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Cathays Monthly Update – October 2021

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October 2021 comments:

Please help out with setting up Kids Halloween Party?

Link: ***https://www.facebook.com/events/353449343140881/***

If you are interested in helping with setting up the Children's Halloween Party at the end of the month – then please contact Kyle on ***vulcanloungecardiff@gmail.com***, and express your interest.

…. Or just pass the link onto other families in Cathays – and enjoy the Children's/Family Halloween Party on ***Sunday 31st October*** from 12 noon to 3pm! *Free entry !!*

Another Grow House caught in Cathays !!

The local news has praised the police for hitting multiple grow houses across Cardiff (all somehow tied in to each other) and one was on Dogfield Street – can anyone tell us what house number it was? The data is collected about as many drug houses as possible for the community to learn if any links exists between owners and regularity of set up etc.

Kinder approach yields more results!!

Massive love to those who have welcomed our students back, given them a few spare bin bags, told them to Google ***'Cardiff Council Bin Days'*** (or just watch the families leading by example) and said they'd take the youngsters post/parcels in if they absent from their HMO's, in lectures.

The students return ….. let us help them integrate!

The enrolment/freshers week will run approximately late-September to mid-October. Part of this outreach work will be PC Mike Neate going out with resident & student volunteers giving out the safety information for our 18-22 year old's.

The potential for noise is there – so please do use links for Noise Complaints are on ***https://www.yourcathays.org.uk/noise-in-cathays/*** the content will help you decide what route to pursue.

Just for the record: last year when noise really kicked off – a lot of students were standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the local families banging on the doors of the 5% to 10% noisy houses (which sadly disaffected the majority of our streets across Cathays) demanding that the loud houses shut up!!!

Having spoken to a lot of students in recent months, they've explained the setbacks they suffered over 2020/21; the deterioration of the social cohesion of their student houses/HMO's. Some of them went through hell …..

It was surprising to learn, that a lot of them just kept themselves in their bedrooms and isolated from their housemates – come July 2021 a lot of houses dis-connected and they looked for new house mates in a new HMO/Home for this September. The 1,600 families suffered in 2020/2021 ……. Yet so did 90% of the students – all due to a small percentage who ruined it for the rest of us!

October Foodbank across Cathays

Deposit in Foodbank Boxes at Sainsbury's, Lidl, Co-Operative etc. – Cardiff Foodbank are short of many things: ***please donate!!***

MILK (UHT LONG LIFE 1 LITRE)
FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE) 1 LITRE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
JARS OF COFFEE (110G-250G)
CONFECTIONERY (CHOCOLATE/SWEETS)
SAVOURY SNACKS (CRISPS, CRACKERS ETC)
RICE PUDDING
SHAMPOO
DEODORANT
KETCHUP
TOOTHPASTE

Please be aware this could change very quickly in February – so please check out the Cardiff Foodbank link: ***https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/***

Every single donation in 2021 will help a great deal in these difficult times! Thank you to all who contribute!

Gauri – Cardiff Foodbank

Parking angst!! How to decrease it?

In recent weeks – traffic enforcement have gone up many streets and ticketed a lot of cars of the families, professionals, students etc. Even people with appropriate parking permits who were forced to park on single/double yellows that sadly caused more animosity amongst the many streets in the locale.

On one street – a quiet social experiment has been undertaken where every household has been spoken to, with good ideas, and a willingness to try and work together coming from many of our families / residents / professionals / postgrads / students.

One of the ideas was to paint lines on the kerbs to encourage more efficient use of parking cars, without leaving huge 2 metre gaps, which on most streets when it happens multiple times – means that 3-4 car parking spaces are lost; which is frustrating for everyone.

Of course no-one will paint lines, yet if everyone just made the effort to efficiently park together, we would have a better chance of parking more cars into our limited spaces……. PLEASE do talk to your neighbours about responsible parking?

A48 Theatre Company working to create video on Cathays Cemetery:

Links: ***https://a48theatrecompany.com/***



The A48 Theatre Company is working closely with Friends of Cathays Cemetery to produce films which go up on the latter's website.

We support and have worked closely with the Friends for a number of years and our films appear on their website. We rely heavily on them for our research.

Now the A48 Theatre Company are currently putting together a bid to the 15-Minute Heritage Lottery Grant for some capital equipment which would enable us to give talks and show some films we have made about people buried in Cathays Cemetery (please see attached). This link will take you to one film as an example but we now have a collection of some 30 or so:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEluImraJrg&list=PL3-XMkbse9Y2kaRy1P-Keqljf34O348hV&index=2&t=2s



In order to meet the requirements of this latest funding stream we need to prove that we are reaching out to people and communities not hitherto connected with the cemetery in any way but nevertheless on the doorstep - new audiences, in other words.

We are hoping to engage the interest of people in the community not only in the cemetery itself but in joining with our company in researching, writing, performing and filming the stories of those buried on our doorstep.

Are you interested in partaking?

Please do get in touch with us: ***info@a48theatrecompany.com*** or call us on 07383 985 807

Deadline is 4th October for the Lottery Application

Kathy – A48 Theatre Company

Lark Design Make – challenging decreased parking for business customers!!!

The local businesses have expressed many concerns about customer parking in lieu of the Crwys Road redressing of the street. Gemma from Lark Design Make sent this message to the Council expressing her concerns regarding business customers lack of parking!

"To whom it may concern,

I run a small craft workshop business on Dogfield Street in Cathays. Since moving to the area in April the accessibility for my customers has been perfect but in the last 2 weeks it has been absolute chaos, to the extent that many of my customers are reluctant to return to attend workshops as they have spent up to 30 mins searching for parking spaces, which is heartbreaking for me.

Firstly, I am looking for information on the reason for the extent of the length of the double lines on each of the corners? *They appeared a couple of weeks ago and are considerably longer than any I have seen in Roath etc, they have taken 8 parking spaces away from each block, in a grid system like Cathays I imagine the total of spaces lost will be around 100 spaces within a mile of the studio.*

I am also struggling to understand the vigour of the parking attendants in the area? *The students returned in the last 7 days for freshers week to receive a letter saying a new parking system had been implemented and the neighbours I have spoken to have found it difficult to apply as they don't have access to the council tax number for their property. The letter said the permit spaces would commence on Saturday 25th and on that day parking wardens were out in force giving out fines and are out again today so all the permit spaces are empty as hardly anyone has received their permit and therefore getting a non permit space is totally impossible.*

I don't condone unnecessary use of cars but a ***lot of my customers do journeys that would be impossible by public transport,*** *my customers are* ***almost all females and our workshops mostly end at 9pm and they don't feel confident to walk 15 mins or so to their car alone in the dark.***

From my understanding I am not entitled to a permit or visitor permit as my property is a commercial let?

I have included the local councillor and local newsletter writer as I'd be keen to hear any of your thoughts on how I rise above this situation and make my new business work in Cathays. I am more than happy to talk on the phone, my number is 07419 731772

Kind Regards
Gemma"

Lark Design Make



https://www.larkdesignmake.co.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/Larkdesignmake/
Studio (during opening hours or leave us a message) : 02920343185

Halloween Kids/family Party at the Vulcan Lounge – Sunday 31st @ 12noon

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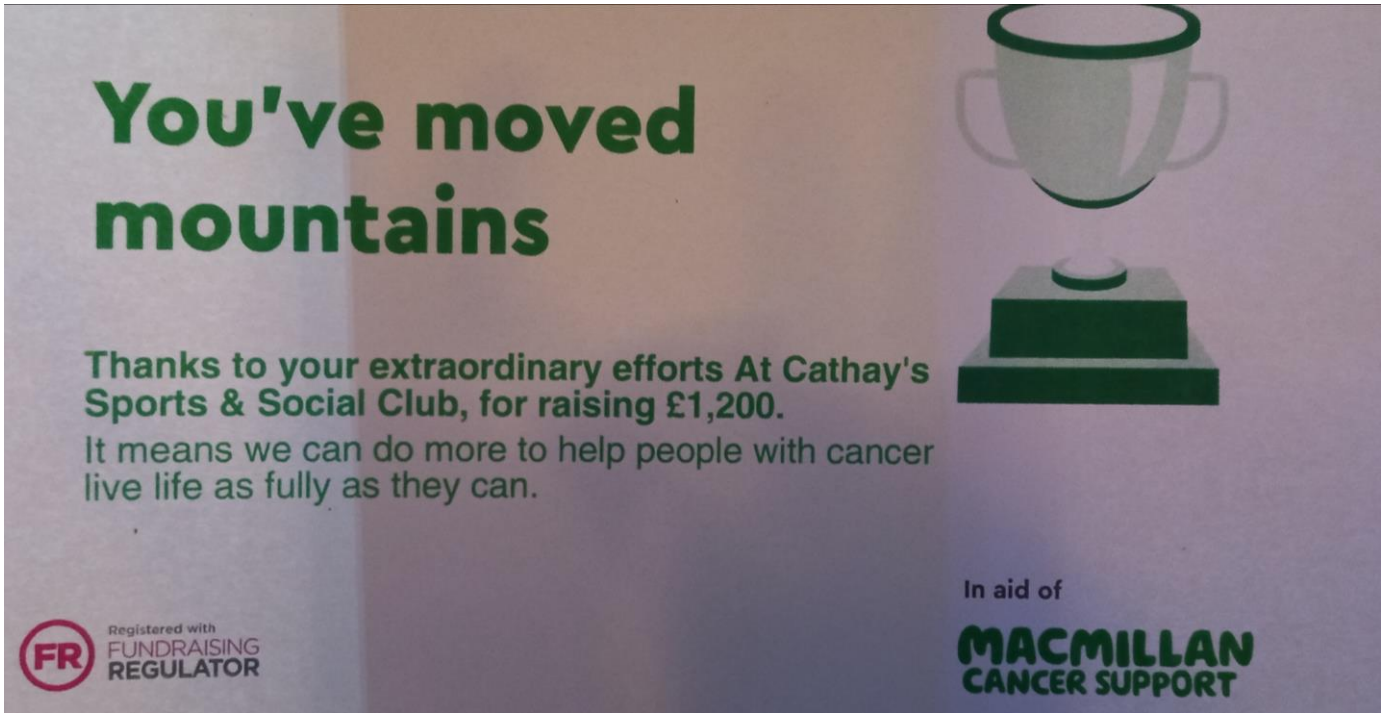
Cathays Sports & Social raises £1,200 for MacMillan Trust 'Coffee Morning'.

Website: ***http://www.cssc.ukpub.net/***

This is becoming a very welcome annual institution in Cathays!! With Cathays Sports & Social hosting the annual MacMillan Trust 'Coffee Morning'.

This September was incredible with **£1,200** raised by all of you who chipped in !!

THANK YOU EVERYBODY



Cathays makes us what we all are together!!! People that care !!!

John & committee – Cathays Sports & Social



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

Autumn begins ……

With restrictions in council services – I grovel with the residents to pick up the leaves where they can (and preferably compost them in your gardens – if you have the means – or a garden)

Be safe Cathays !! We are not quite out the woods as yet !!

The online calendar is quietly being rebuilt, there are some regular events that are starting to pick up again, yet we will not be rushing things as we work towards everyone getting into 2022 safely!!!

Regards,

Paulus