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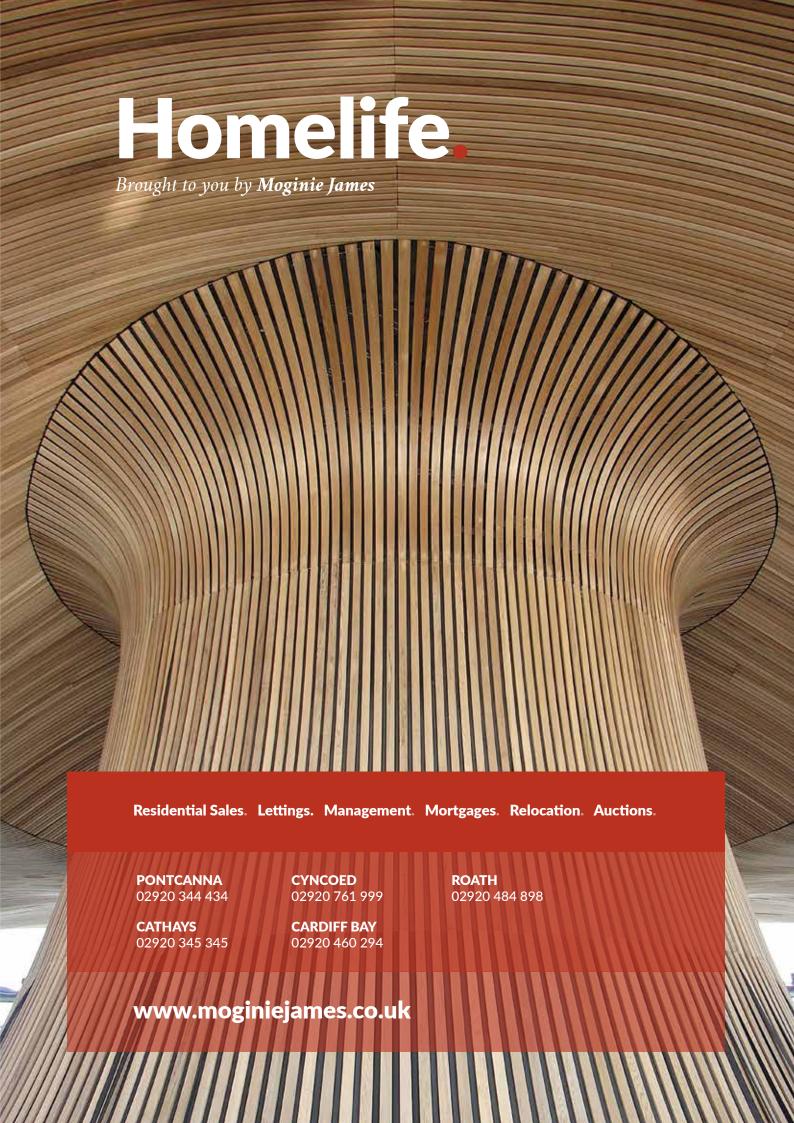
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INSIDE

Welcome to the 1st edition of Homelife by Moginie James.

This month our magazine is jam-packed with features, news and guides to get you going for spring and summer, along with a showcase of some of the finest property on the market.

We hope you enjoy the read and feedback is always gratefully received. If you would like to contribute or advertise in future editions, please contact us using the following details.

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A WARM WELCOME

At Moginie James we love this time of year and it is with great excitement I welcome you to the 1st edition of "Homelife", previously called "at home".

The past few months have been 'blooming' marvellous for us, full of acclaimed accolades, award nominations, and the launch of our new extended hours service.

"It's our people that deliver our brand promise that make us so great."

We swept the board for the 'Best Agent In Cardiff 2015' as awarded by RaterAgent with our Roath branch securing the Gold, our Pontcanna branch claiming Silver and our Cardiff Bay branch winning Bronze. These awards are particularly important to us as the results are purely based on customer service reviews - so we thank everyone who took the time to leave feedback and help us secure this coveted title. What's more, we were rated the 11th best agent in the entire UK! To say we were happy was an understatement!

Another celebratory moment for the Moginie James team came when we were nominated as Best Estate Agent in Cardiff in this year's Cardiff Life Awards and even more delighted that we won!! To win Best Agent In Cardiff once with RaterAgent was fantastic, but to collect the title again just a few months later and from such highly regarded awards, is testament to our service, staff, results and customer satisfaction and we look forward to defending our title next year!

And finally, one more thing we are proud of and want to shout about – we're open longer! If you want to arrange to have your home valued, book a viewing or a mortgage appointment, or if you want some sound property advice, you can now call us until 8pm every weekday...

Speak to you soon!

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Congratulations to Graham Hawkins who has become Branch Manager of Roath, and Annamarie Winks and Sarah Jones who have both become assistant managers.



Well done to Gareth who has obtained his NAEA qualification, and Rebecca and Amy who secured their NFoPP qualifications. Good effort!

NEWS ROUND

All the ins and outs of office life at Moginie James.



In March we welcomed Melanie Barclay, Lisa Fletcher, Holly Hardy and Aaron Pitman to the MJ family. All come with a wealth of experience and are valuable additions to our team. Also joining the team is Ted, a former guide dog who unfortunately can no longer fulfil his duties. Ted even has his own email address Ted@moginiejames.co.uk!



In March we were crowned 'Best Estate Agent in Cardiff' by the Cardiff Life Awards 2016. What an honour. What an achievement.





As Nick mentioned in his welcome speech, Moginie James has been named by RaterAgent as the 'Best Agent In Cardiff 2015'. This means so much to us as it is purely based on customer feedback – and we truly value what you think.





Moginie James is proud to sponsor a charity boxing evening at the Mercure Holland House Hotel in Cardiff on April 23 to raise money for Breast Cancer Care and Velindre Hospital.





LETTING YOU IN

Favourite room in your house:

Bedroom. I have gorgeous bed linen and matching cushions from the Kylie Minogue Bedroom Range and a new king size bed that is like laying on a cloud in heaven.

Are you a DIY-er or 'get the experts in'?

Definitely get the experts in; I have good contacts and my fiancé has mates in lots of trades.

Favourite object in your house:

I'm a total candle freak. I love my large lantern lights and tea lights.

Interesting fact about you:

I modelled for Bill Clinton and roller skated from Venice Beach to Santa Monica at 42.

Favourite thing to do in Cardiff:

Luckily I live in Penarth so I love being able to walk to the Bay for lunch on my days off and it's my power-walking route.







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A City in Bloom



OPENING TIMES

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th: 10am - 5.30pm Sunday 17th: 10am - 4.30pm (plant sell off 4pm)

Advance tickets: £9 (RHS members £8) On the day: £12 (RHS members £10) Children free (under16)



This year's RHS Flower Show Cardiff, supported by Riviera Travel, once again returns to the city's Bute Park from 15–17 April.

At last year's record-breaking show, 25,800 visitors descended on the decorated showground, attracting everyone from keen gardeners and floral enthusiasts to families in search of a fun day out.

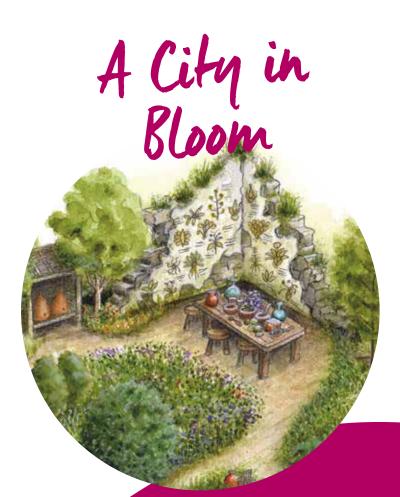
A key theme of this year's show will be the celebration of Roald Dahl to mark 100 years since the famous author was born in Llandaff. The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl will see some of his best-loved characters brought to life in floral form including a fantastical garden inspired by Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, a 12ft BFG sculpture made of willow and 'Golden Ticket Family Trail' around the showground.

The show also aims to raise awareness of the benefits that gardening can have on people's health and happiness with several features at the show exploring this theme. There will be an edible kitchen garden by Grow Cardiff promoting healthy eating and encouraging people to grow their own vegetables, herbs and fruit. Demonstrations throughout the weekend will also give tips on healthy food that you can grow yourself at home.

Marking the start of the RHS outdoor show season, the RHS Flower Show Cardiff will include elements aimed at encouraging visitors to embrace the great outdoors after the long winter months, and will demonstrate how everyone can make the most of their outdoor living space. There will also be plenty to get involved in such as den-building workshops, fossil hunting with the National Museum Wales, foraging, tree climbing, floristry and willow-weaving workshops.

Visitors will be able to browse the wide range of garden products on offer in the Floral Marquee and Plant Village as well as sample delicious artisan produce and purchase gifts from the craft market. The popular RHS talks theatre hosted by television personality Toby Buckland will return with a packed programme of talks and demonstrations. There will also be live music and entertainment to enjoy throughout the weekend.

To purchase advance tickets for the RHS Flower Show Cardiff 2016 visit **www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff**



Our best pick for this year's show...

If you're heading to the show, we highly recommend checking out the enchanting show garden 'The Physicians of Myddfai's Magical Medical Garden'.

Based on an ancient Welsh legend which tells of a dynasty of pioneering herbalists from the West Wales village of Myddfai, the garden will see botanical plants painted on the walls alongside trees, herbs and other ingredients found in the original Physicians' recipe books.

The archaic garden will be created by pupils from Heronsbridge School and Ysgol Bryn Castell in Bridgend alongside their teacher, and garden designer, Anthea Guthrie.

Did you know?

As well as aiding a good night's sleep, **lavender** and **chamomile** can be used to treat anxiety.

Chamomile is also an effective cure for indigestion.

Echinacea, a flower in the daisy family, is widely used to relieve cold and flu symptoms.

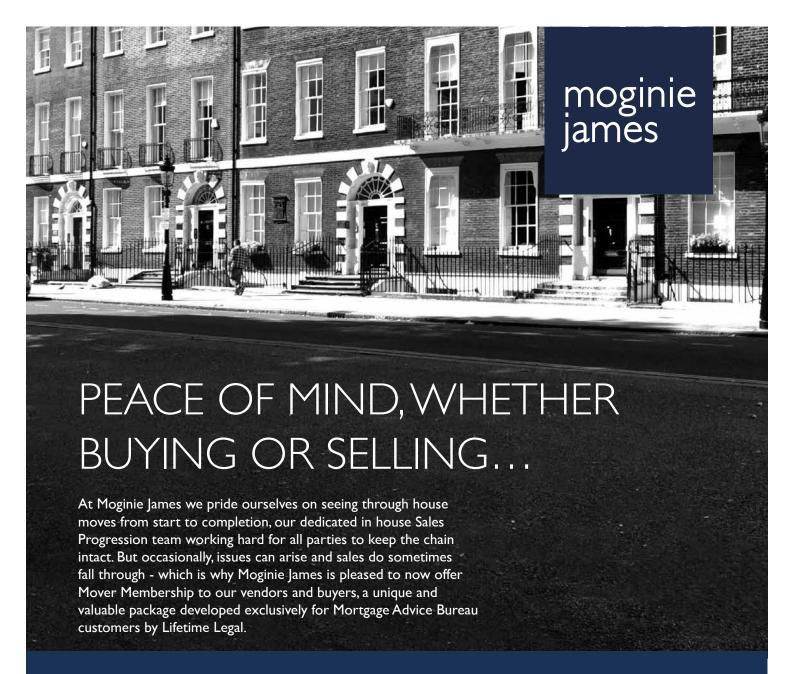
Chewing the leaves of the beautiful **feverfew** flowers is thought to cure migraines and high temperatures, and can help with arthritis.

Houseleeks – also tellingly known as **liveforever** – is a medicinal miracle alleviating such ailments as burns, diarrhoea, insect bites and stings.

The curiously named **Johnny-jump-up** has been known to ease eczema, stop spots and free phlegm.

Marigold is a wonder with skin conditions including sunburn and acne.

Chewing on **parsley** will leave you with minty fresh breath.



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With its bold floral pattern, this modern vintage-esque double photo frame will brighten up any home and is the perfect place to showcase your cherished memories.





The popular Cardiff Children's Literature Festival returns to the capital from 16-24 April featuring a jam-packed literary line-up of authors and illustrators including multi-best-selling children's favourite Jacqueline Wilson. Events will take place at iconic venues across the city centre including Cardiff Central Library, Cardiff Castle and the National Museum Cardiff.

As this year's festival coincides with the Centenary of Roald Dahl, celebrations will include a host of themed events such as 'Word Wizards Guide to Roald Dahl,' craft sessions, and a free, jump-squifflingly fun treasure hunt across the city centre!

John Lewis will be holding free drop in storytime sessions in the children's department throughout the festival and children will be able to go on a minibeast adventure with CBeebies' Jess French. There's a chance to get messy with food artist Nathan Wyburn and be creative with popular author and illustrator, Shoo Rayner. Visitors will be transported into their favourite books; from Harry Potter to Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and The Pirate's Curse.

There's something for the adults too. Barry Cunningham - the man who discovered J.K. Rowling - will be holding a Writing for Children course and there will be literary discussions with Catherine Butler.

The festival aims to inspire, nurture and encourage a life-long love of reading and books - while having a bit of fun on the way.

Turn over for a guide to activities taking place. Most events are an hour long and cost £4. To find out more and see how you can get tickets, visit www.cardiff-events.com



SATURDAY 16th APRIL

Welcome to the World of Harper with Cerrie Burnell

Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff

Children's TV presenter Cerrie Burnell talks about her wonderful new series following the adventures of Harper and her scarlet umbrella.

10am, Age 6+, English, £4.00



Unlock the Magic with Holly Webb Cardiff Castle, Undercroft

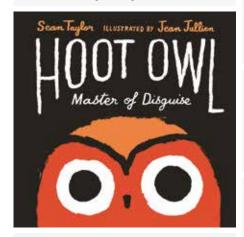
Join bestselling author Holly Webb in an enchanting session full of magic, mermaids and adventure as she introduces her new book, The Mermaid's Sister.

10am, Age 8+, English, £4.00

Writing workshop with Sibal Pounder Cardiff Story, Learning Suite

Calling all young writers! Learn about different styles of writing and how to create brilliant characters in this fun, creative session with Sibéal Pounder, author of the wonderfully funny Witch Wars series.

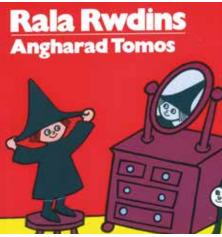
11am (90 mins), Age 7+, English, £4.00



Sean Taylor: Hoot Owl Cardiff Central Library

Join picture book author Sean Taylor for storytelling from Hoot Owl and other stories.

11am & 1pm, Age 5+, English, £4.00



Angharad Tomos & Mair Tomos Ifans: An hour in the magical world of Rwla Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Gwlad y Rwla – Rwla's Country, home of the comical wizards and witches, will come alive in this hour of magic and mischief.

12pm, Age 3+, Welsh, £4

Not That Kind of Art with Nathan Wyburn Cardiff Story, Learning Suite

Food artist, Nathan Wyburn, will be showcasing some of his wackier pieces and holding an interactive art session. This could get messy!

1pm, Age 8+, English, £4.00



The Adventures of Long Arm with Sam & Mark

Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff

The hit CBBC presenters Sam and Mark introduce you to the funniest and craziest superhero around. 2pm, Age 8+, English, £4.00

Horatio Clare: Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot

Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Join award-winning writer Horatio Clare as he talks about his new book for children - Aubrey and the Terrible Yoot.

2pm, Age 8+, English, £4.00

Animal Stories with Holly Webb

Cardiff Story Learning Suite

Author Holly Webb presents The Seaside Puppy, from the Animal Stories series. 3pm, Age 6+, English, £4.00

Angharad Tomos: Who's been painting? Cardiff Central Library

Come and listen to Angharad Tomos read extracts from her latest book for young people PAENT! 3pm, Age 9+, Welsh, £4.00

Beatboxing with Mr Phormula

Cardiff Castle, Undercroft

Join Wales's favourite beatboxer as he demonstrates his talent in creating impossible beats and sounds using just his mouth.

4pm, Age 6+, Welsh, £4.00

SUNDAY 17th APRIL

The Word Wizards guide to Roald Dahl

Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff

Calling all Roald Dahl fans, wordsmiths and wannabe writers! Don't be biffsquiggled and join the Word Wizards as they swashboggle their way through the wonderful writing of Roald Dahl.

11am, Age 8+, English, £4.00

Abie Longstaff's Fairytale Hairdresser City Hall, Room C

Abie will take you into a modern fairytale world where the Big Bad Wolf runs the opticians and Red Riding Hood has a skateboard shop.

12pm, Age 3+, English, £4.00

Draw things that fly with Shoo Rayner Cardiff Story, Learning Suite

Learn how to draw with popular author, illustrator and YouTube drawing tutor, Shoo Rayner.

12pm, Age 6+, English, £4.00

Anni Llŷn, Welsh Children's Poet Laureate Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff

Anni Llŷn, The Welsh language Children's Poet Laureate is waiting to welcome all of Cardiff's noisy children for an hour of crazy creations! Get ready to rhyme, create silly stories and laugh to your heart's content

1pm, Age 5+, Welsh, £4.00

Abie Longstaff's Magic Potion Shop City Hall, Room C

A fun and interactive event with Abie Longstaff and Lauren Beard based on The Magic Potions Shop series

2pm, Age 6+, English, £4.00

Legends from Wales with Mair Tomos Ifans Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Mair Tomos Ifans opens the door to this magical and crazy world with the help of her small harp.

2pm, 7+, Welsh, £4.00

What Happened Next? Digital Narrative Workshop Cardiff Story Learning Suite

Explore your imagination and draw fairytales with a difference in this digital fairytale extravaganza.

3pm, Age 7+, English, £4.00

Kes Gray: Get in Trouble with Daisy

Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum Cardiff

Join the mischievous Kes and his many props for an event packed-full of funny stories, audience interaction and silly games.

3pm, Age 5+, English, £4.00

Manon Steffan Ros: Dafydd a Dad Cardiff Castle Undercroft

In this informal session, Manon Steffan Ros will read a passage from her novel Dafydd a Dad, and will be creating a new story from scratch - with the audience as the authors!

4pm, Age 4+, Welsh, £4.00

MONDAY 18th APRIL

Catherine Butler: Taking Children's Literature Seriously Cardiff University Main Building

In this talk, author and academic Catherine Butler will explore how children's literature is perceived by

adult readers. 7pm, Adults/children over 15, Eng, £4.00

TUESDAY 19th APRIL

Writing for Children with Barry Cunningham

and Jon Mayhew City Hall, Room D

Invaluable advice for all budding children's authors looking to write and getting work published.

7pm, Adults/children over 15, Eng, £4.00

WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

Interview with Gareth F. Williams The Old Library, The Hayes

Get to know Gareth F. Williams - the most popular and prolific Welsh-language children's writer. 7pm, Adults/children over 12, Welsh, £4.00

THURSDAY 21st APRIL

Damian Walford Davies. A Welsh Dahl? Cardiff University Main Building

Cardiff University will host a discussion examining the crucial place of Wales in the imagination of the writer known as 'the world's number one storyteller

7pm, Adults and children over 15, Eng, £4.00

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL

Story Time, 5 Minutes Peace. Cardiff Central Library

Enjoy Five Minutes Peace with professional storyteller Vanessa Woolf.

10am & 3pm, Age 4+, English, £3.00

Premier League Reading Stars Quiz with Tom Palmer

Cardiff Central Library 4th floor

Join Tom Palmer for his Football Reading Game. 11am & 2pm, Age 7+, English, Free to Premier League Reading Stars Schools

I Will Love You Anyway with Chloe Inkpen Cardiff Castle Undercroft

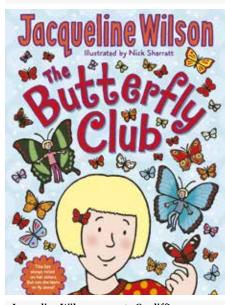
Bestselling author and illustrator of the Zoe and Beans series, Chloe Inkpen introduces you to I Will Love You Anyway - the first book in a series about a badly behaved Dog who destroys everything and

won't stop running away!
12pm, Age 4+, English, £4.00

Climbing Trees with Bethan Gwanas Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Come and listen to Bethan Gwanas who will tell you all about it with her new and beautiful book Coeden

Cadi [Cadi's Tree]. 10am , Age 5+, Welsh, £4.00



Jacqueline Wilson comes to Cardiff!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the much loved children's author, Jacqueline Wilson, talk about her life as a writer and how she came to write some of her best-selling books.

11am, Age 7+, English, £4.00

Huw Aaron, Cartoon Session Cardiff Central Library

Come to meet the festival's artist, Huw Aaron. 1pm, Age 8+, Welsh, £4.00

Nibbles the Book Monster with Emma Yarlett Cardiff Central Library

Join Nibbles and his creator Emma Yarlett on a Nibbley book adventure full of munches, crunches and most importantly... books! 1pm & 4pm, 3+, English, £3.00

Making a Mess with Mari Lovgreen Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Listen to Mari Lovgreen who will tell you the story of Anni Wyn, who never has a hair out of place and has had enough of living with her disorganized parents. 2pm, Age 6+, Welsh

Minibeast Adventures with CBeebies' Jess French

City Hall, Room C

CBeebies presenter Jess French will take you on a minibeast-hunting adventure. 10am & 1pm, Age 4+, English, £4.00

Guy Bass: Live, Beastly and Hungry Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Ioin Guv and his creation. Stitch Head, as they head to a castle full of monsters for a dinner with a difference.

11am, Age 8+, English, £4.00

Caryl Lewis: The Best Stories in the World

Have a seat and make yourself comfortable as Caryl Lewis discovers some of the best stories in the world. 12pm, Age 5+, Welsh, £4.00

Ruth Morgan: Aliens at the Museum

National Museum Cardiff

Local author Ruth Morgan will take you on a guided tour of the National Museum Cardiff with readings in some of the rooms featured in Alien Rain.

12pm , Age 8+, English, £4.00

BOY. WIZARD. HERO. Celebrating the Harry

City Hall, Assembly Room

Join the festival's 'Professor of Potter' and his plucky assistant as they bring to life the characters, creatures, spells and adventures from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

2pm, 7+, English, £4.00

Singing Pirate Walk with Dan Anthony Walk from Cardiff Story

Join author Dan Anthony as he explores the inspiration behind his popular new series 'Steve's Dreams'.

3pm, Age 7+, English, £4.00

Gary Northfield: Rumble with the Romans Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Join celebrated cartoonist Gary Northfield as he introduces readers to Julius Zebra! 4pm, Age 8+, English, £4.00

A Pirate Adventure with Will Mabbitt Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Expect animated storytelling and interactive, swashbuckling fun and games with Will Mabbitt. 1pm, Age 7+, English , £4.00

Kristina Stephenson, Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and The Pirate's Curse

City Hall, Ferrier Hall

Join Kristina Stephenson for a musical storytelling from her book, The Pirate's Curse. 2pm, Age 5+, English, £4.00

Roald Dahl Walking Tour with Dewi Pws From Cardiff Story

This tour will follow in Roald Dahl's footsteps; walking through the city where makers of mischief, champions of good a masters of invention will come to life.

3pm, Age 7+, Bilingual, £4.00

Creative Writing with Laura Sheldon Cardiff Story, Learning Suite

Explore the poetry of Dylan Thomas and meet his ghost in the pages of Mr Mahli's Shed with local author Laura Sheldon.

3pm (90 minutes), Age 8+, English, £4.00

Eurig Salisbury: The story of Gwion Bach Cardiff Castle Undercroft

Eurig Salisbury will read an adventure story about a witch, a golden cauldron, a blind and mute man and the ugliest boy in the world.

4pm, Age 9+, Welsh, £ 4.00

Storytime

John Lewis children's department

Sat 16th April: Storytime with Maisy Sun 17th April: Storytime with Kipper Sat 23rd April: Storytime with Walker Bear Sun 24th April: Storytime with Walker Bear 11am, 1pm & 3pm FREE

CHEERS DAD!

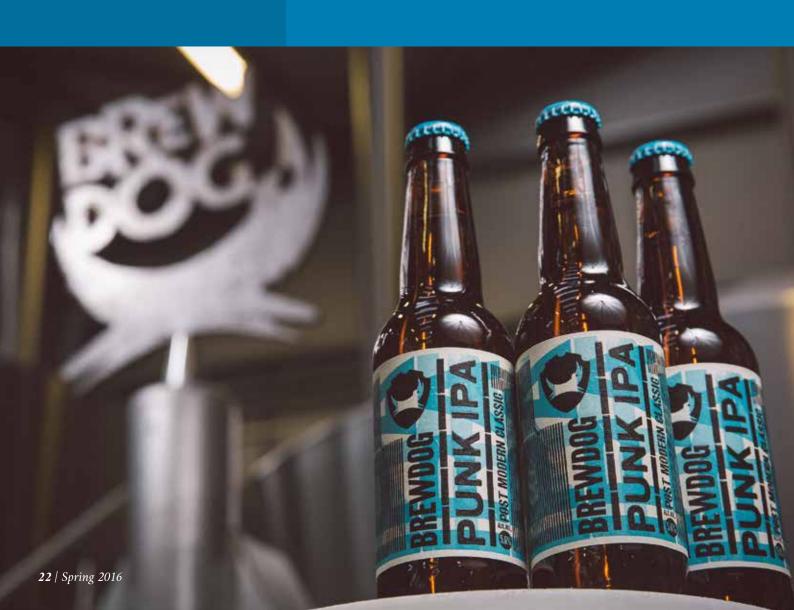
What better way to say 'Cheers' to your dad this Father's Day than with a selection of speciality beers from around the British Isles. Obviously any Welsh dad would love a locally brewed Brains beer, but a tasty tipple from across the border would also guarantee to let your dad know he's 'top of the pops'.

Scotland

'Happ-IPA Father's Day!'

Produced by funky Scottish brewery, Brew Dog, the fresh, full flavour natural Punk IPA exudes aromas of tropical fruit and light caramel and creates an explosion of fruity flavours. Reminisce with your dad with this tribute to the classic IPAs of yester-year with a post-modern twist.

5.6% ABV www.brewdog.com





Wales

Brains has the perfect drink for any occasion, and the Rev. James Gold could be just the thing to show your dad he's first class. Based on an original recipe from 1885, and named in honour of brewing legend and satisfier of thirsts, the Rev. James Buckley, this ale delivers a crisp and sweet flavour with a fruity twist.

4.3% ABV www.sabrain.com

Ireland

'Hop-py Father's Day'

What dad could resist the world famous stout, Guinness. With its malty, coffee aroma, this smooth classic is the perfect balance of bitter and sweet. And if you really want to push the boat out this Father's Day why not whisk the most important man in your life away to the Home of Guinness, the Guinness Storehouse, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

4.2% ABV www.guinness-storehouse.com



England

For the perfect pint for your Pop from England, and to truly show him how special he is, you only have to step over the border to Cheltenham where Battledown Brewery concoct the aptly named Cheltenham S.P.A Special. The triple hopped pale ale is crisp with a fruity tang and is brewed in the original India Pale Ale tradition.



5.2% ABV www.battledownbrewery.com

WHAT'S ON...

Keep up to date with what's happening in and around Cardiff this Spring.



RHS Flower Show Cardiff 2016

Once again Cardiff will be awash with all things floral as the RHS Flower Show Cardiff returns to Bute Park.

Date:

15-17 April

Opening times:

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th: 10am - 5.30pm Sunday 17th: 10am - 4.30pm (plant sell off 4pm)

Price:

Advance tickets: £9 (RHS members £8) On the day: £12 (RHS members £10) Children free (under16)

For more info:

www.rhs.org.uk/cardiff



Cardiff Children's Literature Festival 2016

The popular Cardiff Children's Literature Festival once again aims to inspire, nurture and encourage a life-long love of reading and books and has something for all ages.

Venue:

Cardiff city centre

Date:

16-24 April

Opening times:

10am - 8pm (see pages 20-21 for a detailed event listing)

Price:

Most sessions cost £4

For more info:

www.cardiff-events.com



Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival, which has become a firm favourite on the region's foodie calendar, returns to South Wales for the twelfth year this May. Visitors will be given a taste of the incredible variety of produce the region has to offer with both local and global cuisines from BBQ to souvlaki and fajitas to paella.

Date:

29-30 May (bank holiday weekend)

Opening times:

9:30am - 5pm

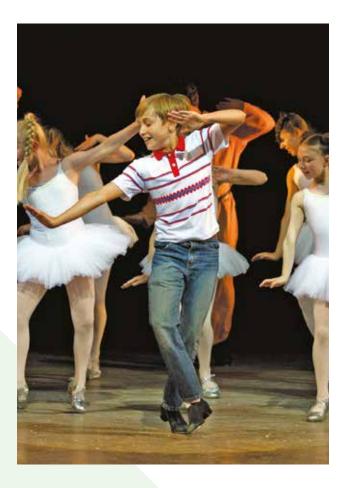
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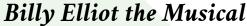
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Venue:

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Date:

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Tai will return this year in a bid to become only the second British rider to win in front of home fans after Chris Harris' triumph at the stadium in 2007.

The event - which sees riders reaching 70mph on 500cc bikes with no brakes - never fails to set pulses racing and induce some heart stopping moments for stadium spectators; both super fans and families alike.

The July 9th fun will begin during the day in the Fanzone in the city centre and the Adrian Flux British FIM Speedway Grand Prix will start at 5pm, finishing with its popular firework display.

We've teamed up with the 2016 British FIM Speedway Grand Prix organisers to give you the chance to enjoy this afternoon of nonstop sporting action and all you have to do to put yourself in the running is answer this simple question:

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Head Chef at the exquisite Cardiff Marriott Hotel, Anthony Barnes, shares his recipes for the perfect spring menu.



To Start

SCOTTISH SMOKED SALMON, CRÈME FRAICHE AND BASIL ROULADE

(Serves 4 people)

Ingredients

150g plain flour 2 eggs 210ml milk 40ml water 1 pinch of salt 200g Smoked Salmon 150g crème fraiche 5 basil leaves Salt, pepper

METHOD

Add the egg, water and milk into a mixing bowl, put the flour through

a sieve and whisk into the egg and milk. Add a pinch of salt.

Cook pancakes in a shallow, large non-stick pan and leave to cool. Once cooled down, lay the Smoked Salmon on the pancake. Spread the crème fraiche and basil evenly over the salmon. Lift up the edge and roll. Place in the fridge until needed.

Before you serve, cut off the edges and then cut into equal finger thick slices. Arrange on a plate and serve with some fresh dressed salad leafs or cucumber.

Main Course

WELSH RUMP OF LAMB, ASPARAGUS WRAPPED IN PANCETTA, MACAIRE POTATOES AND ROSEMARY SAUCE

Ingredients

4x 170g Welsh lamb rump 8 asparagus spears 8 slices pancetta 8 slices Macaire potatoes (see recipe) 2 sprigs rosemary 200ml red wine 4 shallots Salt, pepper A little butter

Method

Take the asparagus and blanch them in boiling water for about 2 minutes, then rapidly cool. Once cooled,



drain the asparagus from the excess water. Divide into 8 equal portions and wrap each portion in a slice of pancetta. Cut off the ends so they appear uniform in shape and size.

Preheat your oven to 180°.

Heat a little oil in a frying pan. Season the lamb rump with salt and pepper. Once the oil is hot, place the seasoned lamb carefully into the frying pan and brown on all sides.

Place the lamb with the prepared asparagus onto an oven tray and place in the oven. Depending on size and preferred temperature of the lamb, it should be cooked for about 9-14 minutes.

The asparagus might be done slightly quicker so take them out once the pancetta looks nice and crispy.

While the lamb is cooking, finely dice the shallots and fry in the pan in which you sealed off the lamb. Once the shallots have browned, deglaze with the red wine. Add the rosemary and reduce. Season with salt and pepper.

Add a tablespoon of butter into a frying pan, and once melted, add the Macaire potato slices into the pan and brown them on both sides. Season with a little salt and pepper. Once the lamb is cooked, leave to rest before cutting it.

Arrange the asparagus and potatoes on a plate, cut the lamb and pour the sauce over it. Serve and enjoy.

Macaire Potatoes

500g large potatoes 20g parsley 20g butter 1 egg Salt, pepper Nutmeg to season Cornflour

Method

Peel the potatoes and cut in half (don't cut too small). Boil until soft.

Drain off all excess water and place back into the pan to dry out any left over water.

Once dry, puree the potato and add the egg and chopped parsley. Mix and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg. Put some corn flour onto the work surface and roll the mix into a large sausage shape. Place onto a tray and keep in the fridge to cool. Once cool, cut into finger thick slices.



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Hot Property £220,000

Adventurers Quay, Cardiff Bay

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This highly sought after gated development has excellent links to the M4 and City Centre and is conveniently located within a quarter of a mile of Mermaid Quay, with its wide array of attractions, including the Wales Millennium Centre.

The property comprises: a good size entrance hall, a good size living/dining area with French doors leading to a balcony enjoying water views, a separate bespoke kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, one of which has an en suite shower room and a family bathroom. The property further benefits from one parking space and additional storage.

Est rental income £950 PCM NO CHAIN.



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John Batchelor Way, Penarth £525,000

Superb modern town house Sought after location Views of Cardiff Bay EPC Rating - C



Catrine, Cardiff Bay £170,000

Spacious two bedroom Balcony with river views Allocated parking EPC Rating - D



Spillers & Bakers, Schooner Way £895 pcm

En-Suite Allocated parking Furnished EPC Rating - C



Paris House, Century Wharf £795 pcm

On-site facilities Concierge Balcony EPC Rating - C



Cog Road, Sully *£275.000*

Semi detached bungalow Immaculate order throughout Popular location EPC Rating - D



Forio House, Cardiff Bay £165,000

Spacious two bedroom Duplex apartment Excellent order throughout EPC Rating - C



Coopers Court, City Centre £780 pcm

Balcony Furnished Open plan lounge/kitchen EPC Rating - TBC



Atlas House, Falcon Drive £795 pcm

Two bathrooms Gated development Water views EPC Rating - B



The Aspect, City Centre £220,000

City Centre location Lovely balcony views Immaculate apartment EPC Rating - C



Verona House, Cardiff Bay £ 155,000

Great location Ideal for first time buyers Two bedroom apartment EPC Rating - C



Sovereign Quay, Cardiff Bay £850 pcm

Flat screen TV En suite Water views EPC Rating - C



Maia House, Falcon Drive £650 pcm

Allocated parking Concierge Fully fitted kitchen EPC Rating - C



Penarth Heights, Penarth £ 189.950

Immaculate order Superb apartment Stunning elevated position EPC Rating - C



Reresby Court, Cardiff Bay £149,950

Immaculate apartment En suite to master bedroom Allocated parking EPC Rating - C



Meridian Plaza, City Centre £795 pcm

Concierge Modern apartment Lift EPC Rating - C



Seager Drive, Windsor Quay £600 pcm

Lounge/Dining Area Unfurnished Allocated parking EPC Rating - B

CATHAYS *Hot Property*

£575 pcm

Richmond Road, Roath

This one bedroom, fully furnished ground floor flat is located on Richmond Road in Roath.

The property briefly comprises of entrance hallway, leading into an open-plan living room and kitchen, with integrated appliances. There is one double master bedroom with a double window looking into the mature rear garden, and a large shower room.

The property is available from the 19th April 2016. Bond Payable. Non-Managed.

EPC Rating - F



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Sandringham Road, Penylan £1,500 pcm

Five Bedroom House Fully Furnished Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Arabella Street, Roath £ 1, 100 pcm

Four Bedroom House Rear Court Yard Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Australia Road, Heath £900 pcm

Three/Four Bedroom House Fully Furnished Available 4th July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Claude Road, Roath £625 pcm

First Floor Flat Fully Furnished Available Now EPC Rating - D



Ninian Road, Roath £1,400 pcm

Five/Six Bedroom House Two Bathrooms Available 4th July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Australia Road, Heath £950 pcm

Three/Four Bedroom House Appliances Include Dishwasher Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Moy Road, Roath £900 pcm

Three Bedroom House Fully Furnished Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - E



Connaught Road, Roath £575 pcm

First Floor Flat
Open plan living room/kitchen
Available Now
EPC Rating - B



Moira Street, Adamsdown £ 1,200 pcm

Four Bedroom House Rear Garden Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - D



Cyfarthfa Street, Roath £925 pcm

Three Bedroom House Fully Furnished Available 1st September 2016 EPC Rating - D



Daviot Street, Roath £850 pcm

Three Bedroom House Additional Study Room Available 4th July 2016 EPC Rating - D



Albany Road, Roath £550 pcm

Second Floor Flat Communal Garden Available 9th April 2016 EPC Rating - E



Laytonia Avenue, Heath £1,100 pcm

Four Bedroom House Two Bathrooms Available 1st July 2016 EPC Rating - D



Arabella Street, Roath £900 pcm

Three Bedroom House Fully Furnished Available 30th June 2016 EPC Rating - D



Merthyr Street, Cathays £840 pcm

Three Bedroom House Court Yard Garden Available 4th September 2016 EPC Rating - E



Newport Road, Roath £525 pcm

Ground Floor Flat Allocated parking Available 1st April 2016 EPC Rating - D

CYNCOED

Hot Property £645,000

Strawberry Farm, Allt-Yr-Yn, Newport

A stunning, historical property in a unique location. This four bedroom property is situated in a rural idyll of only 3 properties, whilst only two miles from Newport city centre, train station and two M4 junctions, truly offering 'the best of both worlds'. Originally built in 1790, the property has been completely renovated by the current owners, having fallen into disrepair in the 1980's.

Now the property offers spacious accommodation with a mix of contemporary fittings, modern

conveniences and original character. As a whole, the property offers approx. 8 acres of mixed woodland, fields, gardens and hardstanding.

To the west of the plot, and separated from the property by the orchard, are a number of outbuildings, including garaging, stables and large workshop, offering significant potential for renovation and/or development. Set on the boarder of the Allt-Yr-Yn nature reserve and Brecon & Monmouthshire Canal, affording access to beautiful walks and woodland.

EPC Rating - E



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Lake Road East, Roath Park £575,000

Three double bedrooms Superb position Extended and renovated EPC Rating - C



Heol Y Barcud, Thornhill £399,950

4 bedrooms/2 loft rooms Superb kitchen Beautifully presented EPC Rating - D



Downton Grange, Rumney £550 pcm

Ground floor flat Two double bedrooms Off road parking EPC Rating - D



The Grove, Rumney £825 pcm

Three double bedrooms Large kitchen/diner Large decked garden EPC Rating - C



Clos Padrig, St Mellons £475,000

Four bedrooms Large double garage Generous living space EPC Rating - D





Church Road, Lisvane £380,000

Three bedrooms Beautifully presented Large enclosed garden EPC Rating - D



Rowsby Court, Pontprennau £650 pcm

Second floor flat Modern kitchen Juliette balcony EPC Rating - C



Colchester Avenue, Penylan £850 pcm

Three bed house Spacious lounge Garage included EPC Rating - D



Egremont Road, Lakeside £450,000

Four bedrooms Good sized loft room En-suite to master bedroom EPC Rating - E



Worcester House, Cyncoed Gardens £350,000

First floor apartment Two double bedrooms Lift access EPC Rating - C



Amber Close, Pontprennau £685 pcm

Mid-link house Two double bedrooms Landscaped garden EPC Rating - C



Wyndham Terrace, Llanishen £925 pcm

Three bed house Large garden Sunny conservatory EPC Rating - E



Woodvale Avenue, Cyncoed £450.000

Four bedrooms Spacious Immaculately presented EPC Rating - D



Cefn Coed Gardens, Cyncoed £289,950

Ground floor maisonette Two double bedrooms Furnished to high standard EPC Rating - C



Penylan Place, Penylan £750 pcm

Ground floor flat Two double bedrooms Spacious lounge EPC Rating - D



Heathwood Road, Heath £1,000 pcm

4 bed semi-detached house Matured garden Two reception rooms EPC Rating - D

PONTCANNA

Hot Property £385,000



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Severn Grove, Pontcanna

Early internal inspection is essential due to the location of this property. Situated in the heart of this exceptionally popular area is this beautifully presented three bedroom tradition semi detached house with good size, private garden.

The property has been beautifully presented maintained to a high standard by its present owners and early viewing is strongly recommended.

The accommodation comprises: inviting entrance hall, separate sitting room and truly impressive spacious

through living area/dining area/kitchen on the ground floor and there are three bedrooms and a family bathroom on the first floor. Further benefits include gas central heating, double glazed sash style windows, a good size private rear garden and private driveway car parking.

Situated in the heart of the ever popular Pontcanna area and extremely close to the popular social attractions with its variety of bars and restaurants.

EPC Rating - D





Silverton, Llandaff £140,000

Chain free Parking to the rear Two bedroom ground EPC Rating - E



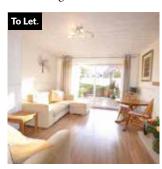
Glamorgan Street, Canton £250,000

Beautifully presented Traditional terrace house Good size garden EPC Rating - D



Springfield Place, Canton £900 pcm

Two bed house Garden Log burner EPC Rating - D



Lower Acre, Caerau £650 pcm

Two bed house Large garden Summer house EPC Rating - C



Ivy Cottage, Tongwynlais £207.000

Three bedroom house Must be viewed Car Parking EPC Rating - B



Brunswick Street, Canton £250,000

Attractive features Great location Pleasant garden EPC Rating - D



Tudor Street, Riverside £850 pcm

Newly refurbished Open plan Power shower EPC Rating - C



Earle Place, Canton £585 pcm

Garden flat Newly refurbished Fitted kitchen EPC Rating - D



Lincoln Street, Canton £250,000

Spacious 3 double bedrooms Kitchen/Breakfast room Conservatory EPC Rating - D



Egerton Street, Canton £239,950

Beautifully presented Two reception rooms Three double bedrooms EPC Rating - D



Bartley Wilson Way, Leckwith £900 pcm

Modern house Garage Garden EPC Rating - B



Station Road, Llandaff £525 pcm

Open plan lounge/kitchen One bed flat Furnished EPC Rating - C



St Fagan Road, Fairwater £250.000

Extended semi detached house Corner plot Original features EPC Rating - D



Romilly Road West, Canton £280,000

Lovely family house Close to park Three Bedrooms EPC rating - D



Llandaff Road, Canton *£775 pcm*

Garden Ground floor flat Unfurnished EPC Rating - TBC



Springfield Place, Canton £825 pcm

Enclosed garden House Lounge/Dining Room EPC Rating - C

ROATH Hot Property £360,000

Ladysmith Road, Penylan

A grand and imposing four bedroom, terraced residence situated in this sought after road of Penylan.

This fantastic family home offers an excellent mix of traditional period features and modern day living and is close to Mill Gardens and the many local shops, cafés and restaurants of Wellfield Road.

To the ground floor is an inviting entrance hall with original tiled

floor, three reception rooms and a stylish kitchen overlooking the rear garden. The first floor offers four bedrooms (three doubles and a single) and a contemporary bathroom.

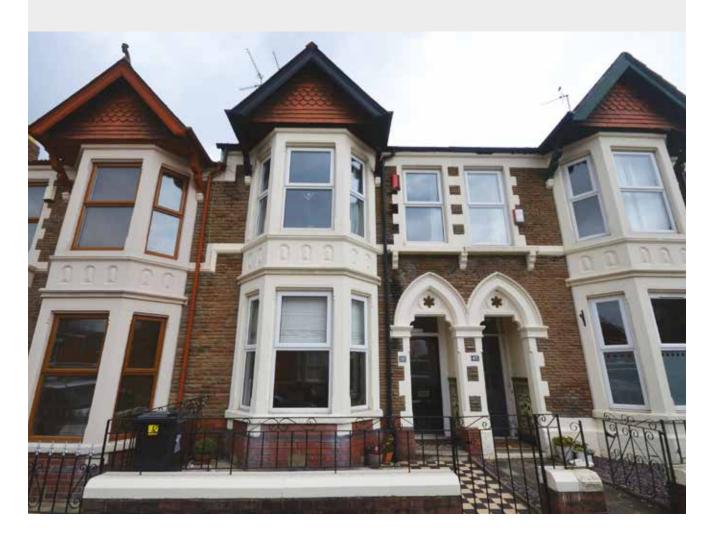
The property further benefits from gas central heating, Westerly facing rear garden, garage and is situated within the Cardiff High school catchment area.

EPC Rating - E



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Colchester Avenue, Penylan £417,500

Semi detached residence Three bedrooms & loft room Original features EPC Rating - D



Mathias Close, Penylan *£229,950*

Three bedrooms No chain Large corner plot EPC Rating - D



Railway Street, Splott £167,500

Beautifully presented Perfect first time buy Three double bedrooms EPC Rating - D



Rhymney Street, Cathays £155,000

Middle of terrace house Golden triangle' Two double bedrooms EPC Rating - D



Carisbrooke Way, Penylan £325,000

Detached house Three double bedrooms Generous rear garden EPC Rating - D



Brython Drive, St. Mellons £209,950

Three double bedrooms Immaculately presented Converted garage EPC Rating - B



Treharris Street, Roath £164,950

Terraced house Two double bedrooms No onward chain EPC Rating - TBC



Tygwyn Road, Penylan £139,950

Retirement complex Two bedrooms Allocated parking EPC Rating - E



Roath Court Road, Roath £319,950

Sought after location Three bedrooms Excellent school catchments EPC Rating - TBC



Clos Avro, Pengam Green £184,950

Semi detached house Three bedrooms Two driveway spaces EPC Rating - D



Topaz Street, Adamsdown £160,000

Stylish terraced house Two double bedrooms Contemporary kitchen EPC Rating - E



Beaufort Square, Pengam Green £115,000

Two double bedrooms Ground floor apartment Two parking spaces EPC Rating - TBC



Ninian Road, Roath Park £235,000

Stylish first floor apartment Two double bedrooms Open plan living room/kitchen EPC Rating - E



Handley Road, Pengam Green £179,995

Semi detached house Three bedrooms Off road parking EPC Rating - C



Zinc Street, Splott £159,950

Ext. 2 bedroom property Quiet residential street Ideal first time buy EPC Rating - D



Darran Street, Cathays £115,000

Ground floor flat Two bedrooms Use of rear garden EPC Rating - C

RENT SMART WALES

"Moginie James have a very proactive stance in informing landlords about new legislation".

Since 23 November 2015, there have been legal obligations on all landlords who have rental properties in Wales and they must now register their properties. Furthermore, any landlords with properties in Wales who undertake letting and management tasks at their rental properties, will be required to apply for a licence.

Part of the licence application includes evidence of suitable landlord training which can either be done direct with Rent Smart Wales, or an approved course can be completed by a training provider authorised by Rent Smart Wales.

From the outset, Moginie James has taken a very proactive stance in informing landlords about the new legislation. We have been sending out information emails and newsletters to all of our landlords, as well as holding regular in-house seminars and more personal coffee meetings on a one to one basis for any landlords who want to discuss the new requirements, or indeed any aspect of letting they want advice on.

Landlords may not be aware that agents also have to apply for a licence under the new legislation, so not only have we been very proactive with our landlords, we have been working very hard behind the scenes for the past 18 months ensuring that our team of knowledgeable lettings staff have attended the required training courses. Further training will be

needed and all our staff will attend any extra training modules as soon as they are available, ensuring that Moginie James is in a position to apply for our Agent's licence as soon as the online application process is ready.

It has become increasingly apparent to us over the past few months when talking to landlords, either when we were valuing their properties or taking over management from other agents, that many of them had not been told about the new legislation by their current agents, so were unaware of the requirements to register and to attend an approved training course.

With this in mind, we teamed up with Training for Professionals, who are a Rent Smart approved provider and we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our own Rent Smart Wales Landlord Licencing training courses.

We booked our first training course on April 21 and all 30 places were snapped up within a few days! We are in the process of booking another course, likely to be in June, so stay tuned. We will be providing all the necessary training materials and literature on the day, and the cost of the course includes tea and coffee on arrival, morning and afternoon, plus lunch and free parking...so all our landlords have to do is turn up on the day!





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Newport Road, Castleton



£799,950

A superb country residence, dating from 17th Century, set in delightful grounds of just under 7 acres, including paddocks, tucked away in a quiet rural location, within easy reach of the M4.

This fine country home is over 300 years old, and is everything one would expect from a house of this period. Retaining much charm and character with exposed beams, inglenook fireplaces, deep thick walls and pan tile roof, it presents an idyllic home in an equally idyllic location. This is a substantial period home with high ceilings and large elegant proportions, allowing all the space required

to easily accommodate 21st Century living with absolute ease.

The property comprises of sitting room, drawing room, games room, bar, kitchen and utility to the ground floor and to the first floor four bedrooms, en suite and family bathroom. Long driveway approach, courtyard with double garage, lovely formal gardens, enjoying countryside views.

EPC Rating - F



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£599,950

Seaview is a detached, stone built, Victorian barn conversion situated on approximately half an acre of land. The site of this impressive property is classed as a Vale of Glamorgan treasure, on the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, recorded with Gwent & Glamorgan Historical Society. This unique character home was first recorded on a site in the 1840 census.

The property manages to combine the essential character of the building with fantastic modern standards of finish.

Some of the outstanding features being a bespoke, handmade kitchen, mandarin limestone flooring, oak beamed ceilings and oak door frames. The ground floor offers very generous living space, with a living room, family room and kitchen diner. On the first floor there are four bedrooms, with the master benefiting from an en suite shower room, walk in wardrobe and side access out of the property, and a very impressive family bathroom with elevated, free standing bath.

EPC Rating - D



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St Fagans Drive, St Fagans



£599,950

A stunning example of modern architecture, situated within a historic village. This 1970's built, extended property is situated off of a small crescent, on a quiet cul-de-sac.

Set on a spacious, south-facing plot, the property overlooks the village's Old Rectory to the rear, providing a stunning view and a stark contrast in construction styles.

Offering a sprawling ground floor, comprising a 31ft lounge, dining room, conservatory, games room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom WC and integral garage.

The first floor offers a master bedroom with en-suite shower room, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. The south-facing gardens are thoughtfully designed, with a mature lawn, peaceful summerhouse and ornamental coycarp pond. To the front, an in-out driveway, with plentiful parking and a pleasant outlook.

St Fagans village is rich in history, and is the home of St Fagans Castle and the National History Museum, both superb, free-to-access visitors attractions.

EPC Rating - B



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Ffinnant, Llanarthney



£1,200,000

An impressive and privately located country house set in an elevated position, which enjoys spectacular views over the Towy Valley and the countryside beyond.

The house stands in approximately 50 acres with 25 acres of woodland, 25 acres of stock proof pasture and established gardens. There are two lakes with a lakeside decked area and gazebo equipped with seating, dining table, heating, lighting making it perfect for alfresco dining and entertaining.

The setting is private and peaceful situated on the fringes of the charming Llanarthney Village yet within easy reach of Carmarthen, Llandeilo and the M4 motorway.

EPC Rating - F



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If you like food, and you like beer, then Barley & Rye could be just the place for you.



A brand new bar and kitchen, situated in Greyfriars Road, serves over 80 beers from 20 countries worldwide, and concocts the perfect dishes to complement each beverage.

Nathan Gee, director for Barley & Rye, explains all about Cardiff's latest offering:

Congratulations on opening up - the concept of creating meals that go with your speciality beers sounds great. Tell us more about it...

The concept was born through our passion for high quality food and beer. Our head chef, Gareth, being born and bred in Cardiff, wanted to come back to his home town having worked under Michel Roux Jr. and Gordon Ramsey and two Michelin star restaurants in London.

He wanted to give his home town a taste of what he has learned by providing a unique food and beer matching restaurant that has the food quality of a Michelin restaurant, but the relaxed atmosphere of an upmarket bar. Cardiff has a discerning palate when it comes to food and drink. We have provided a locally sourced menu that is of the highest quality and matched it with beers from around the world which has hopefully added something special to Cardiff's already thriving food and beverage scene.





How's it going so far? Are the residents in Cardiff appreciating your wide choice of beers?

So far the response has been outstanding. We have almost 100 beers on offer, and Gareth's beer and food matching has been a huge hit. The individuality of what we offer, and the nice relaxed atmosphere of the venue, has been really well received.

Is there one beer that is proving the most popular?

Not so much, the choice is what's really important. Many people come in and speak with our staff about what they like and then end up trying three or four different beers from across the range,

thus educating themselves and broadening their palate at the same time.

What's your favourite beer/meal combination?

One of the best is the sea bream and Krombacher Pilsner combination. The sea bream is fresh daily and melts in your mouth and the flavour of the light white meat is enhanced by the light, crisp tones of this time honoured imported German Pilsner.

You also serve whiskeys – what food goes well with whiskey?

We have a selection of almost 50 fine whiskeys and most of our guests sample these after they

have enjoyed their food and beer pairing extravaganza.

Anything in the pipeline for Barley & Rye?

We will be looking to change our menu seasonally with some new local farms and producers coming on board. Gareth is always heavily researching both his menus and suppliers to ensure that his new creations are always special. Beer-wise we are looking to do something for the celebration of 500 years of the German purity laws in April and maybe bring some extra special beers and suppliers to Cardiff that cannot be found anywhere else in the country.



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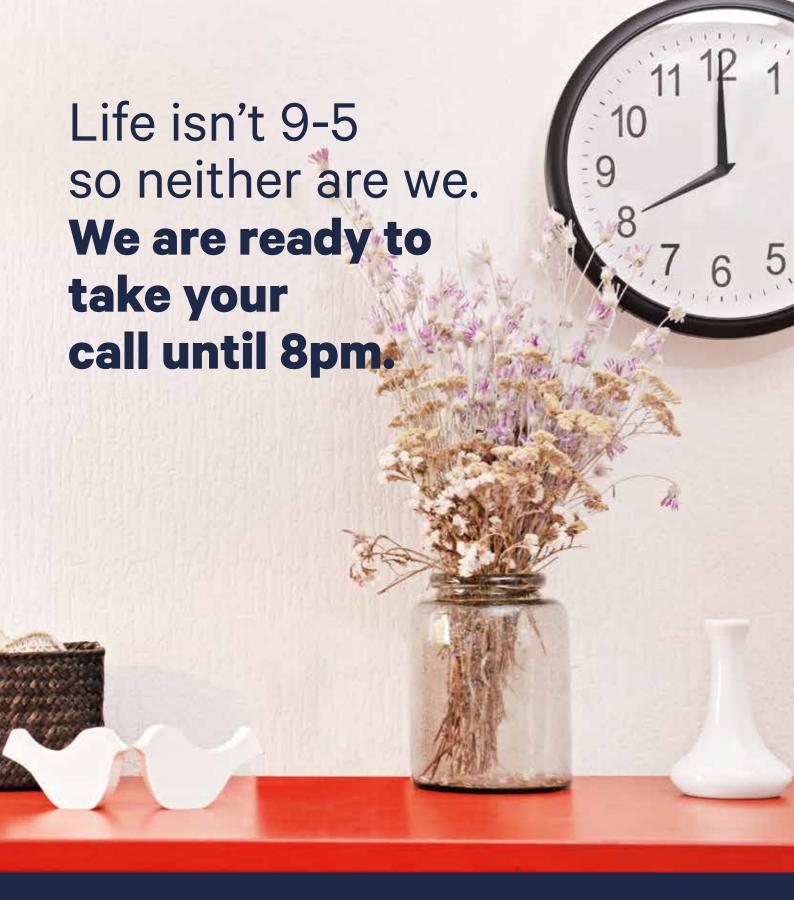
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