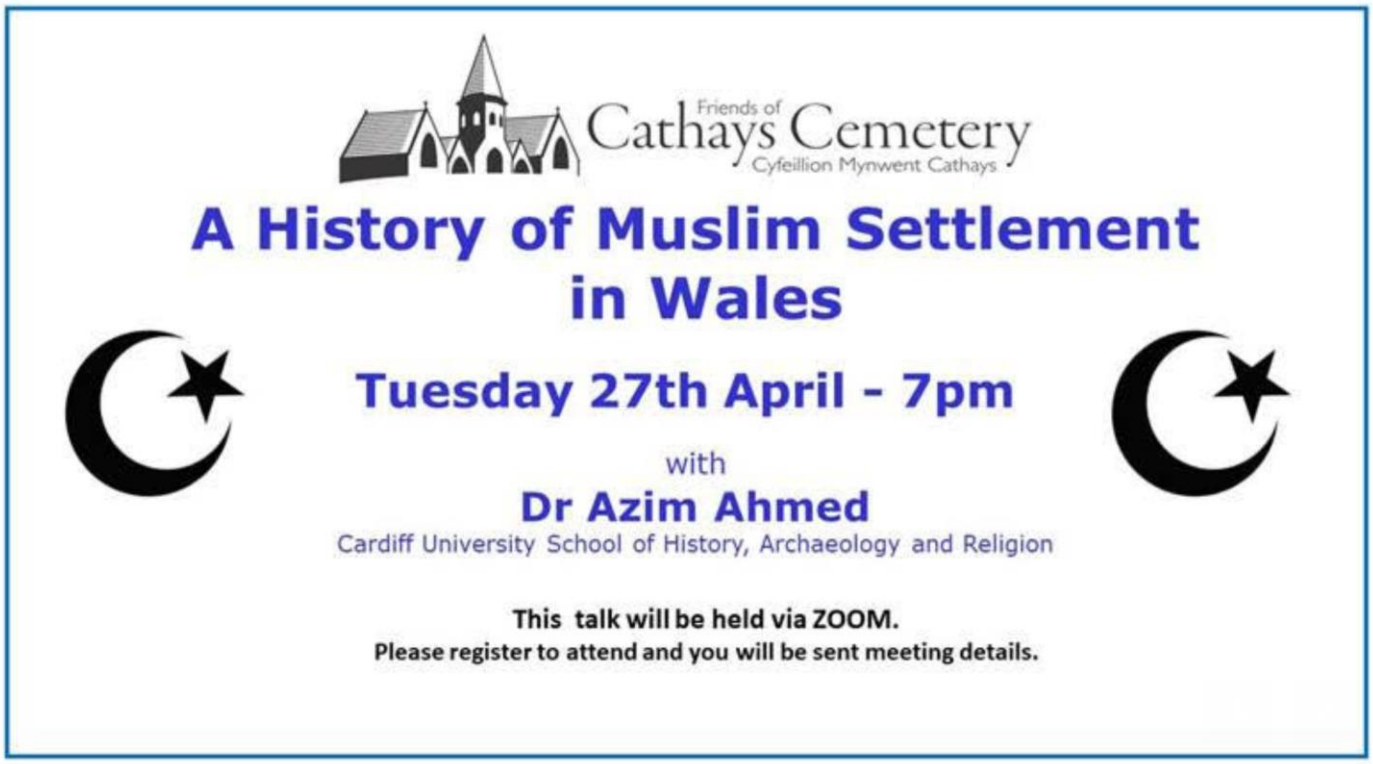
Laura – Coffee Social

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Friends of Cathays Cemetery – Zoom Lecture - Tuesday 27th April :

Link: ***https://cardiff.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuf-Chrj0rGdWX0LC-s-dvSTrT1z8Tvxdm***

Please click on link above to register your interested to join this informative talk.



We look forward to you joining us!

John – Friends of Cathays Cemtery

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The slow unlocking of the lockdown may be happening …….

What can you do in Cathays to help the cohesion of your community?

Spring is around the corner – what can we safely

‘Bring in the Spring of 2021’

Be safe Cathays !!

Happy Easter Everyone !!!

Regards,

Paulus