Cathays Monthly Update – April 2025

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

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April 2025 comments:

Last edition too short? Running out of steam?

Hardly – so this months volume of content may be compensating – as it is when this is getting written, much of the content gets deferred to successive months.

At present I have been deferring about 8 different larger items, yet priority goes to Maindy Velodrome and Blackweir Fields (Bute Park) which is very content heavy.

Please read it as a lot of contentious issues are happening on many levels …….

Newsletter phone broken ….

Didn't realise as I've not used it for ages – yet the 07421 number has not worked for sometime. Apologies if this left anyone in the lurch – please do use the generic ***mail@yourcathays.org.uk*** or my direct email which the email recipients get off me each month.

We're not doing enough – yes you are!!!

Approximately a dozen residents in the last 4 weeks have said to me via bumping into them on the street, email or text that 'they felt they contribute very little'

Not everything needs to be broadcasted through this community update – nor does it need to be co-ordinated for that matter neither!!

Positive chaos in the Cathays community is more than enough, if you could see all 'the positive little things' that happen around Cathays regularly – your motivation would certainly be uplifted.

You are all part of something which is better – yet needs to be better communicated about all the positive things that happen.

Incidents off Malefant Street

The incidents that Debs from Malefant reported involving teenagers from the local high school getting up to no good and a car being stripped has not helped our community whatsoever.

The PACT preparatory weekend

At some point, a weekend 'preparatory PACT meeting' will be held – which you will all be invited to attend. I know 100's of you have many safety concerns, or are momnitoring anti-social activity.

If the local Uni's wish to get involved with our ***P***olice ***a***nd ***C***ommunity ***T***ogether – I know something positive can grow from all this!! I know a lot of you want to talk to the Police about an array of different issues.

We will make this work – as a community!

Bin's getting a bit trippy?

One of our Rhymney street girls (now 60) wanted to share (not complain) about tripping on bins that are left on the street.

It is something we, as residents are working towards – and some sort of 'survival guide for the transient renters' who live on your streets for 9 months a year may help improve the situation – i.e. getting regular reminders about getting the bins out etc. yet also highlighting the FPN – the Fixed Penalty Notices – the £150 a pop/time Bin fines that go out – which sadly the students are the butt of this penalty for the most part.

Something we need to tackle as a community.

Ramadan – one of my annual engagements!

On Sunday 16th March, I returned to Al Manar Centre for the Ramadan and it was amazing (as it always is to attend) and to catch up with our Muslim neighbours. They are keen to contribute to our community and much of what they positively contribute is not broadcasted – they just get on with it – as it is the right thing to do.

It's always important to pay things forward, I met some Muslim students as well as our usual Muslim resident neighbours and shared a few ideas on our community efforts – I am grateful for the discussions!

A few roads to revert to 30mph?

Some of you would have seen this in mid-March ***https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/crlxzlr695eo*** this is not about Cathays, yet wider Cardiff.

May be of interest to you.

Daily meetings?

It is great to see many of you – with many of the catch up's planned – yet often they can be spontaneous and it may be I am speaking to that neighbour for 1 to 2 hours.

There is a real time constraint now with everything else going on, so I wish to try and be more efficient with a lot of our catch up's/meetings – so please do not be insulted if I have to run off – as chances are I am off to see another residents, local business person etc.

Anything else?

Yes – plenty – yet time on editing has run out – and this community update should have gone out 5-6 days ago.

Please bare with me.

Cathays Local Businesses

The 'Your Cathays online CALENDAR' in April:

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

Scroll down the front page or click on internet link here: CALENDAR – What's on this month – enjoy!

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

April 2025

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 6:45 pm: Cardiff Greenpeace @ Temple of Peace - 1st Wednesday of each month	3 2:00 pm: 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 11:30 am: 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 1:00 pm: United Community Social - EVERY Sunday @ Brodies Cafe (North Road)
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 6:00 pm: Zumba Class EVERY Wednesday @ Community Centre	24 12:00 pm: 'Cuppa with a Copper' - Bi-weekly @ Cathays Library 2:00 pm: Memory Lane (Dementia Support) EVERY Thursday	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Please *contact us* and tell us about your events in Cathays so that we can add them to the *Your Cathays Calendar* for everyone else across Cathays to see & share in your activities !!

Maindy Velodrome Saved!

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

It is official !! Your efforts saved Maindy Velodrome!



Council's land swap application submitted on 19 June 2023 will not be progressing any further Communication from the Charity Commission to our regional Senedd representatives this week sets out the following:

"...I can confirm that the Commission has closed its regulatory authority case, and any future proposals from the trustee would need to be submitted in a new application."

So when Council Leader, Cllr Huw Thomas, says that if he fails to secure the Companies House site for the new high school he will just switch back to the land swap, what he really means is that his failure on this plus having failed to secure approval from the statutory regulator for the land swap application as submitted there will be no new school for some considerable time as he would need to start all over again from the beginning with the conflict of interest and the Charity Commission. There is no guarantee that any new application would meet the threshold required for approval especially as he has decided to ignore the recommendation from PRaP Scrutiny members in respect of there being the option of having independent trustees responsible

We wish the Council every success in pursuing its purchase of Companies House

The Commission also confirmed that it is aware of the issues we have flagged:

** Need for financial remedy for the Council's breach of trust,*
** Clearing the maintenance backlog of the velodrome which it had deliberately neglected,*
** Regularising the lease with GLL so that it recognises and protects the Trust's beneficial interest in the land, and*
** Modernising the Trust's governance so that independent trustees are the decision-makers*

and with the land swap now no longer being considered, they can now look at these

……as ever, we shall you posted"

Jeremy – *ABC Maindy / Save Maindy Velodrome*

Maindy Velodrome – the next step!

Link: ***see previous page!!***

The next step!! Can you help?

When I met with Jeremy (I did see the core ABC Maindy very briefly a month ago and was sorry I couldn't stick around to talk more with them) recently we discussed the site appraisal and bounced it off previous discussions of the last 6-7 years of what could be done with the space of the Velodrome and around the velodrome.

When the Your Cathays Newsletter was going out in 2014 – it was following the positive example of Cardiff Transition's efforts of the 'Green Mapping' and opening discussions with 1000's of residents on our lovely streets (yes they are lovely - you pessimists!!) of what we can do to enhance our Cathaysian heritage. Built/Natural/Energy infrastructures.

In late March I put it to Jeremy about the site assessment, which sadly I cannot recommend any decent local engineers, to explain the cap effect of the site, and how it stands ¾'s of a century later.

Natural / Green Space Infrastructure -



Like Bute Park, Cathays Cemetery – the Maindy Velodrome Site (and connecting green spaces) do cover a significant amount of space which is a main avenue of green infrastructure. Much can be done with this which the residents can help out with should they choose to.

As part of the residents growing wildflowers, herbs, trees and helping each other out with Regrow Roath / Penylan Planters / Biodiversity Cathays / Gabalfa Growers over the years of informal efforts which have shared and positively bounced off each other since the turn of the century. What can be contributed to the Maindy Velodrome green space?

What about a compost point in all our green spaces of Bute Park, Cathays Cemetery, Maindy Velodrome etc. Taking the leaves from nearby streets and depositing them in the compost pods, as well as weeds etc – could create a hefty amount of healthy compost which could be used in successive ……. What about a bespoke design on the diagonal grass verge where the leaves/dead branches etc are added in – and the end product/healthy compost is taken out year's later.

Built Infrastructure:

Many of you will remember the mid-20th century Commonwealth imagery – and the seating and roof arrangement built on the diagonal bank next to the cycle track. Can such a similar structure be built here in the coming years to encourage more spectators?



Image on the right sourced from Wikipedia *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maindy_Centre* and information denotes this was taken approximately 1960 and explains the original seating/roof space was designed to cover several 1000 cycle spectators.

Could a mid-21st century version be created to support/encourage more people to watch? Perhaps add PV to the roof for the following considerations in next entry.

Energy /Heat/Light/Electrical infrastructure:

If PV and micro-wind was added to the site, it could feed a supplemental electrical storage on-site large battery – as a back-up. Jeremy did mention the existing lighting could be more efficient and I thought possibly designed to be more light-pollution friendly with new revised designs. So much could be achieved to make this 1958 Commonwealth Games entity a mid 21st century social sports & health hub!!

So please do get involved with ABC Maindy – they will be grateful for your support!

Core committee – *ABC Maindy / Save Maindy Velodrome*

Cathays Beer House receives yet another award!!

FB page: **https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057286524684**
Email: **cathaysbeerhouse@gmail.com**



Massive praise to Martin & Diane Holmes on yet another award/recognition for their amazing efforts with Cathays Beer House – which has just received the 2025 Cider Pub of the Year by Cardiff Camra.

Massive love and respect to the regulars who frequent Cathays Beer House (from all around Cardiff – not just Cathays!) and support it to make it the success it is.

More stories like this please from around Cathays!! Keep them coming folks!!



RIP Hilbert "Gil" Galpin – a poem for Gil !!

To Gilbert, A Life Unlived in Full

Dear Gilbert, how the laughter fades,
In echoes of rugby, where passion cascades,
Wild stories carved in the fabric of night,
Each tackle, each cheer, a soul set alight.

With pints in your hand and a spark in your eye,
You danced on the edge where the bold spirits fly,
As Chantel, you twirled through the shimmering haze,
A queen unconfined—how you dazzled, ablaze.

Yet time, it has whisked you, a thief in the dark,
Leaving verses unsung and unmarked every arc,
But we hold every memory, each moment you gave,
In the tapestry woven, your laughter we save.

So here's to the nights that you lived without fear,
To the stories you spun, to the friends gathered near,
Though the curtain has closed and the stage is now bare,
Your spirit, dear Gilbert, dances still in the air.

With each pint we raise, let us toast to the skies,
For the wild tales you shared and the light in your eyes,
We'll carry your essence, our hearts intertwined,
In the glow of the love that your life left behind.



Gio – Coburn Street

It was painful to hear that Gil had a heart attack in the Tavistock towards late March, and sadly had several seizures on the way to the hospital. Gil was on a life support machine and finally succumbed on Saturday, 29th March.

I met Gil in 2021 and it took me a while to accept his mannerisms and stories of old with his very hedonistic lifestyle. He was certainly a boy back in the day.

If there was one thing I could count on Gil for was never to hold back, and to hell with the political correctness. So talking to him was always insightful and his life certainly was not boring.

In a post lockdown world, Gil did suffer on a lot of levels, and his core group of friends did step up to help him out where they could.

You will be missed sir!! Thank you Gil for being such character!

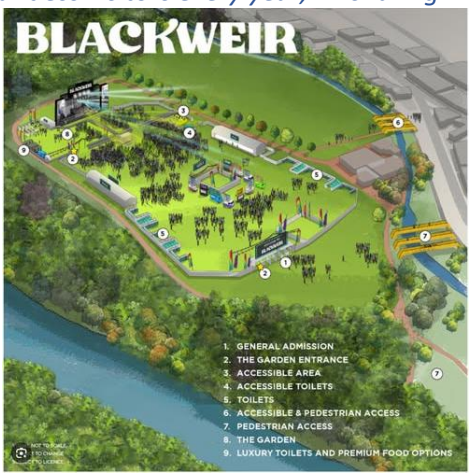
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Blackweir lives!! (or is something amiss?)

Thanks to Nic H, Susan G and Jeremy S for bringing this issue up through various avenues of communication – FB, email and in person discussion – thank you guys!!

Some of you saw Jeremy from ABC Maindy/Save Maindy Velodrome bringing up the issue of the site set up for Blackweir Fields next to North Road in Cathays.

Jeremy writes *"As Bute Park is really the "people's park" used by all of us, and countless visitors every year, I'n sharing the deep concerns of the Friends of Bute Park over what is essentially corporate vandalism of its Blackweir Fields area*



Council Leader, Cllr Huw Thomas, said on prime time ITV Cymru Wales News last Friday teatime that the tree felling - which was coincidentally exactly where the event promoter needed multiple temporary access points put in - was "good husbandry"

Far be it for me to disagree with the Leader except that, when the reports were eventually released to us this week, of the c. two dozen trees felled, only 2 were indentified as being in a dangerous state and in a potentially dangerous position, 2 needed further detailed assessment, and most of the rest could be monitored and/or reinspected in 2-3 years

It's one thing to have some outdoor Shakespeare or a Tom Jones gig staged within the existing footprint and habitat of the park, but when a commercial enterprise demands that the Council alter the tree canopy and habitat just so they can make £££m it is a demand too big and too far ;o("

Friends of Bute Park wished to share their thoughts too! Re: Blackweir Live

We are writing on behalf of the Friends of Bute Park committee and Friends' members who have expressed concerns about the events planned for Blackweir Fields which are scheduled to take place during June and July of this year.

We are concerned about many issues, beginning with the fact that there was no public consultation about staging the event on fields which belong to the people of Cardiff, and the people of Cardiff being denied access to vast swathes of Cardiff's beautiful parkland for a large part of the summer.

In the early Autumn it was suggested that the Council were considering holding an event on Blackweir Fields; no further details were given, and nothing more was mentioned until the Council's Comms team issued a press release on 29th October which announced the events – but also stated that the Friends of Bute Park and the traders in Bute Park had been consulted; this was untrue; we heard about what the 'events' were to be in that announcement.

Yet on March 27th in an answer to a question raised in the Council Chamber, Councillor Burke reiterated the assertion that the Friends of Bute Park had been 'engaged throughout the process' and had been 'meeting officers on a regular basis as part of the process'. For clarification, The Friends met with Council Officers (21st January) for an update, although there was not much more information to be gathered other than what was in the Council's Q&A, and, later, in a walkaround meeting described below.

It is reported that, in a meeting with Council officers in December, it was 'agreed that the Council had not been able to consult or inform residents as they should have done due to pressure to sign (the) contract quickly'. This suggests that the Council is willing to bow to the demands of commercial promoters.

The press release also stated that large events had previously been held at Blackweir, including the Eisteddfod, but that was actually held in Pontcanna Fields in 2008. Likewise, the X Music Festival and KissStory both took place in Coopers Field and not Blackweir Fields. However, given the size of Pontcanna Fields, the lesser amount of disruption to the cricket community, and the existing road access which would not necessitate the felling of any trees, many people are wondering why Pontcanna wasn't preferred.

Councillor Burke suggests that Blackweir Fields was needed to 'fill the gap' between The Principality Stadium and the Utilita Arena – Cardiff City Stadium is the right size to fill that gap (capacity 33,280 seated, not including the pitch area). Had this option been considered Blackweir Fields could have been left alone.

Blackweir Fields will be closed in whole or part, for a large part of the summer, to accommodate the build (three weeks before the first concert) and to allow access to traders, and then closed entirely (except for those holding tickets)

during the events. Temporary roadways are to be laid, bridges installed and the grass (and pitches) will inevitably suffer damage, even if only due to being covered for a long period.

Coopers Field will also have limited access due to scheduled events throughout the summer, and there will be even more limited access to Cardiff Castle for half of June, the entirety of July and, presumably, almost all of August (Tom Jones is performing there on 20th and 21st August).

When enquiries were made about the tree felling, the response was that it was based on an independent ecologist's recommendation to remove trees posing a public safety risk, irrespective of Blackweir Live. However, the plans on the event organizers' website reveal that the cleared sites align precisely with the locations for the new bridge access for the event. The plans for the footbridges were made apparent via the promoter's and Oxfam's website.



During the recent walkaround with officers from the Parks and Events team it became clear that the ecologist was primarily tasked with identifying locations for the 6-8 new access bridges for the concert, rather than conducting conservation work. The ecologist was not asked to assess which trees needed felling for safety reasons but was instead focused on finding sites for the bridges. While the trees may have shown signs of ash dieback, most could have been left as standing deadwood since they did not pose a risk to the public. The Officers present did not want to, or were unable to, explain the construction of the proposed footbridges, as that was in the remit of the engineers. And nobody wanted to respond to 'Why hold it here at all?'

Similarly, the removal of invasive species like rhododendron has been limited to the immediate bridge sites, with areas between the proposed bridges remaining overgrown. This approach seems futile from a conservation standpoint. Furthermore, Councillor Burke confirmed that the concert organisers funded these works.

If these actions genuinely constitute conservation work within a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), why has there been no replanting? Why was the dead wood initially removed until the issue was raised, leading to the subsequent creation of habitat piles?

We are not opposed to the use of parkland for commercial events; they have taken place for many years and we do not aspire to live in Councillor Burke's 'undisrupted utopia'… However, we do think that the addition of Blackweir Live to the crowded summer events programme is tipping the balance the wrong way.
We believe that if there had been public consultation regarding Blackweir Live and the people of Cardiff had been asked these questions:

1. Should concerts for up to 35000 people be licensed for Blackweir Fields?
2. Should mature trees (many healthy trees included) be cut down to accommodate 6/7/8 temporary footbridges from North Road?
3. Should the North Road cycle lanes be obstructed/closed during June and July?
4. Should exceptionally loud music events be allowed in very close proximity to the elderly residents of Nazareth House and Hope Court?
5. Should events generating exceptional noise and light volumes be allowed to take place alongside semi ancient woodland, home to many bat species?
6. Should the public be denied access to Blackweir Fields for leisure and sporting activities to enable commercial activities?
….the answers would have been No, No, No, No, No and No.

The Friends of Bute Park
April 2025

Cathays Local Businesses

Foodbank in Cathays – donating and collection for April 2025

Just like any week of the year – 10,000's of people are still going hungry in a 100km radius of you!
Please donate for this Christmas 2024 !!

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

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

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!

- **MULTIPPACK CRISPS/SNACKS**
- **NOODLES**
- **PAST PACKETS (MICROWAVE)**
- **SPONGE PUDDINGS**
- **TINNED MEAT**
- **TINNED MUSHROOMS**
- **TINNED VEGETABLES**
- **TOILET ROLL**
- **WASHING POWDER**
- **WASHING UP LIQUID**

Please be aware this could change very quickly each month – so 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:

- **BAKED BEANS**
- **NAPPIES**
- **PASTA**

Please check the link weekly.

To quality 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 the Foodbank voucher to use at the nearest Foodbanks to you!

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! Every donation (in the panel it highlights what we are short of!) welcome!



Foodbank Cathays DONATION / drop off locations:

Deposit in Foodbank Boxes in various part of Cathays including:

→ ***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!

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

Thank you everyone who donates!

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

March's Cardiff Civic Society 'Don't get mad – get even event!' Deadline 15th April

Link: ***https://www.cardiffcivicsociety.org/blog/your-last-opportunity-to-influence-cardiffs-future***

Approximately a little over 80 people turned up to this important event at this very insightful event on the Cardiff Civic Society addressing the 10 year LDP (Local Development Plan]. Your word counts on this next decade's development of all parts of Cardiff.



The committee from Cardiff Civic Society address you – the people of Cathays and wider Cardiff.

If you love your city, please respond to the Replacement Local Development Plan (RDLP) - deadline midnight April 15. (Please note, late submissions will not be accepted).

This is the last opportunity to influence Cardiff's future – so please let the powers 'wot be know what you think.

Your comments won't just disappear in the council silo, they will be considered by the Welsh Government inspector – and will be taken seriously.

What's more, there's no need to jump through the hoops set out in Cardiff Council's consultation process.

You can simply write direct to: ldp@cardiff.gov.uk letting the council know what concerns you. The national planning inspectorate will also get a copy of your email so they

A single paragraph will do - on housing, nature, green space, transport, beauty…

It's your city, and it's your call…



So, PLEASE write by the deadline, and make Cardiff a better, greener, happier and more equal place for everyone to live in.

THANK YOU!

Ceri - Secretary
Cardiff Civic Society

Book Space Cardiff – multiple events 3rd through to 23rd April – Crwys Road

Book Space Cardiff



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Minnie Pallister

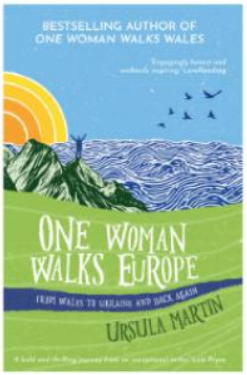
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The Broken Spine Showcase



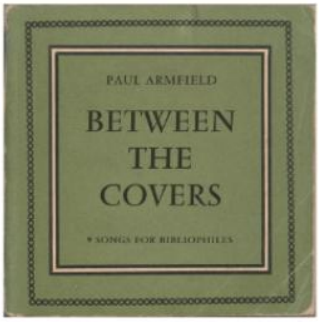
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Poetry Open Mic



23/4/25 18:30

One Woman Walks



4/5/25 18:30

Songs for Bibliophiles

Upcoming Events

Lily – Manager
Book Space Cardiff - Crwys Road

Cathays Local Businesses

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

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 …. Or alternatively – 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

Steve Clark – singer/entertainer @ Cathays Sports & Social - Saturday 5th April



Joe – Deputy Manager
CSAS **-** Cathays Terrace

FAN top 'The billy Banks' @ Cathays Library – Thursday, 10th April

Website ***www.thefancharity.org***

The next FAN Plus Heritage meeting will take place at Cathays Library, at 2pm on Thursday 10th April.

Following a short FAN meeting, we will explore the story of Penarth's "Billy Banks", A council housing estate known as the "heart and soul" of Penarth before its demolition.

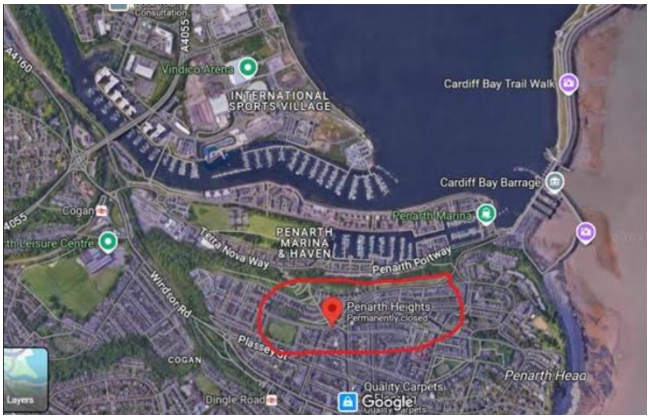
Join us at Cathays Library, 2pm - 3pm Thursday 10th April. Cathays Branch and Heritage Library, Fairoak Rd, Cathays CF24 4PW

Tel: 02920 785580 for further details.

Image of the approximate location of Billy Banks from Google Maps.

FAN have many free friendship meetings throughout Cardiff and beyond. For further details,

Billy Banks - Image from Google Maps:



Please do get involved – FAN (Friends and Neighbours] is for everyone!

Janina – FAN co-ordinator
FAN Cardiff

Café @ St Michael's Church – Saturday, 12th April

Link: ***https://www.parishofcathays.org/***



Rev Caroline – Faith Leader
St Michael's Church – Gelligaer Street

Sunpainting – all women's event – Ffotogallery – Saturday 12th April

Link: ***www.ffotogallery.org***

Sunpainting : Traces of Heritage - Cyanotype workshops with Audrey Albert

Saturday 12th April 2025, 11am - 1pm

FREE - A closed workshop open to women and displaced women of colour

Booking required - please contact info@ffotogallery.org for more information about how to get involved with this activity.

A hands-on cyanotype workshop inspired by the themes of identity, heritage, and home. Taking place alongside the powerful exhibition

Belongers, this creative session offers an opportunity to explore personal and cultural connections through the unique art of sun printing.



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Plant Sales - Bute Park Saturday, 26th & Sunday, 27th April

Event link Website ***https://www.facebook.com/events/1389765905701613/***

Main group ***https://www.facebook.com/CardiffPlantFairs***

Hello plant lovers,

We've had a bit of a break from social media, but now we're back on with news of the dates of @cardiffplantfairs 2025.We've reduced our smaller Fairs, just for 2025, hoping to have a concentrated attendance at one of our original CPF venues @insolecourt



with our first fair here on 6th April and monthly throughout the season. Our bumper fair in association with @butepark is now definitely a feature in the plant season calendar ... a teeny bit later than usual this April, but all set to bring you some fabulous plants from some fabulous independent nurseries, outdoor and indoor.



So save the 26th and 27th April on your calendars, plant lovers of Cardiff and plant lovers everywhere ... It'll be a plant lovers delight, as usual ...

Volunteers & Staff – Bute Park

Cardiff Plant Fairs

Ffotogallery and Cardiff Met – Photography course – Tuesday, 29th April

Link: ***https://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/courses/short-courses/introduction-to-photography/***

Introduction to Photography

For beginners

Date: Tuesdays, starts 29 April 2025, 6.00-9.00pm

Course length: 10 sessions (10 x 3 hours sessions)

Price: £660

Level: Beginner

Credits: 20

This course is delivered in association with Ffotogallery

Develop an understanding of camera control and an ability to make photographic images through controlled pre-visualisation. This course will encourage students to develop a knowledge of simple camera equipment and materials alongside a visual literacy that will develop a personal approach to picture making and the ability to critically reflect on the visual and cultural implications that underpin the practice of photography. It will provide practical skills in photographic techniques including exposure control, capturing movement, depth of field, using flash and concepts of composition. Each student will produce an individual photographic project, employing the skills gained and critically reflecting the results.

Learning outcomes:

On successful completion of this short course, students will be able to:

Demonstrate an ability to discuss and critically reflect on the photographic image within a broad context and demonstrate an awareness of the role of photography in its social and cultural context (e.g. in the fields of personal/family, communications, industry, the arts, etc).

Communicate their understanding of aspects of photographic composition (e.g. framing, viewpoint, choice of moment, colour, line, tone, texture, pattern, movement, depth of field).

Operate camera controls to produce well composed, sharp pictures under a variety of lighting conditions and demonstrate a knowledge of how to control exposure, subject movement and depth of field through use of aperture, shutter speed, focus and focal length.

Undertake practical photographic assignments based on set and/or self-determined themes and present a set of photographic images employing the new skills developed.

Critically reflect on the appropriateness of different approaches to photographic work

What do students need to bring with them?

A Digital DSLR with full manual controls, tripod and appropriate media storage (e.g. SD cards, external drive)

Enrolment:

The application form will ask you to confirm you have made arrangements with Cardiff Met for payment. You will be contacted to complete payment following a formal acceptance onto the course and will not be able to enrol until payment has been completed.

Enrol now

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Cathays Local Businesses

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Please do get your posters in!!

Plenty of mid spring events to celebrate!!

Regards,

Paulus