

is our new local hashtag, so get tagging!

Welcome to our autumn Maindee Newsletter

Saturday Fun & Games

With everyone's bills shooting up, energy and food costs have never been higher. The library has always closed at 12pm on Saturdays. But what if it stayed open for the rest of the day this winter for some family time - would that be a help? Ideas for the free-to-enter sessions include: table tennis, board and console games, children's TV, make your own sandwiches and drinks and prize bingo.

What do you think? Can you help us to make this happen?

Texts your thoughts to <u>07948 624781</u> or email <u>info@maindee.org</u>. We will respond to everyone who contacts us. The sessions could start after autumn half term.



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Tackling Climate Change

Temperatures soared this summer (see page 8). While we basked in heat this summer, the after effects of the floods in Pakistan are devastating the lives of over 33 million people. The effects of climate change are, indeed, global but we can all do something to help turn things around.

The Greening Maindee team are successfully developing new public garden spaces (see page 5), The Woodlanders community orchard in Woodland Park is another great local action (see page 10) and the Maindee District Centre Renewal Project now has plans to transform and green up Chepstow Road and the car park.

You can comment on these proposals in the library or use your camera phone to scan this QR code which will bring up this link:

www.maindee.org/district-centre-renewal







ASHLEY CAMPBELL

+ THORJENSEN

7pm Saturday October 8th

Beautiful voices, virtuoso guitar and banjo

it's going to be a real treat!

Llyfrgell Maindee Library

Tickets £12 from eventbrite and library





Greening Maindee News

Gardening gloves were on and there was plenty of flower power this summer at Greening Maindee Together events. We have spotted wildlife, met moths, picked litter, found clues, dug earth, discovered new food (squash halva anyone?) played with friends, watered, had a henna tattoo, sown seeds, made loads of things such as: flower crowns; leaf art; clay and photo paper and bird boxes.

Gwent Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Warriors created a beautiful and very functional green roof over a bin store. It helps pollinators, absorbs heat and retains water. If you are interested, the Greening Maindee Together team can show you how to make one.

The Pop-Up garden in the Chepstow Road car park is also proving a hit with the wildlife and people. One resident excitedly told us..."It's great to have somewhere to sit on a sunny day - thank you!"



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More events to look forward to:

- Creative Gardening Club Thursdays at Community House, Eton Road. Find out more by calling Angela on 07376 601615.
- Women's Afternoon Gardening with Nature Group –
 Mondays from 1 pm 2.30pm. The venue is TBC, probably at
 St. Mary's Church on Wharf Road. Contact Kathy Barclay on
 <u>07801 074108</u>.
- FREE Trip to Wentwood Forest October 18th with Steve England for a Fungi Walk. To join please contact Kathy Barclay on 07801 074108.
- **Maindee Monday** October 31st in the St. Mary's Garden from 2pm 4pm.

www.communityhousemaindee.org





Odd Jobbers & Foodies Needed

Community House, on the corner of Eton Road and Corporation Road, has been providing a safe space for people in Maindee and surrounding areas for over 50 years.

It hosts many groups for men, women, young people, faith groups, advice and counselling services, slimming, EU culture, English classes plus loads of community events.

A volunteer with some DIY skills is needed to help with odd jobs or care taking. Contact Ingrid on <u>07976 267367</u> or at <u>CHER@ideasuk.co.uk</u> to find out more about the roles.

FoodCycle Newport

Based at Community House, is looking for volunteers to help cook, host or collect food a couple of times a month for their Tuesday evening community meals.

For more information please go to www.foodcycle.org.uk, or email us on newport@foodcycle.org.uk or text on 07976 267367.





Maindee Food Pantry

Over seven tonnes of food has been distributed since the Pantry opened in Llyfrgell Maindee Library six months ago. That's over tonne a month!

The food is mainly donated by local shops and supermarkets. Volunteer Coordinator, Jane Shatford says... "We are grateful to shops like the Coop, Aldi and Sainsbury's for their support. During this summer we have also had donations of fresh fruit and vegetables from Greening Maindee, and from people's gardens and allotments. There's a real community feel to the pantry".

The Pantry is keen to see more people getting involved. If you are a local shopkeeper you would be welcome to drop in and see what's going on. Also if you would like to help staff the sessions or collect from shops then contact Jane on pantry@maindee.org or leave a message at the library on 01633-309443 or via our Facebook page.

The Food Pantry, which is located in the Library at 79 Chepstow Road, is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday (2:30pm – 4:30pm) and on Saturday (10:30am – 12pm).









Triangle Updates

On a sweltering hot Saturday in August, The Triangle hosted the first Maindee Music Festival. The yellow playstage proved popular with the performers. Ice cream, cold drinks and tree shade helped keep the audience cool. Thanks to the Maindee Festival crew and the team from Newport City Radio, everything went smoothly. It was a great little event that should now be back in 2023

The local community has had to wait a long time for this re-development of The Triangle to be finished. It took Maindee Unlimited (who are responsible for the project) several years to get the plans approved and the funds raised. Then the actual building work got delayed by almost a year due to unexpected glitches and COVID related supplies and labour issues.

Because there is so little outdoor space in Maindee, "pocket parks" like The Triangle are all the more important. So, now The Triangle is open, with the café and toilet opening soon too, we can start assessing the value of the development. Please get in touch (info@maindee.org or 07948 624781) if you want to come to the project evaluation session (date to be confirmed) or if you have any immediate comments to make.





Llyfrgell Maindee Library

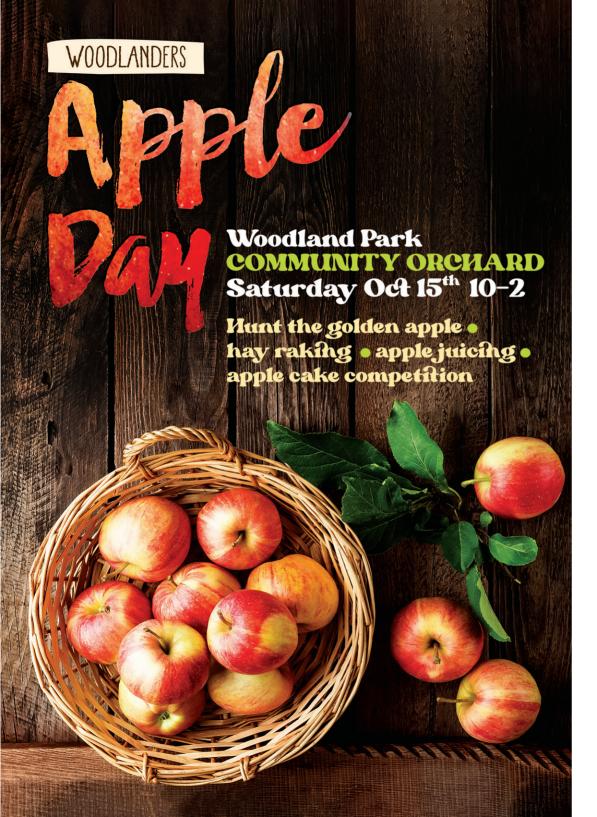
Annual General Meeting

The Maindee Unlimited AGM is in Llyfrgell Maindee Library from 5pm to 6pm on Saturday 29th October. It's a chance to look back over the last year, check the accounts and appoint new 2022/23 Trustees. Everyone who lives or works in Maindee is welcome. Call in to the library or email us at admin@maindee.org if you would like a copy of the accounts or are interested in becoming a Trustee.

Pumpkin Party

To celebrate the community library's last seven years and the 2022 launch of Maindee Food Pantry, we are having a free-entry Pumpkin themed party right after the AGM from 6.30pm to 9.30pm with live music from Black Cat Jazz, pumpkin-based food and some family friendly games. Everyone is welcome, you don't have to have come to the AGM to attend (see ad on back cover).







Celebrating the Great Outdoors

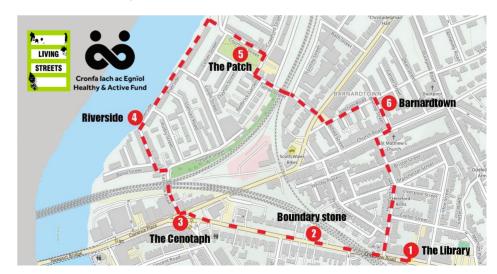
There are lots of opportunities this autumn to get outdoors in Maindee. The Greening Maindee team organise gardening sessions for people of all ages. Weeding or planting can be very therapeutic - why not give it a go? Ring Kathy Barclay on 07801074108 or see page 5 more information.

The Woodlanders are celebrating Apple Day in Woodland Park on 15th October between 10am and 2pm, see facing page. After that there are three more Woodland Park events to put in your diary:

- 22nd October 10am 12pm | Wild flower sowing and hurdle making
- 12th November 10am 12pm | Path clearing, tidy up, bonfire and soup
- 10th December 10am 12pm | Christmas wreath making and tree planting

Living Streets Walks

If you just fancy a short, slow walk on the flat, then you might want to join our "Living Streets" walks. These short outings begin at 11am on Wednesdays. This latest set of walks will run from 12th October until Christmas. We meet at the bus stop outside the library. Register at www.surveymonkey.com/r/2QTLFXP or just turn up and register with John or Kathy on the day.





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