



Maindee

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Maindee Food Trail

Maindee Food Trail is open from 6pm to 9pm on Friday 10th October. Last entry is 8pm. A £12 ticket will give you a chance to enjoy a menu of six tasters at 6 different venues, Basir's Bakery, Tarana Indian Restaurant, Valentines, Mamu's Chai, Re D'Oro Italian Restaurant, and Maindee Fresh Foods.

It's a real bargain and a fun way to enjoy tasters of the amazing world food on our doorstep. On the eve of Newport's food festival, this Maindee event is the first ever food trail in the city. Tickets are limited so book as soon as possible by using the QR code on the right hand page or by emailing admin@maindee.org.

Ticket holders can pickup up their passes, maps and eating kits from Maindee Library. The trail will take at least an hour to complete.

Autumn in Woodland Park

There's a spring bulb planting session in Woodland Park at 1pm on Monday 27th October – a great half-term activity. On Saturday 13th December there's a Christmas wreath making workshop in the Park – its all free thanks to the Woodlanders. Stick these in the diary now.



Shop Talk

For ages the Papa Johns pizza shop at 94 Chepstow Road had a big poster in the window saying "Newport – sorry to leave you". Clearly, they were very sorry about this as the franchise has just reopened in the same premises. At the other end of the street, Fireway (another national pizza franchise) is about to open next to Ozzys. After a flurry of new chicken shops, like Chicky Fridays and Chixy Chicken, it seems that pizza shops are in the ascendancy.

The Cazars building was demolished ages ago leaving a big gap so it's good to see building work on the site at last. Next door to this, Tarana has just opened in the former Tamarind premises. It specialises in authentic Indian/Bangladeshi cuisine. It's the company's first Welsh restaurant and has already won Best Newcomer in Wales at Tommy Miah's International Indian Chef and Hospitality Awards. Not a bad start. Aghrahr, next to Weatherspoons, is another new South Asian restaurant with a focus on authenticity – this time focussing on the southern Indian cuisine of Kerala.

Basir's Bakery has recently opened at 80 Chepstow Road (opposite the library). Open every day until 11pm, it offers sweet and savoury snacks, milkshakes, mocktails bubble tea and hot drinks. It has a friendly family vibe and looks like it could become a cool hang-out spot. Worth checking out.

Maindee Food Trail

DISCOVER THE DIVERSE FOOD DELIGHTS OF MAINDEE



£12 TICKET INCLUDES TASTER MENU IN 6 VENUES. YOU CHOOSE WHERE YOU WANT TO GO...

FRIDAY 10 OCT 6-9PM | CHEPSTOW ROAD, MAINDEE

MORE INFO
& TICKETS



SEARCH 'MAINDEE FOOD TRAIL'
AT WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK

CONTACT: ADMIN@MAINDEE.ORG



Increased library hours & new Food Pantry times

Llyfrgell Maindee Library now opens from 10am on Mondays and until 5pm on Fridays. This 25% increase in hours is proving popular with customers, especially on Monday when the Central Library in town is closed. These extended hours means that the Food Pantry sessions on Mondays have now moved to the morning



between 10.30am and 12.30am – the same hours as the other two Pantry sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Much simpler for everyone to remember.

Did you know that 31st October 2025 is the tenth anniversary of the re-opening of the library by local volunteers? Well done everyone!

Durham Rd School interpretation board

Since new housing was built across the old Durham Rd School site, there is little evidence that there was ever school there at all. To rectify this, Charles Ferris is raising

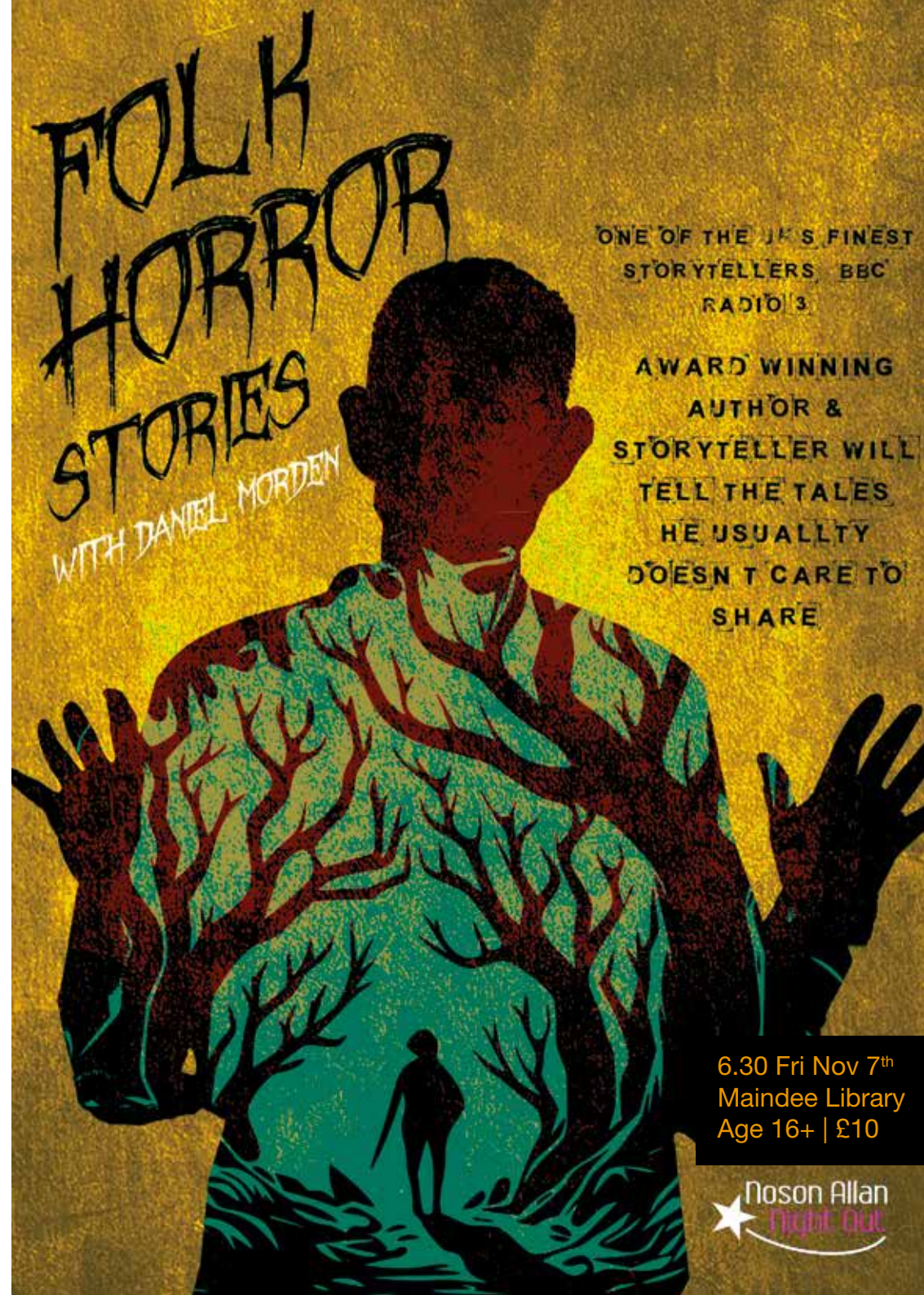
funds to commission a permanent interpretation board to be installed on the site. £1500 is needed. Former pupils wishing to contribute can contact Chales on 07514 400001.



Maindee volunteers

Maindee Unlimited, the local charity that publishes this newsletter, was established in 2014. Since then, hundreds of local volunteers have signed up. They run the library and food pantry, create beautiful public gardens and organise one-off projects like last year's "Full Colour Maindee" on Chepstow Road. A great bunch – all working for Maindee!

Go to www.maindee.org/volunteer for more info about volunteering



WILL MY IDEA WORK?

FREE BUSINESS TRAINING
FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 9:30-13:00
AT MAINDEE LIBRARY, NEWPORT

Free training available to people who live/work in/around Maindee or want to set up a business in Maindee.

- ✓ Is my idea viable? Is there a market?
- ✓ How will I trade?
- ✓ Business and financial planning
- ✓ Marketing
- ✓ Opportunities for further mentoring and to trial ideas

BOOK A PLACE

Limited free places available, book as soon as possible. For more info and to apply go to:

www.maindee.org/

..or contact Sheena on:

07368 243641

admin@maindee.org

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Will Your Idea Work?

Got an idea for a business but need a bit of help making it come alive? Maindee unlimited is offering a free business training workshop plus some individual mentoring to would be entrepreneurs, and a market trading opportunity if your idea is selling goods. Sign up to our workshop on Friday October 17th at Maindee Library and find out if your idea has legs.

The workshop is being delivered by local businessman Nevil Ingram. Nevil who owns Maindee Fresh Foods has been delivering business advice and consultancy for 20 years.

To book a place on the morning training session contact admin@maindee.org or phone Sheena on 07368 243641.

David Moses to stand down at AGM

David Moses, the founding chair of Maindee Unlimited, has announced that he will be standing down at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The charity is very fortunate to have benefitted from his outstanding contribution over the last 11 years. As well as the business of chairing meetings and keeping an eye on everything going

on, David has been particularly strong in setting up the policies and financial procedures that ensure good governance. He says he is not going to disappear – just step back a bit. Phew! 2025 Maindee Unlimited AGM in Llyfrgell Maindee Library at 4.00pm on Saturday 8th November. info@maindee.org All welcome.



THE FEMINIST ART OF WALKING

BOOK LAUNCH & WALK

Sat 29th November: 2.30pm Walk from the Library
2-4pm Soup & Book talk by Morag Rose

All Welcome - Free Entry:

Llyfrgell Maindee library, 79 Chepstow Rd, Newport NP19 8BY

MORAG ROSE



NEWPORT RISING FESTIVAL

25 OCTOBER - 4 NOVEMBER

TORCH LIT MARCH (1 NOV)

186TH ANNIVERSARY WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE CHARTISTS

LIVE MUSIC FIRE PERFORMANCE CAVE WALK

RADICAL BOOK FAIR CHARTIST CONVENTION

+MORE TBC - SEE WEBSITE FOR PROGRAMME

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Our community run library is ideal for meetings, classes & large events. Fast wifi + good bus stop + level access + low rent - it adds up nicely! Text or call us on 07783 491429 for more info.

Llyfrgell Maindee Library, 79 Chepstow Rd NP19 8BY

Eveswell saved from the brink



Sally Clement is on a mission. On behalf of TOCH, she is out and about across Newport talking to loads of groups and individuals about what services and activities they think Eveswell Community Centre should be providing. You can have your say now by using this QR code to go to an online survey. If you prefer, you can contact Sally for a chat: sac@toch.org.uk or t: 020 8087 4202.

The future of the Centre had been uncertain for years. There was talk of it being demolished. Greening Maindee volunteers have recently been maintaining the grounds but the buildings had been getting very run down. Following a "community asset transfer" agreement with Newport City Council and a grant from

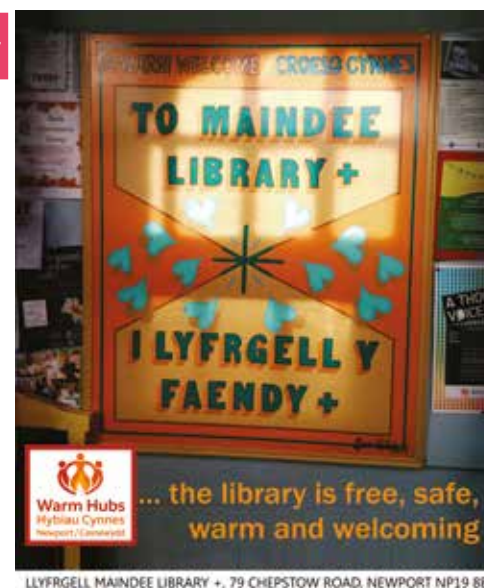
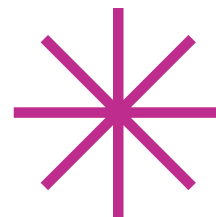
the UK Government, TOCH is now leasing the Centre and managing a £300000 refurbishment project.



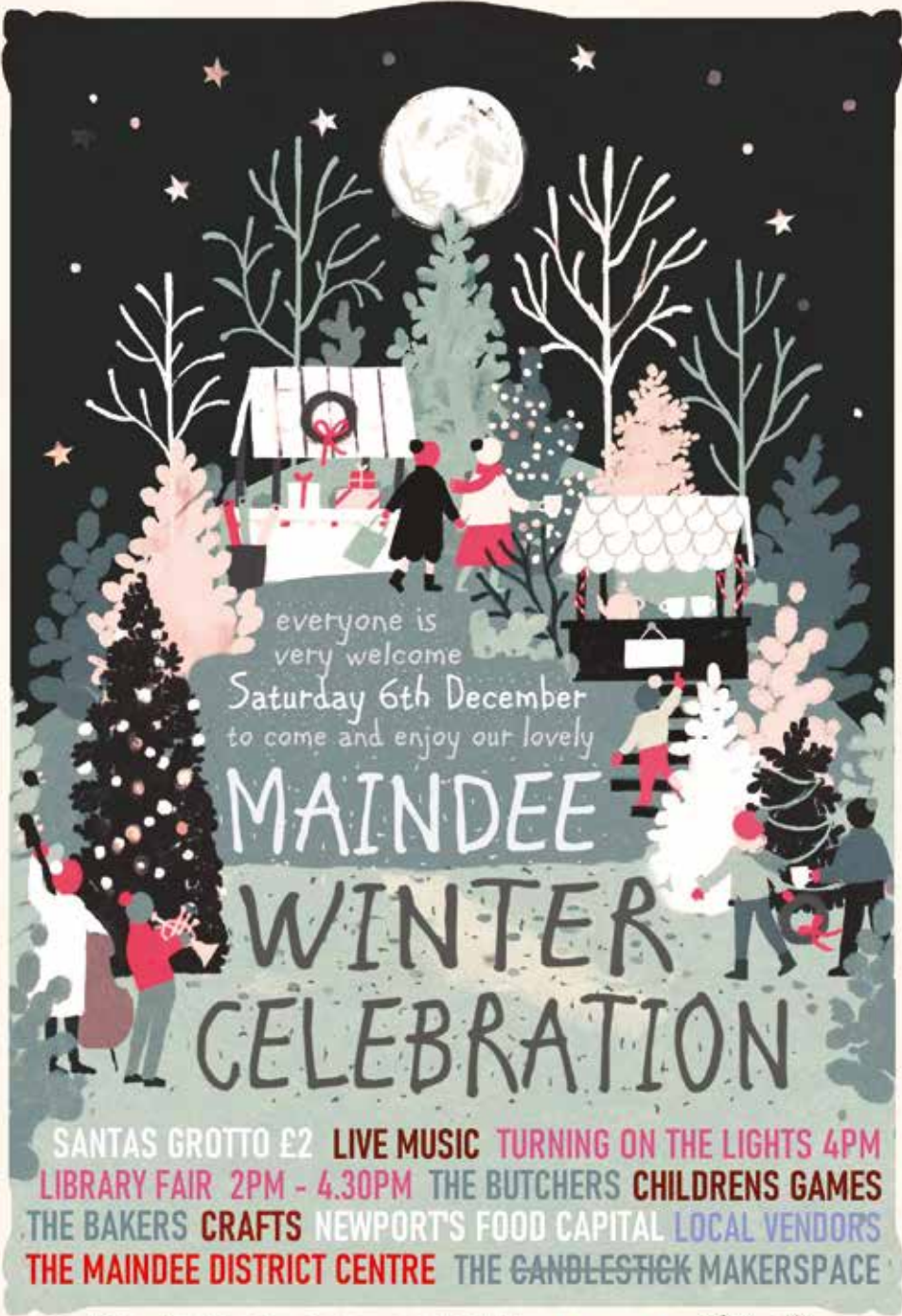
Work was due to start in August and finish this December. As often happens, these dates have now slipped and it looks like the Centre will not be fully up and running until the New Year. But it surely will be worth the wait. When more and more community buildings, halls and libraries are closing, it is such good news that Eveswell is being saved from the brink. Well done everybody – now let's make a real go of it!

Warm Hub back in January

The Council and GAVO are again supporting lots of "Warm Hubs" across the City this Winter. From January 7th, the library at 79 Chepstow Road will be hosting a special warm hub session each Wednesday from 5pm to 7pm until the end of March.



LLYFRGELL MAINDÉE LIBRARY +, 79 CHEPSTOW ROAD, NEWPORT NP19 8BY



everyone is
very welcome
Saturday 6th December
to come and enjoy our lovely

MAINDEE WINTER CELEBRATION

SANTAS GROTTO £2 LIVE MUSIC TURNING ON THE LIGHTS 4PM
LIBRARY FAIR 2PM - 4.30PM THE BUTCHERS CHILDRENS GAMES
THE BAKERS CRAFTS NEWPORT'S FOOD CAPITAL LOCAL VENDORS
THE MAINDEE DISTRICT CENTRE THE CANDLESTICK MAKERSPACE

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