



Maindee

Summer in Maindee





Welcome to Our Summer 2022 Newsletter

The Queen is the first British monarch to ever have a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service.

To celebrate, the first weekend in June is a Bank Holiday and there are some special events for you to enjoy in East Newport. On the evening of **Thursday June 2nd**, a beacon will be lit on Ringland Top (now renamed as the **"Queen Elizabeth II Field"**).

Llyfrgell Maindee Library is putting on a family-friendly jazz night with live music, bar and snacks from 6pm – 10pm on **Saturday June 4th** (all welcome – free entry). On **Sunday June 5th** the Big Jubilee Lunch is in Beechwood Park with a large screen TV (take a picnic) and, on the same day, there are street games and a street party on Livingstone Place, see facing page for more details.

Life is so different now in Maindee to how it was 70 years ago. The photograph on the previous page shows children at Maindee Girls' School posing for the camera on "Empire Day" in 1949. Even then such celebrations of patriotism, monarchy and empire were becoming a thing of the past.

We wonder if any of those children in this picture, or in the earlier photograph of VE celebrations in

Glebe Street on the cover, still live in Maindee and remember watching the Queen's coronation on a fuzzy black and white TV back in 1952?

If so, please send us your memories which we will be pleased to publish in the next newsletter.

God Save the Queen!



EMPIRE DAY. 1949. MAINDEE GIRLS SCHOOL.

Jubilee Street Party

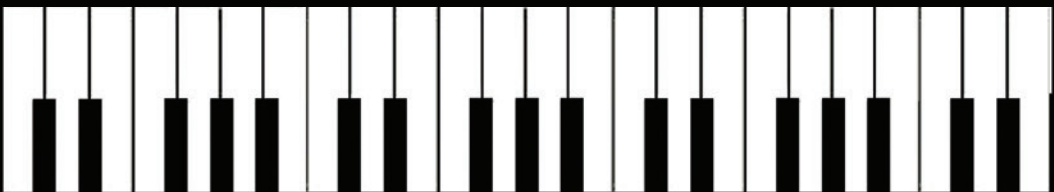
Residents and friends are warmly invited to the Jubilee Street Party with games on **Sunday June 5th from 2pm to 5pm at Livingstone Place**. We're organising a BBQ and a bring-and-share buffet, it's a great opportunity to have a bit of community fun and enjoy the fantastic new facilities in the Triangle building and on the play stage and outdoor areas.

Because there is a road closure on the end of Livingstone Place for street games, please can vehicle owners avoid parking on the end of the road on the afternoon of the 5th of June.



Contact Ruth on [07769 205375](tel:07769205375) if you can help on the day or need any further information.





**Saturday 4th June in
Llyfrgell Maindee Library**

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Can you help Derrick?

In order to tell Derrick what you think, you can complete a short questionnaire online by scanning the **pink code** below.

Derrick Sutton is exploring Maindee Car Park - and wants your ideas on how it can be improved. It's all part of a Masters degree Derrick is doing at the University of Gloucester. The results will feed into the broader District Centre Renewal Project that Maindee Unlimited is running this year.

If you are aged 11 - 18 you can also complete a special young persons' survey about the games area at the back of the car park and how that might be improved by scanning the **green code** below.



"I'm really interested in finding out how people think the car park should be redesigned and what they would like to see happen in this large space. That information will be used to create a new design for the car park that responds specifically to what the community tells me."

You can get further information from Derrick on [07504 655561](tel:07504655561) or by email: derricksutton@connect.glos.ac.uk



Connecting with Nature

Kathy Barclay is spending the next year working with local residents from minority communities to help them with their gardening and nature projects. She is something of an expert in nature projects, but is new to Maindee so has had a lot to learn since she started work in April. Some of this is mundane stuff, like finding good places to park and how to change the ink in the library printer. Some of it is cultural, like the many, many uses of mint in global cuisines and the challenge of trying to organise anything during Ramadan! Most of all Kathy has been meeting people and learning more about the incredible cultural diversity of the Maindee community.

She is planning a series of nature-related events for the coming year. The next newsletter will carry full details but, in the meantime you can get more information and find out how you or your group can get more involved from the Library on Chepstow Road, Community House on Eton Road or, and for school parents, from Maindee Primary School. You can contact Kathy at: kathy@natureconnected.co.uk or [07801 074108](tel:07801074108).



The project is financially supported by the Heritage Fund's "Local Places for Nature – Breaking Barriers Scheme" and delivered on behalf of the Welsh Government.



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The Peoples Assembly Takes Off

In the last newsletter we invited people to sign up for a new Maindee Peoples' Assembly. Loads of people got in touch and since then two packed meetings have been held in Llyfrgell Maindee Library. The purpose of the Assembly is to bring a wide cross section of the community together to explore peoples' collective aspirations for the future of the place we all live in.

So far, members have been getting to know each other, learning about possibilities for things like "zero waste" towns, and identifying a shared vision that everyone can sign up to. **Feeling safe in the community, a clean and well looked after environment, and making better use of community land for play and leisure** are top priorities.

The noise, speed and volumes of traffic on Corporation Road and Chepstow Road have also come up a lot. So it is appropriate that the third meeting of the Assembly, on **Saturday June 25th**, will be looking at the initial ideas to re-design Chepstow Road and the Maindee car park being developed for us by Chris Gentle from Roberts Limbrick Ltd.

The Assembly is being organised by Aimee Parker, who is keen to hear from anyone interested in attending this or any future session. You can contact Aimee on [07967 918915](tel:07967 918915) or aimeeparkerconsultancy@gmail.com.

Community House

www.communityhousemaindee.org



FoodCycle Newport

FoodCycle Newport are looking for volunteers once or twice a month for their hot community meals served every Tuesday night at Community House. Help is needed to collect food from local outlets, cook, welcome guests, serve – or maybe you'll help lead the sessions and become a Project Leader?



Go to www.foodcycle.org.uk or text [07976 267367](tel:07976 267367) for more information.

ESOL Classes

Register now for English (ESOL) classes for September. You need to book an assessment first to check your level. Go to www.reach.wales or email: reachnewport@gmail.com

Wellbeing Appointments

The NHS Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner is running one-to-one mental health and wellbeing sessions. These are available in English, Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu. For an appointment, text or WhatsApp: [07581 007498](tel:07581 007498).

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Maindee Housing Crisis

The UK is seeing a huge housing crisis. This is nowhere more evident than in Maindee where there is little social housing and many dilapidated Victorian terraced houses that are hard to heat and have often been turned into sub-standard flats or bedsits.

Community groups and local schools are reporting that vulnerable families are being exploited by some landlords... and it's becoming harder and harder for people on low incomes to rent legitimately because of soaring costs and an inability to find a guarantor.

The Welsh Government is trying to address some of these inequalities through the Renting Homes Act which becomes law on **Friday July 15th**.

It's the biggest change to housing law for decades and **will give tenants greater protection**. It's not going to solve all tenants' problems but it is a start.

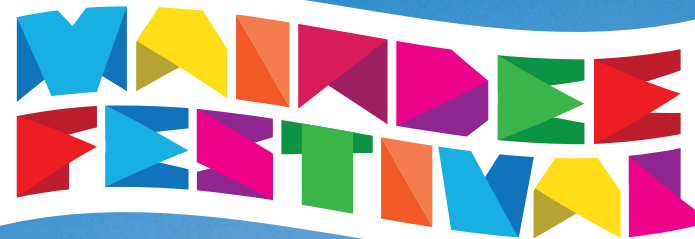
Information sessions to advise you on your housing rights are being held in Maindee Primary School, Community House and Llyfrgell Maindee Library.

The first information session is at 2pm on **Thursday June 23rd** at Maindee Primary School. All welcome. **Please tell anyone you think may find this helpful.**

Contact admin@maindee.org or phone/text [07925 436903](tel:07925436903) for more information.

Meet at 6pm on **Wednesday June 15th** in St Mary's Community Garden on the corner of Wharf Road on Corporation Road.

Join the Next
Maindee Litter Pick



It's nearly Summer... which means festival time! The crew at Maindee Festival are planning three free pop-up events for everyone to enjoy.

Maindee Street Festival: Saturday July 2nd

From 2pm to 5pm in Jubilee Gardens and Community House, Eton Road. There'll be live music, stalls, arts and crafts, street play, sports activities for children and a mini parade at the end.

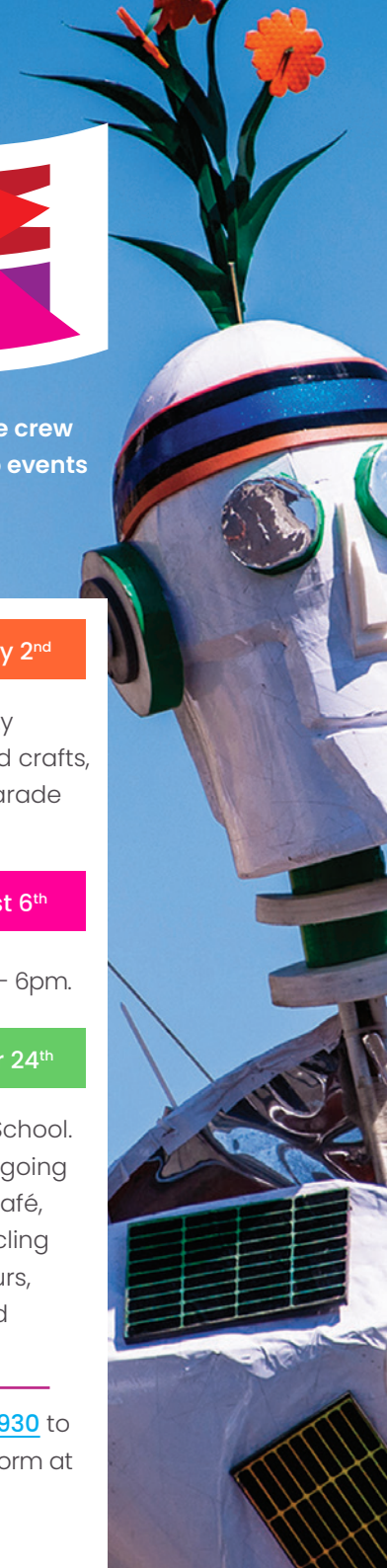
Music on the Triangle: Saturday August 6th

Live performances from a mix of local talent from 2pm - 6pm.

Living Green Fayre: Saturday September 24th

The Fayre is held in the grounds of Maindee Primary School. It's a celebration of all the green, sustainable activity going on in Newport. Bring your broken items to the repair café, see what's happening in the world of reuse and recycling from some truly inspiring innovators and entrepreneurs, buy upcycled pre loved stuff... plus music, spoken word performances and great food. **Hold that date!**

Email festival@maindee.org or call Alison [07925 436930](tel:07925436930) to let us know if you can help, want to have a stall or perform at any (or all!) of these events.





3 Tonnes of Food Saved!

If you care about food waste and want to make a positive contribution to the environment then Maindee Food Pantry is definitely the place for you.

Over 3 tonnes of food has been redistributed by the Pantry since it opened in Llyfrgell Maindee Library in February. The food is donated by local stores such as Coop, Aldi and Lidl.

The Pantry is now looking for more donations, particularly from smaller local shops, growers with surplus produce or from anyone who has bought too much or just want to clear out their cupboards.

'This amazing project is proving to be a lifeline to local people but we couldn't run it without the help of our band of dedicated and passionate volunteers', says Pantry Volunteer Coordinator, Jane Shatford.



'However, we can always do with more help so if you'd like to work a shift in the pantry or collect from our participating local shops then please, please get in touch.'

There are many ways to get in touch, either email pantry@maindee.org or leave a message at the library on [01633 309443](tel:01633309443) or contact us via our Facebook page. Search for: [Maindee Food Pantry](#).

The Food Pantry is operated from the Library. Open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons (2:30 – 4:30) and Saturday mornings (10:30 – 12:00).



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