Cathays Monthly Update – August 2023

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August 2023 comments:

RIP Phyllis – Wyeverne Road

Sadly a few months ago Phyllis, one of our long-term Wyeverne Road residents passed away. Apologies this has taken so long to post – as it did take some time to chase up the local residents to get confirmation.

Robin who lives nearby told me "I have lost my best friend now; we'd meet everyday for tea for many years. I do miss her a lot".

Phyllis was always lively and openly outspoken and speak her mind; her daughter used to joke that 'your boyfriend is here' when I'd drop off the hardcopy newsletter to their home.

RIP Phyllis – your close circle of friends will miss you!

Police outreach – "South Wales Listens!"

The Police are introducing something called 'South Wales Listens' and are actively speaking to Cathays residents about signing up to this online service. Please speak to PCSO David Lloyd or PCSO Olivia Andrews about this new service being set up.

More Drug Houses Seized

The relentless level of reporting, that a significant amount of Cathays residents undertake, reporting suspected drug growing houses in Cathays are regularly getting tackled by the Police.

The recent houses seized include 1 Lucas Street and one of the Miskin Street middle flats (off Ruthin Gardens) were raided by the Police.

Once again – many residents have expressed concern about reporting problems – yet the Police will never disclose your information.

One of our 3rd generation families did explain how intimidating it is when dealers are 'acting out' on the street – aggressively challenging cars passing by.

The Police contact point is 101 details are on ***https://www.south-wales.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/***

Please do keep reporting any concerns you have in Cathays. With increasing volumes of residents in Cathays reporting problems over the last 10 years – you are all making our district a safer and better-connected place.

Is Medallion House/ old Co-Op being redeveloped?

Massive thanks to Michael F for sending in this link: ***https://www.asbriplanning.co.uk/statutory-pre-application-consultation/medallion-house-crwys-road-cardiff/*** as you can see the 'Old Co-Op' / Medallion House is being eyed up for redevelopment work.

There are mentions of a community centre being added in there – yet when I approached the CCYCP/Cathays Community Centre and they are not committing to anything and the questions the community centre team have already asked the council and developers – has not had any real forthcoming answers.

Nearby neighbours have already mentioned the threat of being forced out of their homes on lower Fanny Street and Daniel Street - The main concern is understandably the potential of a higher volume of cars being introduced into this space – with several dozen flats being proposed; this may be a challenge to some existing residents.

Primary School possibly moving around.

Parents have been contacted in recent months about the prospect of St Monica's CIW Primary School moving up to the Ysgol Mynydd Bychan site (as the increasing population of St Monica's means they need a bigger site)

The same goes of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan which may move to the Allensbank Primary School (on Llanishen Street) due to their prospective larger population – so they will need a larger school site too.

Allensbank Primary and Gladstone may possibly use the existing site at the top of Cathays Terrace/Pentyrch Street – it is all in the initial stages; and this is all exploratory – there are multiple options being explored, yet this is just to inform you of some possibilities being looked into. You can all have your say on this in later months…..

The public consultation will go out at a later point in time. If our local school populations are increasing – that is certainly something to cheer about!

Reminder: Government support for low-income

In July alone – a lot of scary stories being shared about how desperate things are for many of our local families.

The cost of living is obviously causing significant constraints in many good souls across the UK.

Please look at the UK Government link ***https://www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment*** for guidance on what support mechanisms will be in place for 2023 and 2024.

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The 'Your Cathays online CALENDAR' in June:

Links: ***https://www.yourcathays.org.uk/***

Scroll down the front page or click on the CALENDAR – What's on this month link

Get your entries in please!

Please help to repopulate this monthly online Cathays Calendar – for those with entries on the calendar, please ensure the information is updated with times, links etc.

Basic/Uncategorised | Health, Fitness & Sports | Local Business | Volunteering & Activism | Social & Recreation | Art, Music & Culture

August 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 10:30 am: Baby & Toddler Group - EVERY Tuesday @ 'The Table' - Pentyrch Street 10:30 am: Weekly Tuesday 'Cathays Cemetery Walk' (Walk for Health) 11:00 am: Tea & Cakes - The first Tuesday of each month @ Ffotogallery	2 10:00 am: Bute Park - Plant Sales EVERY Wednesday	3 2:00 pm: Temp suspended - Heritage FAN [Friends And Neighbours] 2pm at Cathays Library 7:30 pm: Blues Dragon & Blues - First Thursday of each month	4	5 10:00 am: Repair Cafe Cathays - every 1st Saturday of the month 2:00 pm: XR Cardiff - Monthly Meetings - first Saturday of each month @ Quakers - Charles Street	6
7 7:00 pm: Cathays Brass - every Monday evening!! 7:00 pm: Cathays PACT - Bi-Monthly: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec @ Venue TBC	8 2:00 pm: Memory Lane (Dementia support group) EVERY Tuesday	9 10:00 am: Police Community Access Point - weekly @ Sherman Theatre 12:00 pm: Home Grown Vegetable for sale - EVERY Wednesday	10 4:30 pm: Youth Club @ Cathays Community Centre - EVERY Thursday	11 6:30 pm: IYP - Youth Club @ Cathays Community Centre EVERY Friday	12 11:00 am: Foodbank @ Woodville Baptist Church - EVERY Saturday	13 3:00 pm: United Community Cathays (Social) - EVERY Sunday @ Blackweir Tavern
14 9:30 am: Story Time for Under 5's - English 7 Welsh Medium - EVERY Monday	15	16 10:00 am: Coffee Morning - EVERY Wednesday @ Cathays Community Centre	17	18	19 10:00 am: Plant sales @ Bute Park - every Saturday	20
21 6:00 pm: Embassy Youth Club - EVERY Monday early evening	22 1:00 pm: Foodbank @ Woodville Baptist Church - EVERY Tuesday 1pm to 3pm	23	24 12:00 pm: 'Cuppa with a Copper' - Bi-weekly @ Cathays Library 2:00 pm: Memory Lane (Dementia Support) EVERY Thursday	25	26 10:00 am: Friends of Cathays Cemetery WORKDAYS 2023 - last Saturday of each month!	27
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Interventions: Gallery reset – Jack Moyse @ Ffotogallery – All through August!!

Website link: ***https://ffotogallery.org/programme/interventions-gallery-reset***

Earlier this year, Swansea-based photographer and artist Jack Moyse was invited to rethink the entire gallery space - both physically and metaphorically - after winning the *Interventions: Gallery Reset* open call in partnership with Disability Arts Cymru. We are now excited to invite you to see the resulting exhibition from the end of this week!



New and existing works from Jack's project *I - You* will be on display throughout August, accompanied by a programme of events and performance pieces. *I - You* is an autobiographical series about his experience of muscular dystrophy, with which Jack was diagnosed at age 17.

Through photography, performance and moving image the project aims to create an immersive environment to highlight some of the many issues ***people living with disabilities encounter, including romance, parenthood and prejudice***. The work provides an insight for able-bodied allies and those wanting to learn more about the lived disabled experience.

Interventions: Gallery Reset is a series of gallery 'takeovers' made possible with Art Fund's 'Reimagine' grant, providing new opportunities for artists to experiment, challenge and ask provocative questions, with a focus on themes such as identity, migration, gender, social inequality and the environment.

ALSO – through August we have the:

ARTIST WALK & TALKS - MULTIPLE DATES

Thursday 10 August, 6 - 7pm

Saturday 19 August, 12.30 - 1.30pm - Welsh Language

Saturday 19 August 2.30 - 3.30pm - BSL interpreted

We have organised a series of walk and talk sessions with the artist Jack Moyse including weekday and weekend, Welsh medium and BSL interpreted, so we hope that there is something for everyone.

Jack will be here to guide you around the exhibition and give a unique perspective on his work and how the exhibition came to fruition. He will also be able to answer any questions you might have.

Cath and co - Ffotogallery

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Repair Café Cathays – 10am to 1:30pm @ Sherman Theatre – Saturday 5th August

Main website: ***https://repaircafewales.org/event/repair-cafe-cathays/all/***

Get your broken stuff repaired for FREE !!

When you arrive at Repair Café Cathays, register at the volunteer's desk – then please either scan the bar code to start the process, or …. like us technophobes – you can fill out the form online - ***https://repaircafewales.org/what-are-you-having-repaired-today/*** - and get your repairs undertaken)





There are Repair Stations for ***Information Technology***, ***PAT testing***, ***Textiles***, ***General***, ***Electrical***, ***Bike repair***, come and have a look at all the Repair stations!







email: ***repaircafecathays@gmail.com***

Social Media please search: ***Repair Café Cardiff***

Margaret, Colin, Melanie, Imants, John and everyone else - Volunteers

Repair Café Cathays

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Strike/Food Bank Gig @ The Moon, Womanby Street – Wednesday, 9th August

Event FB link - ***https://www.facebook.com/events/239364782256476***

Food Banks & Strike Funds Benefit Gig – in town!!

Performers include:

- JESSIE GRACE (Singer/Songwriter)
- SIX SIDED MEN (Rockabilly, Country, Ballads)
- COSMO (Protest Folk)
- TAFFYWASATHIEF (Rock/Blues/Soul/Pop)
- …… and a few words from ***local workers recently on strike***, and a ***local food bank***.



Admission / entry costs – pay what you want towards the Local Strike Funds and Food Bank

Adam – Cardiff Peoples Assembly

Great Resist South Wales – St John's Street - Saturday 26th August

People of Wales - Your freedom to travel is under attack! Walking? driving? Everyone is affected!

Visit us at ***www.GreatResistSouthWales.co.uk***

Mr Drakeford's ***20 mph speed limit in urban areas across Wales comes September 17th*** - *Cardiff Council has also voted to bring in congestion charging*. This is the beginning of much worse times to come.

They have joined over 100 UK towns & cities in signing up to 15-Minute Cities plans. Sounds like a nice idea at first – to have all your amenities within 15 minutes' walking distance. But what if you can't walk? And they're not investing in amenities. Have you seen them building any new shops, doctors' surgeries, dentists or schools?

They've starting out by blocking-off and narrowing roads, putting in surveillance cameras, and putting up ugly bollards! They will likely follow Oxford, which has been split up into 6 areas. Residents are only allowed to drive outside their immediate local area 100 times a year.

The UK Government has banned sales of new petrol & diesel cars from 2030, but electric vehicles are too expensive for most people to buy. Electric vehicles are not zero emissions. They cause massive amounts of pollution, 74% more during manufacture. We would also need over twice the electricity generating capacity to switch all vehicles over and expect higher bills or, maybe even power cuts, due to increased demand!

Mining the lithium & cobalt needed destroys the environment and exploits child labour. They create more particulate pollution from tyres and create more wear on the roads because they are so heavy. Their range decreases dramatically when the weather is very cold or hot. Once the battery packs are worn out, they are prohibitively expensive to replace. They can even catch fire and are almost impossible to put out.

This is all justified in the name of fighting climate change. The many climate doom predictions have never happened. It's unlikely they ever will. They are based on flawed simplistic modelling. The Welsh Government spends over 60% its's capital budget on "the Climate Emergency". Money it takes from you! Have you noticed the leaders' fly to 'Climate Emergency' meetings, ride in limousines and stay at the best hotels? We pay for that! if its true, why not online meetings?

The Earth's climate is a complex system, which has always changed. Humans make no difference. Deaths from extreme weather events have fallen by 98% in the last 100 years. Plants need CO2 to grow. Crop yields are increasing because there's more CO2. Artic ice, polar bears & coral reefs have all increased.

The UK accounts for 1% of global CO2 emissions. China put out over 28% and is building lots more coal power stations. One big volcanic eruption can put out more CO2 than humans do in years! Come to think of it, all the rich, travelling in private jets, helicopters and limousines to 'Climate Emergency' meetings, including Greta Thunberg, UN and WEF leaders, also put out much bigger amounts of pollution! I guess they are not really worried, after all.

Nevertheless, Westminster politicians have signed us up to unachievable Net Zero by 2050, courtesy of WEF, an unaccountable and unelected private organisation, and the UN. The estimated cost is £15 trillion. One academic report for the government said we could only achieve net zero by implementing extreme policies by closing ALL airports, stopping ALL shipping in or out of the UK and banning red meat. Genetically modified mealworms anyone?

Fossil fuel products are essential in many areas of life – including plastics, medicine, food production & alternative energy. No fossil fuels would mean poverty, food crisis, no travel & a return to a near-medieval way of life.

We were deliberately not informed or asked about any of this and never given the opportunity to vote for this. These policies are driven not by voters, but UN Agenda 2030, pushed by the wealthiest and most powerful people in the world, who stand to make even more money, as they take it from you. No more travel or foreign holidays for us, but they will! These policies aren't about controlling the climate – They're about controlling YOU!

Some of us are fighting back. Our group started a ***Keep It Cash campaign*** last year, speaking to local businesses, writing to councillors and running street stalls warning of the dangers of going cashless.

This summer Debbie Hicks and Piers Corbyn spoke on St John's Street at an event against 15-minute cities. These issues are just a small part of a wider threat to our freedoms and way of life being imposed by UN Agenda 2030 and the Davos group's Great Reset agenda – including lockdowns, digital ID and the sexualisation of children through RSE in schools. The Great Resist has been launched in response.

Our next action day is in:

St John's Street (Outside Burger-king) at **1pm on Saturday 26th August.**

All encouraged to come and hear Debbie Hicks speak - Keeping Cash, W Gov's 20 mph, and travel restriction effects on the people's future. (Continued next page!)

Lucia Thomas from PCPW (Public Child Protection Wales) will be speaking about how we can stand up to protect children.



Also, Free Speech Wales & West are hosting Monika Smit on the evening of 31st August. Monica is the Australian founder of Reignite Democracy, Reignite Freedom & Global Walkout who was jailed for breaking lockdown restrictions. All welcome.

Visit us at ***www.GreatResistSouthWales.co.uk*** or contact us at info@GreatResistSouthWales.co.uk

Susan – Cathays resident

Local skilled help for house maintenance, gardening, surveillance etc.

Email: ***jjshelpinghandsltd@gmail.com***

Phone: ***07548 118 839***

Many residents have asked for recommended local tradespeople – one of our young professional business start-up's are Josh and Joe who have set up ***JJ's Helping Hands***. They already have a wide portfolio of property maintenance projects, house decorating, setting up personal surveillance on your home, a lot of gardening – including mass-garden clear out's etc.

I've spoken to many local families/residents and probably about a dozen landlords in July – everyone complaining about how hard it is to get hold of a tradesperson (one Harriet Street had to wait for 2 to 3 weeks to get a plumber to fix their boiler – as the backlog of work tradespeople are under is massive!)



I am personally recommending Josh and Joe – and seen the work they've done with decorating, gardening and installing domestic surveillance – so please do give a local start up company like JJ's Helping Hands ltd a call !!



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Foodbank in Cathays – donating and collection in August!

19,253

three day emergency food supplies were provided to local people in crisis by Cardiff Foodbank - of this number 7639 (39%) went to children.

£863

Average rent for a two-bed in our city

MORE THAN 1 IN 5

of the UK population live below the poverty line

Link: ***www.cardiff.foodbank.org.uk***

To qualify for Foodbank – you need to get referred by your GP, our housing association, the Citizens Advice group or a Social worker!

Here you will be assessed and see if you qualify for Foodbank voucher – which you can then use at nearby Foodbanks in Cathays!

This list changes EVERY MONTH – so see what shortage/excess the Foodbank is experiencing and please help out by depositing in Foodbank Boxes at Sainsbury's, Lidl, Co-Operative etc. Thank you everyone for donating!

- **FRUIT JUICE – LONG LIFE (1 LITRE)**
- **SAVOURY SNACKS**
- **TINNED CUSTARD**
- **TINNED POTATOES**
- **SQUASH 1 LITRE BOTTLES**
- **JAMS AND SPREADS**
- **CHOCOLATE/SWEETS**
- **FRUIT JUICE (1 LITRE - LONG LIFE)**
- **COOKING SAUCES (PASTA SAUCE ETC.)**
- **EASY COOK INSTANT PASTA & POT NOODLE**
- **DEODORANT/ANTIPERSPIRANT**
- **GOOD QUALITY CARRIER BAGS**

Please check out the Cardiff Foodbank link to view our wants/excess list on: ***https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/***

At present we have plenty of:

- **PASTA**
- **BAKED BEANS**
- **TEA**
- **CEREAL**
- **TINNED SOUP**
- **SWEETCORN**

Please check the link weekly.

Many residents, local businesses have asked how to help out – please do help to donate, or if you are a faith group, local business, school etc who wish to set up a foodbank – please contact Cardiff Foodbank and see how you can help out!



Foodbank Cathays DONATION / drop off locations:

Deposit in Foodbank Boxes in Cathays at locations such as:

→ ***Al-Manar Centre*** – Glynrhhonda Road

→ ***Dar Ul Isra Mosque*** – Wyeverne Road *(please do drop off Saturday's between 11:30 and 12:30)*

→ ***Sherman Theatre*** – Box is on the right of entrance (also Warm Places)

→ ***Sainsburys*** – Woodville Road (regular opening hours)

→ ***Tesco*** – Cathays Terrace (regular opening hours)

We are grateful to learn that Dar Ul Isra Foodbank has been nominated for the Co-Op community Fund 2022/2023 this year! Congrats!
Now

Please do give where you can spare one thing on the right list box!

Thank you everyone who donates.

Gauri – Cardiff Foodbank
Barak – Al-Manar Centre
Mo – Dar Ul-Isra
Simon – Sherman Theatre

A landlord/ex-resident speaks out on '£8-a-day' Contractors Digital Permits!

Website: ***https://chng.it/9ssjr7sk42***

Cardiff Council have brought in charges from the 1st of July, 2023 for contractors or trades people to have to pay to park in zonal areas in Cardiff.

The charges will be between £8 a day and £60 a month and you will get a parking fine if you don't have a permit.

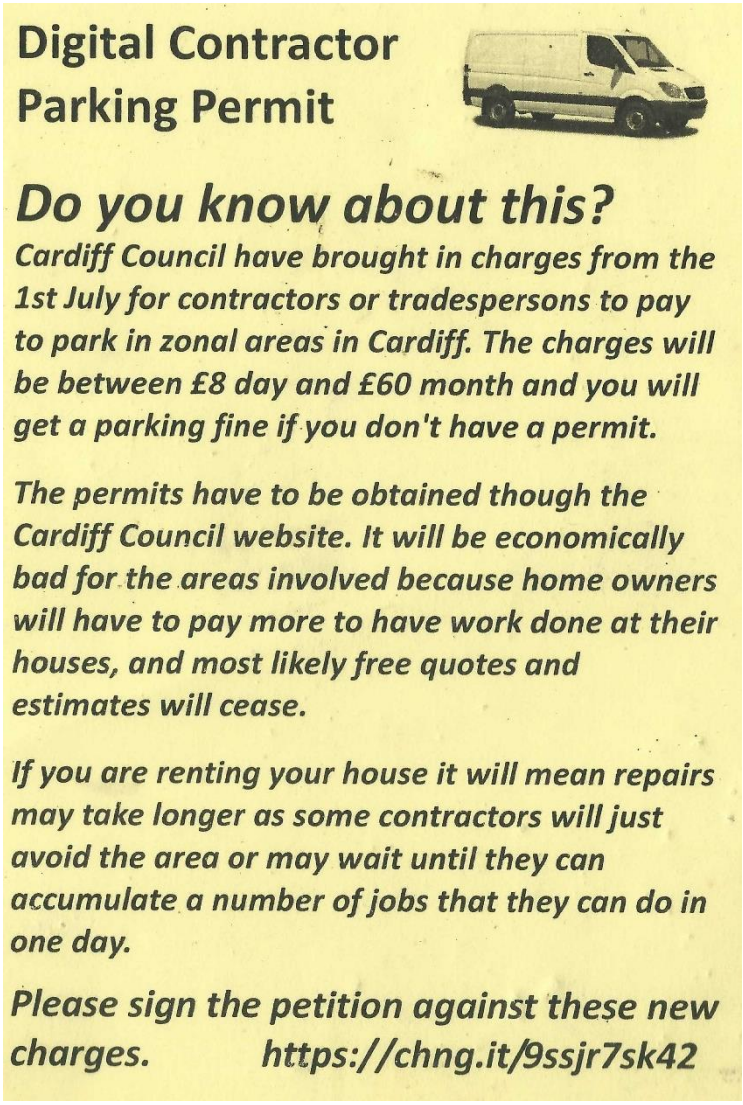
The permits have to be obtained through the Cardiff Council website. They are digital ones and not everybody has got the technology to get a permit. A different permit is needed for every 'zone' and proof of work needs to be submitted to obtain one. No Emergency Work will be able to be carried out as a permit cannot be obtained the same day as the request is made.

It will be economically bad for the areas involved because homeowners will have to pay more to have work done at the property - if they can even get a contractor to come and assess the work necessary.

If you are a resident, or a landlord - *If you use your visitor permit for a contractor you would not be able to have more than one contractor working at a time when having a kitchen fitted which takes more than one expert.* A lot of contractors have said they will simply not work in those areas which could have the effect of the properties deteriorating.

The charge will also apply to all Landlords doing any work to a property they own.

*I am an accidental Landlord who lived in one of the zonal areas affected by the new **'Tax on Tradespeople and Businesses'** but still have strong links to the area. Both my and my husband's family were all from Cathays.*



I have made a request for information from Cardiff Council about whether BT, Openreach, Virgin Media, etc. will have to pay for permits or will they be exempt but have not been given the information yet.

I had this information via a Local MP from Cabinet Member for Transport and Strategic Planning, Councillor Dan De'Ath and I believe if they get a huge amount of letters of objection they may reconsider this ***new contractor tax***.

The Controlled Parking Zones mentioned above will be reviewed later on this year. As new Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) were required for these zones, it is standard procedure to review how a scheme is working 9-12 months after works were completed. As part of this review, we will be looking at the usage of contractor permits and assessing their uptake across the area. All correspondence and communications regarding this will be drawn upon in the review.

As so many contractors don't know about the ***'New Tax on Tradespeople'*** I wouldn't be surprised if they waited until after the review before giving out too many parking fines so they don't get a large number of complaints until after the review so any objections need to be made as soon as possible.

Angela Landry – landlord / former Cathays resident

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Get your posters/event information in for September's events please!

Regards,

Paulus