



# Building a new **MAINDEE** Together



### Sammy Nasser

A barbershop owner in Maindee originating from Yemen he has been cutting hair for years. Sammy is also a big fan of graffiti art and Hip Hop music, believes Maindee is an untapped area for creativity and will be appearing in a few short films in the coming year.



### Ieuan Berry

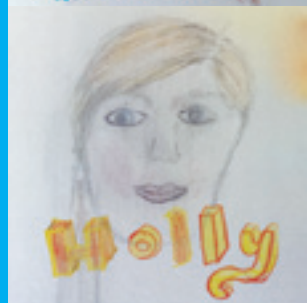
Aged 19 a young photographer of Maindee who has photographed musicians, events and even Barack Obama. AKA Berry loves to explore Urban Spaces and loves the work of, Todd Hido and David Hurn. He will be producing unique and creative work as a developing professional and alongside the Street Media initiative in the coming months so watch out for more from him.



### Babatola Eytayo

Babatola Eytayo [or Tayo] has lived in Maindee for 6 weeks and is already a library volunteer.

He likes Maindee Library because it helps people to know more about their community.



### Charlotte & Holly

Holly and Charlotte are two of the youngest Maindee Library volunteers. They took time the other day to draw these cartoon images of each other.



### Mike Greenwood

Mike Greenwood is the architect who worked so hard to help us make plans for the library and the Triangle Space at Livingstone Place. Mike is based locally with offices on Church Rd and is seen here using the Launderette a few doors down the same street.



### Carole Davies & Kim Lambert

Kim and Carole are both volunteer at Maindee library. Amongst other things Kim organises the rota and you can hear Carol's voice on the New Paths film.

Hear her on Facebook 'MaindeeLibrary' or Youtube 'Street Media'.

**Hugh Clark:** There was great sadness in Maindee when people heard of the death of Hugh Clark, one of the area's greatest characters. He was a councillor for the old Maindee ward in the late 60's and then for Beechwood from 1999 to 2012, having won the last by-election of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Had he been re-elected in 2012 he would have been Mayor of Newport.

Despite suffering increasingly from MS, he was an assiduous councillor. He was to be seen around the ward on his buggy and he rarely missed a council or committee meeting or a ward surgery. As a governor of St Julian's Primary School he attended all meetings and school concerts etc. He was constantly on the phone sorting out constituents' problems, as he always knew exactly the right person to contact.

at Spencer Works from its inception and he chaired the Iron & Steel Federation Union and his meetings with management were undoubtedly lively affairs. Like half the staff he was made redundant and took a degree course at Caerleon before becoming a lecturer at Nash College.

He was always surrounded by books, having been born opposite the Carnegie Library in Corporation Road. He wrote for publications like the Guardian and Punch. In the late 1980's he was employed by the Community House Urban Aid Project to write The Maindee Book and a Maindee Companion to foster a sense of



# Faces of MAINDEE

He was a lifelong Liberal, displaying a "Join the Liberals" sticker on his car during his and Val's honeymoon tour of the West Country, and he fought the parliamentary seat of Abertillery in the 1970's. He was President of Newport liberal Democrats.

community in Maindee. He visited numerous people to record their memories and publish their photographs. 2,000 copies of the first book were sold and a similar number of the second. They are both long out of print and are now collectors' items keenly sought after. A reprint is surely called for.



He was a loyal supporter of Newport County AFC having been a season ticket

holder since the 1950s. He was proud to have the Supporters' Club membership card number 1. Despite his illness, Hugh remained cheerful and good tempered and he never lost his wicked sense of humour. He was always good company and a delight to be with. He will be sadly missed.

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He worked at Monsanto's where he met Val and they were married for 56 years. He later worked

David Hando 12/5/16



## Get Involved – Join the Library!

Drop in to Maindee Library, fill in a simple form and start borrowing books straight away. **Library Volunteers** - Are you interested in books? Do you like helping people? Maindee Library is looking for volunteers! We are also looking for volunteers with strong IT skills. If you can commit to a regular weekly slot, we would like to hear from you. Please pop into Maindee Library for more information or call 01633 309443.



# Llyfrgell MAINDEE Library+

## Room Hire

Maindee Library is available for meetings and event hire. Competitive rates available for this busy location! For further information, contact [info@maindee.org](mailto:info@maindee.org)

## Llyfrgell Maindee Library+ Opening Times

Wed, Thur & Fri: 10am - 5pm  
Sat: 10am - 1pm

## Weekly Drop-in Sessions

Wed – Flying Start Baby Clinic 1-3  
Thur – Citizen's Advice Bureau 10 - 12  
Communities First Beginner's IT Classes 10.30 - 12.30  
Communities First Job Club 1 - 4  
Sat – Primary Maths Drop-in 11-1  
ESOL Drop-in 10 - 1

## New Paths

Hopefully you will have been to a Maindee Festival since it started in 1997. Or maybe you have seen the aerial shots of Maindee in the film we shared in April this year? Maindee is a place of stories and connections and we are encouraging people to share their creativity.

The New Paths grant is one way that Maindee Unlimited can help imaginative ideas to be developed. For example, we are helping Bob Condict with a little money to

put on a street party in June and supporting young people from Maindee to get involved in events across Newport this summer. The grant application is quick and easy to fill in and we will get back to you with a decision within a month. If you would like to informally discuss an idea please contact Aled or Fez.

Please go to [www.maindee.org](http://www.maindee.org) to find the application form and details.

## Urban Circle SummerFest

The 2016 Summer Fest is a brand new youth music, dance and drama event taking place at Tredegar House on July 30<sup>th</sup>. It's the start of a new partnership with long-running youth arts and music organisation Urban Circle and the National Trust whom have recently taken ownership of Tredegar House. With thanks to Communities first funding the event will explore the use of dramatic retelling and re-enactment of the interesting stories that have happened in the house over the years with support from local writer Alex Riley. Alongside local music, dance showcases and food on the grass outside, the 2016 Summer Fest will be a great family friendly start to the summer. The event is free to attend and a bus service will be made available from Maindee library and the YMCA in Pillgwenly from 1-4pm.

#16SummerFest





# Finding MAINDEE

The pages of this newsletter show how different people feel about Maindee. For example David Hando's writes an account of making the Maindee Book in the 1980s (page 3), Victoria J E Jones' has made art installations for 'I am Maindee' (page 8) and a film is being made by Nizmo and Street Media (page 13).

We are interested in how you see Maindee: past; present and future. There is a growing collection of books in the library and an ever-expanding



social media record on our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. This summer you will also have the chance to see mosaics in the windows of Cayzers Menswear and be invited to work alongside Jo Haycock as we explore homes in Maindee (both page 6). As a party event the Maindee Festival Parade on Saturday July 9th is a chance for the Senegambian and Latina Hispanic communities share their culture with us. **If you have any ideas or thoughts please drop into the library, use our social media platforms or contact [aled@maindee.org](mailto:aled@maindee.org) or [fez@maindee.org](mailto:fez@maindee.org).**

## Mosaic Maindee

Mosaic Maindee is a project that has dedicated time to observing 'the shops' area of Chepstow Road. Through walks and observations we have realised how many memories are recollected by just taking the time to



stop, observe and share our collective connections with Maindee. Photography has allowed individuals from the groups to create mosaics directly from the images collected. Defined by these lines and forms that are Maindee's architecture we are now developing ways to embed per-

sonal stories into the mosaics. All artworks will be exhibited in collaboration with the iconic window displays of Cayzer's Menswear this June.

There is still time to join us on Thursdays between 1-8pm - please contact Stephanie Roberts on 07773 276778.

## Maindee Stories

### The Fabric Of Our Lives

is a creative project involving people from diverse backgrounds to produce a large textile artwork. Exploring themes of identity and local history, celebrating what connects people to a particular place are the ideas running throughout. We're running a series of workshops

led by visiting professional artists and makers. There are many opportunities to learn from each other, build new friendships as well as have time to experiment along the way. You can get involved throughout the summer at Maindee Library and Community House. Dates to be confirmed (see [maindee.org](http://maindee.org)).



If you would like to take part – and especially if you have embroidery or sewing skills then please contact Marion: [webber.marion@gmail.com](mailto:webber.marion@gmail.com).

by Sandra Fowler



## Making a Home in Maindee

*"I got off a plane with two suitcases and my daughter, after living abroad for 20 years and back to Maindee. Nothing was where it used to be."* Jayne, Fair oak Ave.

Jo Haycock, documentary photographer will be finding out how people make their homes in Maindee. She will be exploring questions around personal, social and

geographical choices they made to live in the area. This photographic project aims to show some of the stories through the eyes of the local community.

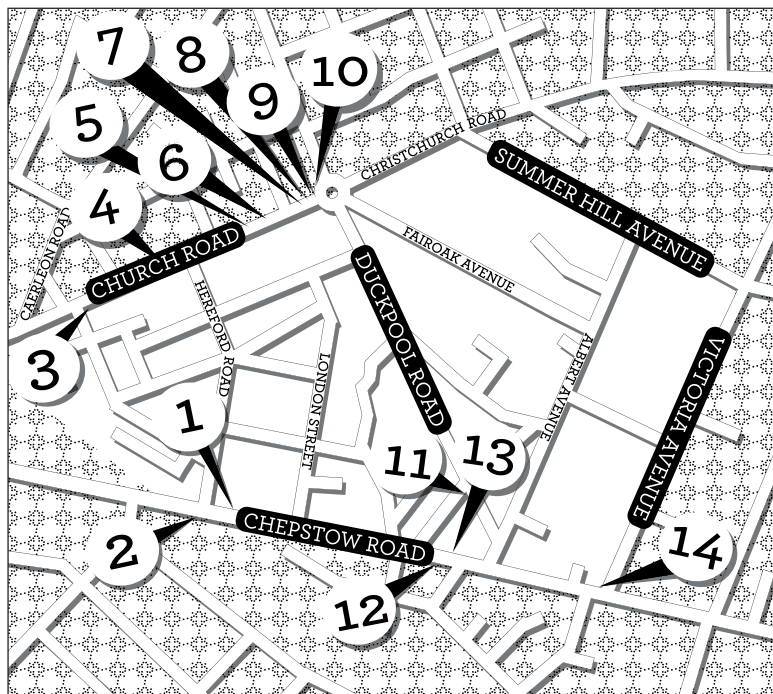
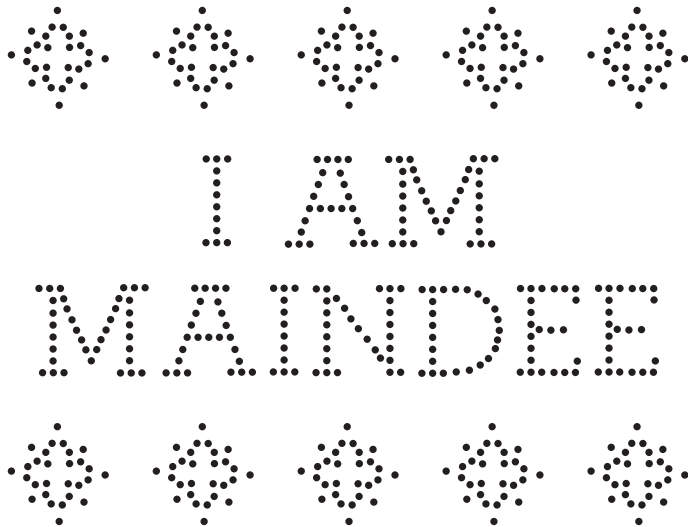
By spending time over the summer months with Ian Morgan of Leonard D Morgan Estate Agents, Jo will get to share a part of his unique and historical knowledge of the area. This will open up conversations and journeys of the people that have moved in and out of Maindee over the several decades his family-run business has been here on the high street.



# Finding MAINDEE

I Am Maindee is a site specific art installation comprised of LED signs displaying 'I Am Maindee'. The signs are being displayed in the windows of businesses and organisations across the Maindee. I Am Maindee is about demonstrating a sense of pride and connection with the area.

[www.victoriaejones.com](http://www.victoriaejones.com) | [victoriaejones.blogspot.co.uk](http://victoriaejones.blogspot.co.uk)



## I AM MAINDEE

1. Llyfrgell Maindee Library  
79 Chepstow Road
2. Holbrooks  
80 Chepstow Road
3. AJM Computers  
80 Church Road
4. GAVO  
Ty Derwen, Church Road
5. Church Road Launderette  
26 Church Road
6. Umbrella Project  
30 Church Road
7. Elm Tree Bakery  
33 Church Road
8. Payne N Gainz  
35 Church Road
9. Sammys Barber  
36 Church Road
10. Palfreys  
36A Church Road
11. Maindee Handiman  
33 Fairoak Terrace
12. Friends Hair Salon  
144 Chepstow Rd
13. PF Homes  
139, Chepstow Rd
14. The George  
157 Chepstow Rd

**NetworkRail**

## South Wales Mainline Electrification Newport Centre Works

Throughout 2016 Network Rail and our partners ABC Electrification will be working to electrify the South Wales Mainline. There will be lots of work in and around Newport, this includes:

*Reconstruction of Bridge Street Road Bridge.*

Please note, from 17th - 19th September the railway between Newport and Cardiff will be closed to trains, to enable us to undertake the lifting of the new bridge deck.

Join us at the festival to find out more information.



*Working for you.*



electrification

**ABC Electrification**  
To celebrate 'The Triangle' we are running the  
**Maindee Triangle Challenge at the Maindee  
Festival**

**Stop by on the day and come build your own triangle.**

**Then join us at 3pm as we assemble the largest Triangle Structure in Newport!**

**Hard Hats and Safety Glasses will be provided!**





# Maindee Festival

## Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July, Theme: FAIR PLAY

Come and join in the fun at this year's 20<sup>th</sup> Maindee Festival on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's festival theme is Fair Play and we've teamed up with Newport City Council's Fairness Commission to explore the idea of fairness in Newport.

**Parade:** Take part in the colourful vibrant 'Fair Play' carnival parade as it wends its way from Newport Rugby Club through the streets of Maindee and on to the festival site at Maindee Primary School.

If you or a community group you belong to want to help make costumes for this year's parade come along to our arts workshops which will take place every Saturday throughout June and the first week of July at Maindee Library.

Join other community groups including Maindee Library volunteers, the Hispanic and Latin American Association, and the Newport Sena-Gambian Association and help make Newport's only free community arts event bigger and better than ever.

**And across the site:** Art and craft activities for children and adults, fair and unfair games, street performers, clowns, fair rides, food stalls, bar, and much much more.

**Traders:** Want to trade at this year's festival? The festival attracts an average 5,000 visitors each year so it's a great event at which to sell goods or tell people about your services. You can download a traders form which tells you everything you need to know about festival trading at [www.maindee.org](http://www.maindee.org)

**Volunteering:** Your festival needs you! Maindee Festival is run entirely by volunteers. We have loads to do on the day and during the week before and would love to hear from you if you'd like to lend a hand.

**Sponsors:** The 2016 festival is financially supported by The Arts Council of Wales, Newport Live, Newport City Council Fairness Commission, NCC Neighbourhood Fund, Charter Housing Association, Newport City Homes, ABC Electrification, Communities First, & Tidal Lagoon Wales.

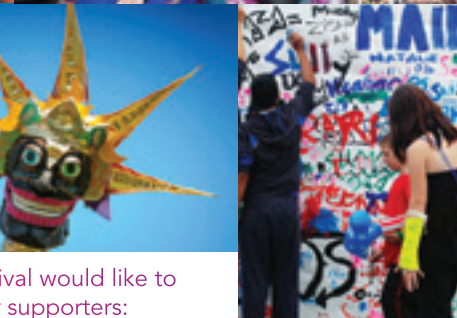
### Festival Parade Workshops - Get Involved!

Want to join the Parade? We're holding Workshops to make costumes at Maindee Library on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> & Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30 - 5pm



## 20 Years of Maindee Festival

The Maindee Festival Association formed in 1997 to promote and celebrate the diversity of the people who live and work in the Maindee area of Newport, South Wales. We organise the annual Maindee Festival, held in July, and a programme of environmental and arts projects with local schools and community groups.



Maindee Festival would like to thank our sponsors:



# Maindee Festival lineup 2016

This year will see a plethora of music and performances from across South Wales and beyond. We will see large Performances from Maindee and Eveswell Primary. Spoken word from Rhys Tribmle, Des Mannay and a host of artists across the 2 stages. For 2016 we will see the return of The Maindee's Got Talent competition at the main stage, organised by Newport City Radio. If you wish to enter the contest please send your info and videos to [contact@newportcityradio.org](mailto:contact@newportcityradio.org). The

contest is open for entries from 23<sup>rd</sup> of May and close 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

Here are some of the acts:



## Dragons Breath

South Wales based Twmpath/Ceilidh band with a mix of fiddle, concertina, mandolin, whistles and a driving back line of sax, bass, guitar and drums.  
[dragons-breath.co.uk](http://dragons-breath.co.uk)



## Maharaja Blues

Maharaja Blues is the culmination Richard, Jonathan and Satinder fusing the sound of the beating tabla with the euphoric slide blues and the fire of the harmonica.

[www.maharajablues.com](http://www.maharajablues.com)

## Richard Berry

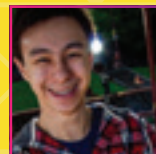
Host of our Spoken Word tent, Richard Berry is a Traditional Storyteller and Writer and a founder member of both Cardiff's First Theatre in Education company and Hijinx Theatres.  
[www.richard-berry.co.uk](http://www.richard-berry.co.uk)



## Rhys 'Milo' Jones

An original singer/songwriter. Plays music that is catchy, upbeat in the style of country/punk/pop and ska.

[facebook.com/Milo.CCFC.Jones](https://www.facebook.com/Milo.CCFC.Jones)



## Rhys Hone

Singer Song writer from the BA Hons Creative Sound and Music programme. With a great smile this young singer from Tonyrefail will bring some summer vibes to this years festival. [soundcloud.com/rhys-hone-music/stand-alone-demo](https://www.soundcloud.com/rhys-hone-music/stand-alone-demo)

## Joshua Doughty

His love of the Kora (West African Harp) has seen him develop his own unique style incorporating elements of the traditional instrument with modern western influences.

[tribeofdoris.co.uk/josh-doughty/](http://tribeofdoris.co.uk/josh-doughty/)

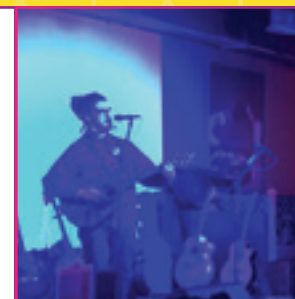


## Tomo Watkins

Singer/Song-Writer, Original Folk Artist from South Wales.

Canwr-Cymraeg, Cyfansoddwr, Gwerin-Gwreiddiol

[www.soundcloud.com/rhystwatkins](https://www.soundcloud.com/rhystwatkins)



## Connor and the Conmen

A reggae band based in Newport but from across the Celtic spectrum.





## Street Media: Maindee is full of stories!

The Street Media initiative is designed to help young residents of Maindee (under 25) use media and film. Street Media is managed by Mohamad Fez Miah - a lecturer on the University of South Wales Audio Visual Programmes as well as multimedia coordinator for Urban Circle Productions. Fez has developed a peer-based mentoring and support initiative and offers training and resources for people interested in exploring film and media as a career route. One of the first Street Media initiatives is a short film.

### Short Film 'ExTchange'

Director Onismo Muhlana, aged 23 and who goes by the name Nizmo, has got to know Maindee by having his hair styled by young Yemenese barber Sammy on Church Road. Nizmo's directing abilities have cemented him as a respected music video director based in Wales and he has worked with the likes of Fernquest, Dee Shae, Mason and TKD to name but a few of the up and coming musicians of the area.

Nizmo recently decided to approach New Paths with an idea to make a short film. Having become a father recently he wanted to make a film that, in his own words, would "raise awareness of ongoing social problems that are affecting young people in society on a daily basis".

Since April 2016 Nizmo has led a group of students from the media class at St Julian's Comprehensive School to create this film. Street Media has been able to back the project by sharing skills, mentoring and developing film making and communication skills. The film has gone into production and will be premiering at the Fairness Commissions film screening at The Neon on Saturday 9th July... To read more go to [www.maindee.org](http://www.maindee.org)

**STREET  
MEDIA  
BLOG**

STREET MEDIA

## Branding Maindee

It was decided early on that Maindee needed a brand which would represent and tie together all the diverse activities in the area, and that residents, traders and visitors alike could get behind. Before we started any design work on the Maindee Identity, we developed a questionnaire for residents, traders and visitors of Maindee to tell us their feelings about various aspects of the area. There was much negativity in the responses to our survey, but there were a couple of aspects that were clearly seen as positives: Maindee's Multicultural makeup, and it's Community Spirit.

Here are some of the many things people said, split into negative comments, positive comments and suggestions.

"Image needs to improve cosmetically"

"Clean it up, invest - its a dump"

"The triangle is unsuitable for change - focus on the car park"

"Looks tired"

"Used to be lovely, buzzing"

"Needs cleaning up to make it more village like"

"Needs environmental improvement"

"People are caring but we do have a lot of crime"

"It is not the most desirable place to live - if it improves I will stay, if not, I will move"

"Not a very safe environment"

"Exciting to be part of a community lead project. Maindee is becoming more community active"

"Village idea is strong"

"Close-knit community, family-orientated"

"Diverse community and good local shops"

"Close & convenient for shops and Rodney Parade"

"There's a lot of talent in Maindee and an interest in developing the community"

"Maindee Festival contributes greatly to the community"

"I believe it has a lot of potential"

"We need a community centre"

"We need something like Chapter Arts"

"Important to build on momentum of the volunteers in the library"

"Help put Maindee back on the map - local businesses pulling together - could be thriving"

"We need more youth projects and shops"

"More to be done with railway bridge. These could be magnificent gateways - giant colour murals and coherent to the high St. with colour/brand"

"Market would be lovely"

"The Library should become a social hub"



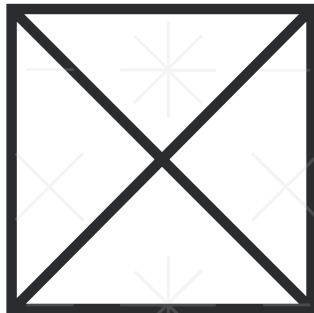
Having processed all responses to the survey, we focussed on the positive comments that were made about the people of Maindee, being its most positive asset – with high praise for the volunteers behind the library, the festival and Community House. Without the dedicated volunteers of Maindee, there is no Maindee brand identity... so we came up with the phrase:

## PEOPLE ARE THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF MAINDEE'S IDENTITY



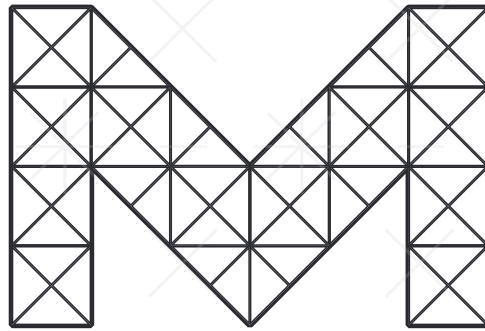
*"More to be done with railway bridge. These could be magnificent gateways - giant colour murals and coherent to the high St. with colour/brand"*

Echoing that comment above about the iconic bridge, with its interlocking iron framework, we started with the single building block, as seen on the right.



**This represents YOU – a volunteer, a resident, a trader, or a visitor. It represents anyone with a passion for Maindee and a will to see it improve.**

**Alone it is strong, but Maindee's true strength lies in the coming together of these individuals, working together to build a better Maindee.**



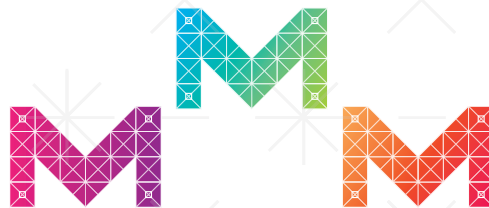
## THE FRAMEWORK

We made a distinctive letter 'M' for Maindee, constructed from a combination of the individual building blocks. This is the framework for Maindee's identity, and it offers the flexibility required to represent all of Maindee's different services and projects.

## THE COLOURS

Maindee's multicultural diversity means that Maindee is a vibrant riot of colour – as anyone who's ever attended Maindee Festival will know.

We've chosen three colourways for the identity, which we call Neon, Aqua and Flame, each is made up of a blend of colours.



## THE MESSAGE

An 'M' alone wasn't enough, so we needed strapline to support the brand, and chose "Building a new Maindee Together", which echoes the construction theme, whilst also stressing the fact that these projects only happen when the people of Maindee come together to make a difference.

We wanted the typeface to reflect the 'hands-on' approach of Maindee's volunteers, whilst also offering a contrast to the rigid grid and sharp lines of the M. After much type testing we came up with the finished brand for Maindee:



**Building a new  
MAINDEE  
Together**

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey, and help show us the way to what we feel is a vibrant and strong brand for the community to get behind. You'll start to see Maindee's new brand identity rolling out over the next few weeks and months.

## MAINDEE MURAL

You'll soon see elements of the new Maindee brand on the high street as artists Andy O'Rourke and Gawaine Webber are taking over the frontage of the Pound Store.

Maindee branding and design by Webber Design Ltd. [webber-design.com](http://webber-design.com)

*"I love where I live. I chose it and I want it to be the best it can be for everyone's enjoyment. It is no worse or better than anywhere else, but I'd like to see improvement and*

*investment to encourage everyone who lives here, visits and drives through it to recognise a Maindee brand and to start the process of engendering pride in the place; pride will*

*hopefully lead to cohesion and people taking better care in terms of litter etc and making the effort to join in with all the interesting things planned over the next year."*

# Taking Fairness Seriously

## Maindee Film Festival

Set-up by Newport City Council in 2012, Newport Fairness Commission is an independent body which looks critically at Council policy, focussing on what it means to spend resources 'fairly' within our city. The Commission also encourages public discussion on what it means to have a 'fair society', recognising that people will have many different views on this, stories to tell and issues to raise. We will have a stall at the festival on the 9<sup>th</sup> July (so look out for us!), and we will be showing a series of films at The Neon (recently reopened on Clarence Place) from 2.30pm that day.

These films include one made by young people from Newport about how young people are often unfairly portrayed. Simon Orman and his team from the USW Documentary Film Course in Newport explains this particular piece – *"We are offering insight into differing perspectives into what fairness is. Where we are showcasing 15 accounts of how fairly the people of Newport feel they are treated in the city."*

There is also film made by Nizmo Muhlana and the Maindee Street Media Team; another by students from the University of South Wales about Newport people's stories of fairness; and The Divide, a full-length 2016 feature documentary looking at different people's experiences in the USA and the UK of what it means to live in a society which is divided between very rich and very poor people.

**So we'd love to see you on 9 July at our Maindee Festival stall, and at the screenings at The Neon. And we'd love to hear your views on fairness. There's a conversation going on across Newport and beyond, about how to make our city fairer. Be part of it!**

<http://www.newportfairnesscommission.org/>  
Twitter: @fairnewport

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NP19 7AB Newport

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our nation



If you are organising any events in Maindee that you'd like to feature in the next issue of this newsletter (and website) please email details to [info@maindee.org](mailto:info@maindee.org)

# What's On MAINDEE?

## JUNE

- 03 **Meena Bazaar**  
Crafts, Food, Stalls, Mendhi, Community House, 2-4pm, Free
- 13 **HISLA - Maindee festival Carnival costume workshop**  
Maindee Library, [www.maindee.org](http://www.maindee.org), 2.30-5pm, Free
- 14 & 15 **Newport Senegambia Association costume workshops**  
Maindee Library, 5.30-7.30pm, Free
- 20 **HISLA - Maindee festival Carnival costume workshop**  
Maindee Library, [www.maindee.org](http://www.maindee.org), 2.30-5pm, Free

## JULY

- 08 **Battle of the Bands - Every week in July**  
The Neon, 19:00, [info@theneon.co.uk](mailto:info@theneon.co.uk)
- 09 **The Fairness Commission Film screening**  
The Neon, 2-5pm, Free
- 09 **Maindee Festival**  
The Neon, 1-8pm, Free
- 13 **How to Write Business & Strategic Plans Effectively**  
GAVO, 9.30-4.30, £22.00
- 16 & 17 **The Big Splash - Street Theatre & Outdoor Music**  
The Riverfront, outside for all to enjoy, Free
- 30 **The 2016 Summer Fest - Family friendly start to the Summer**  
Tredegar House, 1pm-7pm, Free

## AUGUST

- 18 **RawFfest**  
The Riverfront, £15 per Day Event pass
- 20 **Owen Money – A night with Welsh legends**  
The Neon, 19:00
- 28 **Ministry of Sound**  
The Neon
- 15/9 **DreamBoys**  
The Neon

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