

PENARTH CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Celebration and Conservation

Heritage Lottery Fund success for Victoria Square! - Victoria Square bathed in late summer sun

After a busy spring and early summer compiling a detailed application to The National Lottery Heritage Lottery Fund, Friends of Victoria Square (FoVS) are very pleased to announce that they have secured a £9000 award. The money is principally being used to undertake Tree and Biodiversity Surveys of the Square. Our Grants Officer, Judith Marquand who took the lead on drafting the application, was delighted with the outcome and said “Our considerable efforts have been rewarded. An essential element was our status as a sub-group of Penarth Civic Society which is a registered CIO - Charitable Incorporated Organisation. We have worked closely with the National Lottery Heritage Fund to ensure that our application met all their requirements.”



In order to complete the financial aspects of the application preliminary work included identifying and interviewing suitable contractors. Secretary of FoVS Peter Blackburn took the lead on contractor appointment with both surveys getting underway in late August. The Biodiversity Survey will be conducted by David Clements Ecology of Penarth and the Tree Survey will be conducted by Steve Ambler & Sons, Tree Specialists of Brynmawr. Peter stated “We expect to receive

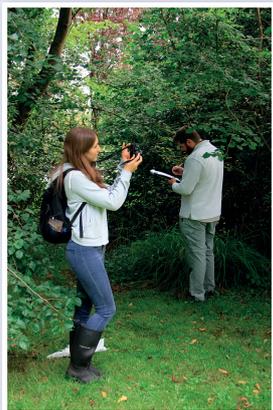
both survey reports during September.

Our small Grants Sub Group will then review the reports and their recommendations, in advance of a general meeting in early October.” Peter added “It is very important that we are able to listen to all of those people who have shown an interest in how we develop Victoria Square. We will also be using some of the funding for two Friends of Victoria Square notice boards.”

Further details of the general meeting to discuss the detail of the surveys and to develop the action plan will be shared via email and Facebook in the next few weeks. If you would like further direct contact from Friends of Victoria Square please email Peter Blackburn at blackburn.peter1@sky.com

Following on from the great success of the “Big Lunch” in June, Friends of Victoria Square are keen to hold further events for local residents and users of the Square. With the autumn and winter months approaching look out for more details of a “Leaf Sweep” in November and “Outdoor Carols” in December.

Vaughan Lewis of Steve Ambler & Sons undertaking the tree survey



David Clements Ecology biodiversity survey team in action in Victoria Square

Beachwardens Update

Penarth Beach Wardens recently enjoyed a get together at the Pilot to thank Chris who has stepped down from organising the group and to celebrate their hard work picking up the rubbish left on our lovely beach all year round. It was good to meet up chat and exchange ideas in pleasant surroundings on a lovely summer evening. We also welcomed two new BWs Elaine and Paul.

We have been reviewing how where and when we all make our collections. To do this we all completed a small survey which indicates where and when we all collect. The area we cover runs from Lavernock down to the beach ending at the barrage steps. There is no timetable as everyone does it at their own time and pace and when they have space in their busy lives.

We are also intending to take part in the annual Severn Survey, run through the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), in September when every item collected is noted on a tick box form and collated by them on an interactive form which allows the public to see what is happening.

Future ideas include an application for a place in the St Augustine's Xmas Tree festival in December. Ideas for a theme from PCS members will be very welcome

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Trees

If you drive, or cycle, or walk along Redlands Road there appears to be lots of greenery. Look more closely, however, and you will see that there are actually very few, if any, street trees. The trees, hedges and shrubs are almost exclusively in the front gardens. Whilst the Society is campaigning to retain, and hopefully increase, the number of street trees, there is a lot that each of us with a front garden can do to improve the greening of our town and thereby help slow down climate change, as well as making Penarth an even nicer place to live.

To this end we have produced a leaflet, *Trees in Front Gardens*. This is available on our website. Please contact us if you would like a paper copy. There is lots of advice about the most suitable species of tree to plant. We have also applied for saplings from the Woodland Trust that we will be distributing. In addition, next year there will be a scheme where we will be offering to supply (and, if you'd like, plant) larger trees from a nursery with excellent bio-security for a very reasonable price.

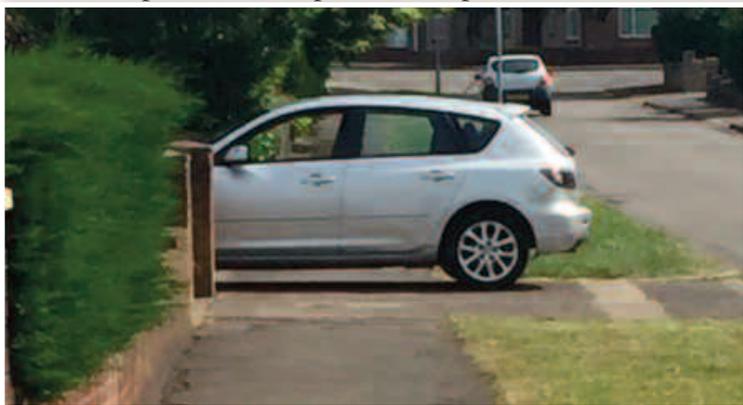
This is all part of our on-going work with the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Our aim is Woodland Town status. If we all play a small part this could be achieved!

Watch out for more information on this exciting initiative
p.s. Why not plant some trees in your back garden as well?



Pavement Parking

Did you know that parking on pavements was banned in London in 1974? The Society was very pleased to hear, on 4th July this year, that the Welsh Government is finally considering banning it in Wales. For most of the population, vehicles parked inconsiderately on pavements are simply a nuisance. For those with a pushchair or wheelchair, or who are visually impaired, it is potentially life threatening as walking in the road is often the only option. We very much hope that a ban is introduced as soon as possible. In the meantime, please do not park on the pavement!.



Penarth Civic Society Events 2019

Thursday 19th September Visit to Glamorgan Archives

Clos Par Morgannwg, Leckwith CF11 8AW. 2.00PM **Free to members**
A behind the scenes tour lasting approximately two hours, we will see the office, strongroom, conservation in action and a display of documents relevant to Penarth. Numbers are limited ****Prebooking essential****

Friday 18th October Annual Dinner

Cost £35.00pp

The Pilot 7.00PM Guest Speaker Phil Carradice

Thursday 28th November An evening with Alan Thorne **Cost £5.00pp.**

With complimentary cheese and wine, after all, this event was so popular last year it makes sense to make it an annual event. This year Alan will be talking about air raids, airstrips, those darned Americans and lots more...

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Wednesday 18th December Spectrum Singers Choral Event

Get into the Christmas spirit with a return booking for this marvellous choir.
Tabernacle Baptist Church Plassey Street 7.00PM **Cost £3.00 per person**
£5.00 for couples
to include a FREE cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. **Please pay on the door**

To pre-book events by post please send a cheque (where necessary) to Penarth Civic Society, 1 Archer Road, Penarth Cardiff CF64 3HW

To pre-book events by email please send BACS payment (where necessary) to Sort Code 20-18-27 Account Number 90698296 and email confirmation of details and reference to dave.noble1959@gmail.com

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