

Hello everybody, and how delighted I am to be writing this year's annual report after another successful year for Maindee Festival and the Festival Association.

What a great festival- the theme was Right up your Street and as is usually the case the sun shone down on us ensuring a great turnout. Lots to do, see and listen to and as culturally diverse as always.

Funding the festival was our biggest challenge yet – in all the years I can remember – but, being pragmatic we took the opportunity to collaborate with the



council's Big Splash event. Consequently we delivered the festival much earlier in the year on the late May Bank Holiday. I'm

sure the two events benefited from one another, with Maindee Festival goes able to keep the spirit going late into the evening, crossing the bridge and seeing the fire festival and fireworks. Both events ended up being greater than the sum of their parts. Cooperating with the Big Splash meant some guaranteed funding to help make Maindee Festival happen.

Thanks to everyone who made it possible- the Trustees, The committee, lots of volunteers, artists and traders. Not forgetting our regular funders- The Arts Council of Wales and Newport City Council.

Whilst the festival struggles each year to raise funds we mustn't forget the hothouse Maindee Festival and the Association has become for community enrichment and connection:

- The Woodland Park project – and the Woodlanders group that it gave birth to.
- Maindee Unlimited- Mappa Maindee, Maindee Library Community asset transfer, etc.,

So lots going on and the Maindee Festival Association the parent to these children,-children who are growing up fast!



Next year (our 20th year) we are putting the festival back to its traditional July (9th) slot. Our theme is going to be around Fairness- so lots of angles and potential plays on words....

Anyway another good year for the festival and its supporters including, : Community House, Maindee Primary School, Urban Circle, Newport City Radio, Newport Rugby Club, Cynefin, Webber Design, Gwent Arts in Health, Voice Magazine, and our funders and sponsors, Newport City Council Arts Development, the Arts Council for Wales, Charter Housing (Seren Group), The Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust, Communities First, Comic Relief , The Newport Community Endowment Fund, PHS Ltd and Mrs J Smith.

Thanks everyone, Neil (Chairperson Maindee Festival Association). October 2015.

