



Maindee

**MAINDEE NEWSLETTER**  
**SPRING 2025**

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CHARITY NO. 1160272

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## Welcome to the Spring Newsletter

Last September a group of street artists transformed the front of several shop premises with striking murals. It was part of “**Full Colour Maindee**”, a project by Maindee Unlimited to make the District Centre more attractive for shoppers, residents and local businesses. At first many shop owners were unsure about having a mural on their building. But once work was underway and people saw the quality of the artwork, more and more owners signed up. This first phase of the project, which finishes this March, was supported by the UK Government’s “Shared Prosperity Fund”. Further SPF

funding has just been announced for 2025/26, so let’s hope we can get some of this to invest into Maindee. Get in touch if you have ideas for future local projects.



Maindee Unlimited is an incorporated charity run by local volunteers. The charity was set up in 2015. We are based in Llyfrgell Maindee Library at 79, Chepstow Road NP19 8BY, next to the Police Station. The charity publishes this newsletter three times a year. It is delivered door to door to over 3000 households in the Maindee area by a team of volunteers. Contributions are welcome. They can be dropped into, or posted to the library, or emailed to [info@maindee.org](mailto:info@maindee.org). Contact us to discuss advertising. Rates are £250–full A5 page; £150–half page; £90–quarter page.

Discounted rates available for small local businesses.





**COMMUNITY YOUTH PROJECT**  
COMMUNITY HOUSE  
NEWPORT

**MONDAYS**  
5.30PM - 7.30PM  
BOYS CLUB  
GIRLS CLUB

**TUESDAYS**  
4PM - 6PM  
SPORT & PLAY  
CHEM PARK  
5PM  
YOUTH FORUM

**THURSDAYS**  
5.30PM - 7.30PM  
YOUTH CLUB

**FRIDAYS**  
2PM - 7PM  
SUPPORT, LIFE  
STUFF  
& DROP IN



**MUSIC STUDIO**  
OPEN MON - FRI  
SPEAK TO THE TEAM!

**ABOUT US**  
WE ARE A TEAM OF YOUTH WORKERS  
HERE TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM  
6 - 25 YEARS OLD.  
WE ALSO OFFER 1-2-1 SUPPORT AND  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. CALL OR  
TEXT TO FIND OUT MORE

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# Sioe Deithiol Ailgylchu

MAES PARCIO MAENDY

MAWRTH 13 2025

1PM - 4PM



AILGYLCHU'N IAWN, GWASTRAFFU LLAI!

Ymunwch â ni yn y Sioe Deithiol Ailgylchu i ailfeddwl am wastraff!  
Dysgwch sut i leihau, aildefnyddio ac ailgylchu'n effeithiol gartref

Dysgwch am fanteision amgylcheddol ailgylchu, casglwch fagiâu ailgylchu a mynnwch yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf

Helpwch wneud gwahaniaeth yn ein cymuned  
Ailgylchwch yn iawn a gwastraffwch lai er budd  
Casnewydd gynaliadwy!



## MAE FIXY VAN YN DOD I FAENDY!

Helpwch ni i gadw technoleg heb ei ddefnyddio ar y farchnad a mas o dirlenwi - allwch chi roi rhywbeth yn ein Amnest Dechnoleg sydd ar y gweill?

### GALL FIXY VAN DDERBYN RHODDION FEL:

- Gliniadueron a Llechi Digidol
- Consolau gemau ac ategolion
- Cyfrifiaduon PC, Desg, Tyrau
- Camerâu digidol
- Ffonau symudol / clyfar
- Cyfrifiannellau gwyddonol a PDAs
- Peiriannau gweinydd, llwybrwr a gyriannau caled
- Dillad clyfar / dyfeisiadau clyfar, uwchseinyddion clyfar, watshys clyfar



Bydd Wastesavers yn glanhau eich data'n ddiogel a ble bo'n bosib, yn adnewyddu ac ailddosbarthu eich technoleg ibobl sydd mewn angen amdano yn ein cymuned.

Ceisiwch gynnwys ceblau pŵer ac offer gwefru, datglowch y dyfeisiadau a datgysylltu o iCloud i alluogi aildefnyddio



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# RECYCLING ROADSHOW

MAINDEE CAR PARK

MARCH 13TH 2025

1PM - 4PM



RECYCLE RIGHT, WASTE LESS!

Join us at the Recycling Roadshow to rethink waste!  
Discover how to effectively reduce, reuse, and recycle at home

Learn about the environmental benefits of recycling, collect recycling bags and get the latest information

Help make a difference in our community  
Recycle right and waste less for a sustainable Newport!



## FIXY VAN IS COMING TO MAINDEE!

Help us keep unused tech in circulation and out of landfill - can you donate something at our upcoming **Tech Amnesty?**

### FIXY VAN CAN ACCEPT DONATIONS LIKE:

- Laptops and Tablets
- Game Consoles and accessories
- PCs, Desktops, Towers
- Digital cameras
- Mobile / Smart Phones
- Scientific calculators and PDAs
- Servers, routers and Hard Drives
- Smart wear / Smart devices, Smart speakers, Smart Watches



Wastesavers will securely data-wipe and where possible, refurbish and redistribute your tech to people who need it in our community. Please try to include power cables and chargers, unlock devices and disconnect from iCloud to enable reuse.



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## Monitoring Air + Speed

When you next pass Maindee Police Station, see if you can spot the new air quality monitor strapped to a lamppost. Particles of dirt in the air are not healthy to breath. Pregnant women, infants, children and older people are particularly at risk – as well as anyone with heart or lung problems. Pollution levels are low if the monitor lights up green – but if it changes to red it is warning that outdoor levels have gone over the safe level.

There is different monitoring being installed at the busy junction of Wharf Road and Chepstow Road. The lights there are tricky for drivers and can also be painfully slow for pedestrians. High volumes of traffic mean that long queues often form. The multi-lane arrangements can also be confusing if you do not know the junction. It all means that frustrated drivers sometimes cut in or race to catch the lights. This can make the whole experience a bit daunting – even for experienced drivers. To calm things down and make the junction safer, speed cameras have recently been installed. They are on tall yellow masts and easy to spot. The new cameras, which are about to go live, will pickup drivers who go over the speed limit or try to jump the lights.

**FINITE**  
THE CLIMATE OF CHANGE

WRITTEN BY RICH FELS GACEY DIRECTED BY SCOTT FRANK  
CASTING BY NICK FELLGATE COSTUME DESIGNER STEPHAN KEANE EDITOR DANIEL DRAKE  
PRODUCTION DESIGNER ANDREW HARTFORD EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS THE CLIMATE OF CHANGE  
PRODUCED BY ADRIANO TATTO FILMS WITH ALEXANDER HAMILTON BYTES  
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS DOMINICA LUTYEN AND NATEK BUCZYNSKI

LEEDS FILM FESTIVAL 2024  
MELBOURNE FILM FESTIVAL 2024 FINALIST  
BOODGE  
DOKU FEST

"STRIKING SANITY IN AN INSANE WORLD"  
ADAM MCKAY, DIRECTOR OF *DON'T LOOK UP*

"URGENT AND HEROIC, ROARING WITH THE RAGE AND HOPE NEEDED IN OUR AGE OF CRISIS"  
MARK RYLANCE

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Maindee

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7PM SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2025  
LLYFRGELL MAINDEE LIBRARY NP198BY  
FILM+PANEL DISCUSSION  
EVENTBRITE FOR FREE TICKETS

12A  
Infrequent strong language, violence

## New Beginnings for Former Bomb Site...

A neglected parcel of land on the corner of Archibald Street and Soho Street is being turned into a pocket park and community growing space this year. The project is supported

These temporary houses, build to help tackle the post-war housing shortage, were eventually demolished in the 1980s. The land has remained untouched – until



by POBL, who own site, Newport City Council, who will be overseeing the construction of the nature-friendly pocket park and by Greening Maindee volunteers, who are helping to clear the site and develop the growing space.

A bombing raid on East Newport in 1941 destroyed the original homes on the site, which was cleared and replaced with “prefabs” in the 1950s.

this latest use of the site to create Eveswell Community Garden. **You are encouraged to get involved.** Email John Stone at [greening@maindee.org](mailto:greening@maindee.org) for more info.



## From Malvern to Maindee – RHS Garden is Destined for Wharf Road

A designer garden at this year’s RHS Spring Festival in Malvern will be installed after the show in its permanent home in Maindee.

carefully dismantled and transported to its permanent home on a pre prepared plot at the junction of Wharf Road and Chepstow Road.



The Greening Maindee team was approached last year by award winning garden designer, Emily Crowley Rowe. Emily wondered in the team wanted to collaborate on a design. They did! – and in December 2024 the team heard that Emily’s design (illustrated here and on the front and back covers) had been approved by the RHS selection panel. A team of landscapers will have a week to create the show garden in Malvern. Once the show has finished the garden will be

The muddy path that currently cuts through the site to Wharf Lane will be properly surfaced and surrounded by small trees, seating areas and contemporary plantings. To complete the setting, the garden will be backed by a wildlife mural by Andy O’Rourke. Greening Maindee’s John Stone is delighted *“We are thrilled that the garden is coming to Maindee. Everyone will be able to enjoy it for years to come right here in the heart of the community”*.



# BORROW ITEMS AT A LOW COST INSTEAD OF BUYING THEM NEW AT MAINDEE LIBRARY OF THINGS

Spring is in the air! We have lots of items that will help you tackle all those outdoor jobs!

Visit [www.maindeelot.co.uk](http://www.maindeelot.co.uk) and register, then you can choose your item and select a convenient date to collect it.

Collect your item, use it, clean it, and return it when you're done. It's that easy!



Maindee LOT at the Wastesavers Reuse Center  
Open every Monday and Friday  
9.30am to 4pm



**Volunteers needed!** We're looking for volunteers for all sorts of things, whether you like creating Tiktok videos, or admin is your super-power, your community needs you! To help out with Maindee LOT, please get in touch: [hello@maindeelot.co.uk](mailto:hello@maindeelot.co.uk)



# BENTHYCWCH EITEMAU AM GOST ISEL YN MAINDEE LIBRARY OF THINGS, YN HYTRACH NA'U PRYNU O'R NEWYDD!

Mae'r gwanwyn ar yr awel! Mae gennym lawer o eitemau a fydd yn eich helpu i daclo'r holl jobsys yna tu fas!

Ewch i [www.maindeelot.co.uk](http://www.maindeelot.co.uk) i gofrestru, ac yna gallwch ddewis eich eitem a dethol diwrnod cyfleus i'w gasglu. Casglwch eich eitem, ei ddefnyddio, ei lanhau, a'i ddychwelyd ar ôl i chi orffen ag ef. Mae mor hawdd â hynny!

Bydd yr holl arian a godir yn mynd yn ôl i fenthycu cymunedol ym Maendy!



Maindee LOT yng Nghanolfan Aildefnyddio Wastesavers Ar agor bob dydd Llun a Gwener  
9.30am tan 4pm



## Chwilio am Wirfoddolwyr!

Rydyn ni'n chwilio am wirfoddolwyr ar gyfer pob math o bethau, boed hynny'n greu fideos TikTok, gweinyddu - mae ar eich cymuned eich angen! I helpu gyda Maindee LOT, cysylltwch: [hello@maindeelot.co.uk](mailto:hello@maindeelot.co.uk)



### List of things to ~~buy~~ borrow

- Pressure washer to clean slippery decking
- Long reach hedge trimmer
- Garden strimmer
- Sander to restore coffee table



### Rhestr o bethau i'w ~~prynu~~ benthycu:

- Golchwr dan bwysau i lanhau decin llithrig
- Toclwr perthi â braich hir
- Strimiwr gardd
- Sandiwr i adnewyddu bwrdd coffi

## Why make a Power of Attorney?

A "Power of Attorney" gives people you trust the legal right to make decisions on your behalf should

you become unable. Sorting out Power of Attorney (POA) can be a bit daunting. So if this is something that affects you or a member of your family, you may be interested in a free advice

session on POA in this library this March. Jake Burton-Brown, a Legal Executive who specialises in this area, will be running the session, to be held in Llyfrgell Maindee Library at 1pm on Saturday 1st March. Jake has ten years experience and so the session will be a great opportunity to get some free expert advice on how to fill out the POA application forms. The Office of the Public Guardian does offer free POA forms that you can complete yourself. Each document must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) before it can be used, and applicants have to pay a fee of up to £82 per document. The waiting time for an application is around 10 weeks. Jake advises that, if there are any mistakes then the document might be rejected. So it's important to get it right first time. Everyone welcome. The library has level access for wheelchair users. Tea and coffee will be served.



## A new food capital

New fresh food shops, takeaways, restaurants, bars and cafés have opened in Maindee over the last year. They are building on established businesses like **Jim Olivers, ABC Supermarket** and **The Maindee** to create something of a food and drink buzz in the area. New arrivals include **Maindee Fresh Food**, (check out their cheese offer), **Nibble Deli** on Livingstone Place (high protein takeaways and buffets) **Baguette Me**, also on Livingstone Place (panini, jacket potatoes, salads) **Chicky Fridays**, in the old Villa Dinos building (Halal chicken shop), **Mamu's Chaii** ("perfect" chai, street food and desserts) and **The Phoenix**, rising out of the ashes of The Prince Albert. Some people have even started to talk up Maindee as the new food capital of Newport! All traders play their part in this, but the driving force behind this is surely our local **Weatherspoons**. Open all day and always busy, its consistent food and drink offer and strong brand pulls in hundreds of customers. Their footfall can be good for local independents as well. A more personal touch and high quality offer, exemplified by the stunning Italian cuisine at **Re D'oro Ristorante**, sits well alongside "spoons" more corporate approach. Is it time for Maindee Food Festival we wonder?



## Quiet Sunday morning meetings in the library

Llyfrgell Maindee Library is a busy place. As well as all the regular sessions, it is used by lots of different groups for their regular meetings. One such group are Newport Quakers. They have been meeting in the library every Sunday from 10.30am to 11.30am for many years. David Haggar, a member of the group, explains a little more about what goes on "**Our origins are Christian but we are open to those of all faiths or none. Meetings usually lasts for an hour. In Quaker worship there are no ministers or creeds. We first gather together in silence to quiet our minds – we don't have set hymns,**

**prayers or sermons. In the stillness we open our hearts and lives to new insights and guidance. Sometimes we are moved to share what we discover with those present. We listen to what everyone has to say to find its meaning for us. Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts. After the worship we share tea, coffee, biscuits and conversation**". If you are interested in joining and would like more information, a contact page can be found at [www.newportquakers.org.uk](http://www.newportquakers.org.uk). We will profile more library user groups in future issues.

## Will Maindee Flood Again?



The last time Maindee got flooded was so long ago (1922) that nobody remembers it ever happening – but it did! It's a horrible thought, but there is still a risk that one day the low lying areas of Maindee will once again get flooded. You can get some useful tips from Natural Resources Wales for things you can do to be prepared for a flood. Search "flood risk Wales" or use this QR code.

IMPROVING THE LINE OF COMMUNICATION: YOUR VIEWS ON MENTAL HEALTH

WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE PART

If you are an **adult** who lives in Maindee we'd love for you to join us at our mental health and wellbeing workshop. **We want to know what matters to you around your mental health and what you thought of the mental health support.** We'll be asking what mental health means to you and what you think will help your community. Please note that this workshop will be conducted in **English**. You will need a basic understanding of English to take part effectively.

WHY SHOULD IT TAKE PART

This is a unique opportunity to have your say and help to **develop a small scale community mental health support.** We hope this workshop will be **enjoyable and a chance to connect.** There will also be **tea, coffee, and snacks provided throughout.**

**THE TRIANGLE  
10:00AM-2:00PM  
30TH APRIL 2025**

WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO

We'll be running a **two hour workshop.** The workshop will involve **using art materials to express how we think and feel about mental health and wellbeing.** We will be using this information to develop support for you and your community. Please note that this workshop will **not be suitable** for anyone experiencing an **acute mental health crisis.** If you are unsure whether this applies to you or if you would like to discuss this further, please contact the research team.



Email [lucy.fishleigh@southwales.ac.uk](mailto:lucy.fishleigh@southwales.ac.uk) for questions

JOIN IN

HAVE YOUR SAY

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Warm Hub

Hot food, Games + Activities, Warm Atmosphere

All Welcome

Maindee Library  
79 Chepstow Rd,  
Maindee, Newport  
NP19 8BY

**Fridays  
5 till 7**

February 7th  
February 14th  
February 21st  
February 28th

March 7th  
March 14th  
March 21st  
March 28th

April 4th



RENTERS' RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

For private renting tenants in Newport

**MONDAYS 10AM-12PM**  
FROM 27TH JANUARY  
MAINDEE LIBRARY, 79 CHEPSTOW ROAD, NEWPORT

**TUESDAYS 11AM-1PM**  
FROM 21ST JANUARY  
THE HIVE, 10 STOW HILL, NEWPORT

**WEDNESDAYS 10AM-12PM**  
FROM 22ND JANUARY  
NYCA, 4A TEMPLE STREET, PILL, NEWPORT



[facebook.com/champnetworkgwent](https://www.facebook.com/champnetworkgwent)

No booking needed - just drop in!



Catherine MacLellan & Lucy Farrell







ARTIST'S IMPRESSION OF NEW WHARF RD GARDEN