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Swansea independent retailers have been ranked third in the UK

A team of mystery shoppers and town centre assessors have ranked Swansea third best location in the UK for independent retailers. The mystery shopping test evaluated the performance of 37 independent retailers in the city, producing an average score of 92.5%, placing Swansea third out of 88 towns and cities across the UK that have been assessed so far. The research also included 100 street interviews to gauge the opinions of residents and visitors. Seven out of ten people agreed the town centre had shown definite improvements over the past two years, compared to the research average of 40%. Nearly three quarters of respondents agreed the city centre was clean and tidy and 93% said they 'generally felt safe' when in the city centre, compared to an average of 77%. The assessor said: "My visit has made me want to come back to Swansea city centre because of its clean streets and various shops. The indoor market offered an opportunity to shop the traditional way, while the quadrant shopping centre and various big outlets were also available. I would definitely recommend this town to a friend for its practicality, the large variety of its retail shops, its history and its location near the sea."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/swansea-independent-retailers-has-been-ranked-third-in-the-uk/>

Acuitas raises funding

Acuitas Medical, a technology company based in Swansea, has raised more than £1m from investors including Altima Partners and Finance Wales. The cash will be used to show the effectiveness of Acuitas' FineSA technique, which analyses magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) data. It will initially concentrate on signs of liver, lung, brain and bone diseases. Acuitas chief executive Peter Taylor said all of the company's previous investors have backed the company again to complete an oversubscribed funding round. Research using FineSA software shows it might provide early diagnosis of liver fibrosis and osteoporosis. Chairman Sir Michael Brady said: "The continued support of the existing shareholders, and the recruitment of new ones, especially in the currently difficult financial climate, illustrates the strength of the Acuitas Medical proposition and the promise of a novel diagnostic tool to augment existing MRI examinations."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/acuitas-raises-funding/>

24-hour gym launched

Swansea's first ever 24-hour gym has opened in Swansea city centre. The new facility, called The Gym Swansea, in Princess Way is owned by national gym chain The Gym Group. Tim Howell, business consultant for the Gym Group, said he believed the all-hours accessibility had been crucial to the chain's success. He said: "It's just a gym — but that's the point. It's for everyone, from a 50-year-old businessman to a 19-year-old student. "Workers who do want to come at 4am can do so. It's perfect for people who work odd shifts." The gym has more than 170 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment including cardiovascular and resistance equipment. It also has free weights and offers gym floor classes. Nine personal trainers are employed to help members reach their fitness goals. The Gym Group owns 18 gyms across the country and plans to open one in Cardiff later this year.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/24-hour-gym-warms-up-for-launch/>

Firm reveals £2m injection for steelworks

Steel giant Tata has confirmed it wants to invest another £2 million in its Port Talbot works. The company says its plans for a replacement flare stack at the Morfa Coke Ovens demonstrating further confidence in the long-term future of the steel plant. It follows on from investment plans totalling almost £240 million which Tata has previously announced. Tata spokesman Robert Dangerfield said: "It is part of our constant process of maintenance and improvement in the works and, arguably, represents a commitment to sustained operations here. The flare stack will cost more than £2 million and we do not invest in these things if we do not expect them to last for a considerable period of time." Tata has previously announced it is spending £53 million on the BOS (Basic Oxygen Steelmaking) plant as well as £185 million to rebuild Port Talbot's Blast Furnace No 4. The company said the new stack would not affect the character of the area, as it would be located within an industrial landscape among structures of a similar nature.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/firm-reveals-2m-injection-for-steelworks/>

£13m deal - Port Talbot jobs pledge

Affordable housing specialist Mi-space, which has its headquarters in Exeter, has now opened a base in Baglan after landing the £13 million contract with NPT Homes. The housing mutual has embarked on a £220 million six-year improvement programme to bring those homes up to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard. Mi-space, part of the Midas Group, is the latest company to secure a contract. Mi-space said it would create apprenticeships, providing work experience and job opportunities to help people back to work. Director AJ Eaton said: "The long-term framework system allows us to employ more staff directly, giving us greater control over training which in turn produces consistently high delivery standards. Delivering benefits to local people in terms of jobs and investment is another important part of this contract's ethos, and we are working with Grow Enterprise Wales, which specialises in partnering with economically inactive people to find work." NPT Homes director of assets Steve Tucker said: "Like our other main contractors Mi-space will soon be creating local job opportunities to help it carry out WHQS work. It has vast experience of working with tenants to carry out these improvements, having worked for similar housing organisations. To allow it to be closer to the area, it has set up new offices in Baglan, which is good news for the regeneration of the borough," he added.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/13m-deal-port-talbot-jobs-pledge/>

New Alicante and Palma routes from Cardiff

Vueling, Spain's leading low fare airline has announced it is bolstering its destinations from Cardiff Airport this summer with the addition of two new destinations, Alicante and Palma, Mallorca. The new scheduled services will commence from 22 June 2012 and will be operated by 150-seat Airbus A319 aircraft three times weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. Patrick Duffy, Cardiff Airport's Managing Director said: "We're pleased with Vueling's announcement to operate a further two routes to Alicante and Palma, in addition to the previously announced service to Barcelona. The Spanish low cost carrier will be a welcome addition to South Wales, and will offer our passengers the chance to access some of Europe's leading holiday destinations from their local airport. In addition, the airline, which has a very high profile in Spain, will also give Spanish passengers the opportunity to visit Wales. We look forward to the start of the airline's operations from Cardiff from the end of March, and trust the Welsh consumers will support these services."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/new-alicante-and-palma-routes-from-cardiff/>

SWANS100 - Be a part of your football club's history!

Swansea University and the Swansea City Supporters Trust have received £47,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to support a unique community heritage project celebrating the Centenary of Swansea City Football Club in 2012. The aim is to create an on-line archive in which the experiences of Swans' fans will be recorded and preserved for future generations. The material will be collected from existing local archives and libraries but most of all from the fans themselves. The project wants to encourage people of all ages to record and reflect on their own involvement with the club and explore the club's heritage for themselves. Commenting on the award, Phil Sumbler of the Supporters Trust said: "The celebration of 100 years of professional football in Swansea is something in which the whole community of Swansea should be proud to be involved. A project of this nature is extremely thrilling for all of us and as a Supporters Trust we are delighted to link up with the Club and University to work closely together on this commemoration. Given these exciting times for the club on the pitch, the undertaking of this project will also ensure an exciting period off the pitch. The most inspiring part for me is the legacy that it will create for future generations to enjoy and that can only be a good thing." Members of the public who want to get involved can visit

www.swans100.org.uk or contact swans100@swansea.ac.uk

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/swans100-be-a-part-of-your-football-clubs-history/>

Development Update

Chance to snap up landmark Swansea building

Imaginative developers now have the chance to snap up one of Swansea's most recognisable buildings. Swansea Council is marketing The Observatory on the seafront by inviting interested parties to submit their proposals and financial offers for the building by the end of March. The five-storey Observatory was built in 1988 and includes a domed roof and an access tower that houses a spiral staircase with balconies linking the structures at each upper level. The building also includes a stained-glass roof by internationally-renowned artist David Pearl and panels of carved poetry by Welsh poet Nigel Jenkins. It is located on the beachfront within a stone's throw of the SA1 development, Swansea city centre and Swansea Marina. Cllr Gareth Sullivan, Swansea Council's Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Planning, said: "We'd like to see a mixed-use development that incorporates features of the existing Observatory building but we'd invite any developers with other imaginative design ideas to get in touch because we don't want to preclude innovative proposals. This building presents an exciting opportunity at a prestigious waterfront location within touching distance of the city centre that offers panoramic views of Swansea Bay. Bringing the Observatory back into use would add even more vitality to the promenade."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/chance-to-snap-up-landmark-swansea-building/>

More work on Swansea's gateway

Work on giving Swansea's busiest road a multi-million pound new look is likely to start in the autumn. Close to £9 million will go on creating a European-style boulevard along Oystermouth Road. The council-backed scheme includes a tree-lined central reservation, better access to the Waterfront Museum and the LC as well as wide pavements. It is hoped the makeover will finally end the divide between the city centre and the seafront. The work will take place between Albert Row and the Tawe bridges. Tony McGetrick, chairman of Swansea Bay tourism said: "It will help to link up the city centre to the seafront and the improvements will be of great benefit to the area." In addition, changes to traffic light sequences will help traffic flow better. Public art is also planned along the route. The £8.9 million project will build upon recent improvements at the river bridges where a new traffic layout has been put in place, along with work on Wind Street/Quay Parade and Oystermouth Road/ Westway junctions. The council is also considering whether to amend traffic orders for Wind Street and reduce vehicle access to improve the area for pedestrians. Swansea Council leader Chris Holley said: "The boulevard will bring major improvements to the main gateway into Swansea by improving the appearance of the area and helping traffic flow. It will also make the most of our fantastic waterfront city location by making it easier to move between the city centre and seafront. This will boost the local economy by encouraging more people to use the city centre and the waterfront."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/more-work-on-swanseas-gateway/>

Boost for Swansea city centre as regeneration bid moves forward

A major regeneration project to help boost Swansea city centre has taken another step forward. Last month Swansea Council and the Welsh Government unveiled plans to demolish part of the St David's Shopping Centre under major regeneration plans for the city centre. Since then the council has lodged a planning application to create a temporary 160-space car park by the end of the year. According to the plans, there will be space for 160 vehicles, including nine designated blue badge spaces, and ten cycle parking spaces. The entrance to the car park will be the road between St David's Church and the former Shopmobility building. Cars will exit into Albert Row on the opposite side of the car park. The application said the council wanted consent for a car park for three years so that its hopes "for a retail-led development on the site can be met in the medium term". The section of the site earmarked for the temporary car park is mainly empty and all traders and residents in the area are being updated about the proposals, the council said. The council will be working with its partner, development company Hammerson, to consider proposals for the site as part of its overall strategy for improving retail in the city centre.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/boost-for-swanea-city-centre-as-regeneration-bid-moves-forward/>

Final phase of £1m streets improvement

Shoppers and traders in one of Swansea's busiest retail areas will soon benefit from the completion of a major £1 million upgrade. New street paving, street furniture and signage is being installed on Singleton Street, Dilwyn Street, Westway, Plymouth Street and part of Lower Oxford Street under a scheme worth over £1 million. The work is the last stage of a two-phase project, set to finish in the spring, that's aimed at generating a more pedestrian-friendly environment for shoppers that's more closely linked to the pedestrianised area. The first phase of works included improved pedestrian crossings on Dilwyn Street and the removal of buses from the project area to better protect it from damage. The Lower Oxford Street retail area upgrade is being funded by the Welsh Government, the Wales European Funding Office and Swansea Council.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/final-phase-of-1m-streets-improvement/>

£1m to revamp Parade

Close to £1 million is to be spent on improving a Neath street at the heart of the town's nightlife. Work on upgrading The Parade is set to start within the next few months and is likely to take until the autumn to complete. Council chiefs say that any disruption will be kept to a minimum. Head of property and regeneration Gareth Nutt confirmed around £900,000 worth of work, including upgrading the pedestrian area and parking bays, would be carried out along the stretch from Neath's railway station to Croft Road. "It will set the scene for Neath as a market town and improve the environment of that particular area," Mr Nutt said. "We have it all designed and we will be going out to tender in February. We want to be on-site in March, with a view to completion around the autumn." The upgrade is part of the previously-announced £14 million package of improvements for Neath and Port Talbot town centres and the Afan Valley village of Croeserw. Mr. Nutt said Neath Port Talbot would be consulting traders and other businesses in the area.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/1m-to-revamp-parade/>

Jobs pledge for 'over Milk Wood' holiday park re-vamp in Laugharne

A company hopes to create more than 100 jobs in Carmarthenshire by redeveloping its holiday park. Seasons Holidays is to replace the 77 chalets at Laugharne Park with 212 holiday lodges, 48 apartments and a new club house and leisure facilities. The development was backed by Carmarthenshire council planners. There has been a holiday park on the site near Laugharne Castle since the 1960s and it has been owned by Seasons for over 20 years. As part of its outline planning application, it says the holiday lodges would range from two to four bedrooms. As well as the apartments the club house could include a bar, restaurant, retail units, swimming pool, gym and other leisure facilities. Seasons Holidays owner Barry Hurley said it would create 57 jobs during construction and 110 jobs once completed. He said the company estimated it would increase visitor spending in the area by £2.9m a year. "These proposals are very exciting for Laugharne and will bring many economic benefits to the area, helping to boost local business," he said.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/jobs-pledge-for-over-milk-wood-holiday-park-re-vamp-in-laugharne/>

Exciting news from around the region!

New Year honours for Swansea Bay

Several Swansea Bay residents have been recognised in this year's New Year Honours list. The chief executive of Carmarthenshire Council, Mark James has been appointed CBE for services to local government in Wales. Prof. Robert Owen Jones, who hails from Pontarddulais and is emeritus professor of Welsh at Cardiff University is appointed OBE for services to safeguarding the Welsh language in Argentina. John Davies, who was appointed MBE for services to the community, has served the West Wales Football Association for some 50 years, and is still treasurer. Breast cancer surgeon Simon Holt is honoured with an MBE. He fronted a bid for a new state-of-the-art breast care unit that opened at Prince Philip Hospital in 2010. Members of the public donated around £1m towards the £6.6m project. Other MBEs of note include Peter Muxworthy from Gower who was recognised for services to the community; Carol Greenstock, of Llandeilo, who is honoured for her service to economic development across Wales, while the former National Farmers Union Cymru director Malcolm Thomas also becomes an MBE for services to agriculture in Wales. Christopher Reed, of Llanelli, is recognised for his services to the Scout movement, while Alexander Parry from Ammanford is made an MBE for his work as a community liaison officer for the Serious Organised Crime Agency. The work of Beti Williams at Swansea University sees her appointed an MBE, for services to women in sciences, engineering and technology. The officer responsible for policing in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) for distinguished service.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/new-year-honours-for-swansea-bay/>

First ever Welsh motorcycle beach race

Thousands of motor sport enthusiasts are expected to descend on Swansea city centre in March for the first-ever motorcycle Welsh Beach Race. Hundreds of competitors will feature in a three-day motorbiking extravaganza featuring two days of racing on the beach between the Marriot Hotel and Brynmill Lane. Swansea Council's Cabinet has approved a proposal to stage the event between March 1 and 4 in what's believed to be the biggest event of its kind in Wales. Council Leader Chris Holley said: "We have a fantastic chance to bring an event to Swansea that has proved hugely successful in Weston for the last 20 years. It attracts thousands of visitors and we are hoping for a similar economic boost for the city centre, local hotels and businesses too." The Welsh Beach Race will be a one-year pilot after which the Council will assess the benefits and environmental impact of the event. A report to Cabinet said that the event will encourage greater take-up of local hotels in the off-season and it could be broadcast to millions via Sky Sports, meaning excellent coverage for the city.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/first-ever-welsh-motorcycle-beach-race/>

Wales goes global for Olympics

Four more international teams will use Welsh facilities for training in the run up to the 2012 Olympic Games. Botswana and Lesotho Olympic teams and well as Liberia and Mexico's Paralympic teams will all train in our country. It is anticipated that teams from at least 19 countries will train in Wales in the lead in to the Games involving close to 1,000 athletes and support staff with a direct investment into the economy running into millions of pounds. The Mexican Paralympic Committee will have a total team of 40 based at Swansea University. Prof. O. Sergio Durand Alcántara, Secretary General of the Mexican Paralympic Committee, said: "It will be a great privilege to have our last training camp to participate in the London 2012 Paralympic Games in Swansea University in Wales; the venues are really good. It is important to mention the great support that I have received from Welsh Government and also from Swansea University staff."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/wales-goes-global-for-olympics/>

Texan travellers enjoy a week in Wales

Mother and daughter team, Cynthia and Olivia Calvert took a trip from Texas and found Wales to be the 'perfect place' for a family reunion. Writing for Texas newspaper, The Tribune, the duo describe their week in south Wales, documenting the fantastic range of hotels, restaurants, museums, castles and food producers that they experienced along the way. In Carmarthenshire they visited Carreg Cennen Castle, describing it as 'the ultimate romantic ruin' and Llanelli, which was home to Olivia's ancestors. In 'fun and lively' Swansea, they stayed at Morgans Hotel and visited the Dylan Thomas Centre, pausing to admire the marina and waterfront before they headed home. Cynthia said: "Swansea is a vibrant happening place and we would return here in a heartbeat."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/texan-travellers-enjoy-a-week-in-wales/>

More to discover at Oystermouth castle

Dark vaulted chambers and spiral staircases that haven't been explored for hundreds of years will soon be available for history fans to discover at Oystermouth Castle. The next phase of works aimed at conserving the attraction and making it more accessible will start shortly with archaeologists overseeing the excavation of staircases leading to the depths of the castle's basements. It's hoped the bulk of the works will be finished by the time the castle re-opens to the public. Plans for the re-opening event on Friday April 6 will be centred on the build-up to the London 2012 Olympic Games with visitors invited to take part in the historic sporting activities. Visitors in the spring will also be able to discover the depths of the central block cellars for the very first time and enjoy interpretation that's being added to tell the castle's story including the tale of a visit from King Edward I in 1248.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/more-to-discover-at-oystermouth-castle/>

Visitors sing the praises of Gower's wild surfing waters

Wild Welsh winter surfing off the coast of Gower has been making waves all over the world from California to Sydney. An article written by an American visitor that gives a thumbs-up to surfing off Gower has been getting positive feedback across the planet. Michael Kew, a Santa Barbara-based surfer and wordsmith, has been waxing lyrical about beauty spots like Langland Bay since returning to the USA from a trip to the Swansea Bay. Michael was in the UK to experience the best and more unusual aspects of British life in the build-up to the London Olympics this summer. He said: "Arriving in Swansea via the relaxing National Express bus line from Bristol, I headed out to Mumbles — the country's surfing pole star. Many people wondered why I had travelled from sunny Santa Barbara to Wales but I was there for a two-week bonanza of secret-surf-spot glory." Jason Nel, a South African-born surfer who now lives in Carmarthenshire, said: "I surf in Gower throughout the whole winter. It may be one of the harshest and coldest experiences of my life but it's always worth it for that long ride." A surfer from Sydney also says he found surfing off Gower to be "thoroughly enjoyable" even though the temperatures are a little colder in 'old' South Wales.

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/visitors-sing-the-praises-of-gowers-wild-surfing-waters/>

Swansea author's joy as film is floated for Bafta prize

Swansea author Joe Dunthorne said he was thrilled at *Submarine*, a film adapted from one of his books, being nominated for a Bafta. The hit independent movie won widespread critical acclaim and director Richard Ayoade is now up for the award for Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer. Mr. Dunthorne, a former Olchfa pupil originally from Mount Pleasant, said: "I was really thrilled about the nomination. I was surprised because it feels like a long time since the film actually came out. Because it was an independent film it did not have the same machine to generate publicity behind it before its release. It just had to rely on good reviews and word-of-mouth." *Submarine* saw the book taken on by Mr. Ayoade, the star of Channel 4's *The IT Crowd*, for his directorial debut. Hollywood star Ben Stiller was an executive producer. It is a coming-of-age story about a teenage boy coming to terms with his parents' difficult marriage, as well as his own confused love life. *Submarine* was primarily filmed in Swansea, with other scenes set in Barry, Cardiff and various locations in Rhondda. "I was really happy with the film before it came out and thought it would do well," Dunthorne added. "But I did not think it would do as well as it has done."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/swansea-authors-joy-as-film-is-floated-for-bafta-prize/>

Cappuccino Girls return to Swansea

The hit musical that caused a stir in Swansea last year is to return to its High Street home in April. *Cappuccino Girls*, a show about three friends who meet every day at their local café, was written by Welsh composer and broadcaster Mal Pope. Swansea-born musician Pope wrote *Cappuccino Girls* a few years ago and the production was given a "test run" in Cheshire, where it proved a big hit with the audience and critics. The musical then toured theatres throughout Wales, including a sell-out week at Swansea Grand Theatre. September 2011 saw the start of an extended run for the show in the new South Wales Evening Post Theatre, which is part of Coastal Housing's £25 million Urban Village development. Closing just before Christmas, the show became the longest running musical outside of the West End and proved hugely popular with local audiences. Mal said: "We're very excited at the thought of being back and performing again. The show will run for a month from 11th April and will feature a brand new cast and set."

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/news/cappuccino-girls-return-to-swansea/>

Events and Activities

BUSINESS EVENTS:

Digital Marketing Boot Camp

2 February, 9am

Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli

<http://www.swanseabaypartnership.com/en/events.htm?id=19>

Find out more about digital marketing, pay per click campaigns and search engine optimisation at this boot camp run by the Chartered Institute of Marketing.

Mobile Marketing Strategy Workshop

8 February, 9am – 1.15pm

The Dragon Hotel, Swansea

www.softwarealliancewales.com/

Join Software Alliance Wales for this free workshop that will give an introduction to mobile marketing and help work out if it's for you.

Innovating Tourism Together

10 February, 10am – 4pm

Towers Hotel, Swansea

<http://www.swanseabaytourismawards.co.uk/roadshow/10thfeb2012form.html>

The Innovating Tourism Together event will bring together experts to discuss key issues affecting tourism businesses today. Come and find out more about digital technology, destination management, quality and tourism funding.

Breakfast of Champions

22 February, 8am

Mercure Hotel, Swansea

http://www.southwaleschamber.co.uk/show_event.asp?id=354

Thomas Carroll Group Plc will be discussing issues surrounding managing employment law, Bevan Buckland will answer tax questions and ANYCommunications will be discussing the innovations and business benefits of the new partnership between Nokia and Microsoft at this seminar run by the South Wales Chamber of Commerce.

Regional Business Day

23 February

Liberty Stadium, Swansea

<http://www.cbsa.org.uk/events/month/2012/02/>

Join like-minded people from Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, Swansea, Neath & Port Talbot to promote your business, products or services and help your business grow

Grants, contracts, trading & VAT issues

29 February, 9.30am – 1pm

Broomfield & Alexander Office, Swansea

<http://www.broomfield.co.uk/VAT-issues.htm>

Senior Finance Managers & Directors; Income Generation Officers and Trustees can find out more about VAT issues at this workshop run by accountancy firm, Broomfield & Alexander.

St David's Day with the Bay Magazine Business Group

1 March, 7am for 7.30am

The Marriott Hotel, Swansea

Join the Bay Magazine's Business Group for breakfast on St David's Day, with host Mal Pope and guest speaker, Geraint Talfan Davies Chairman of Institute of Welsh Affairs. To book contact Joanne Webb on 01792 634839 or email joanne.webb@marriott-hotels.com

GENERAL EVENTS

Playing for Wales - the story of the Football Association of Wales

Throughout February

National Waterfront Museum, Swansea

www.museumwales.ac.uk

Focusing on the legendary games and the greatest players, this version of the exhibition will include a special celebration of Swansea City, Wales's first premier league team and the chance to try out a football table to practice your skills.

Artist Talk: Welsh Artist of the Year 2011, Paul Emmanuel

10 February, 1pm

YMCA, Swansea

www.glynnviviangallery.org

Paul Emmanuel, from Penycae, won the 'Welsh Artist of the Year Award in 2011' for his unique 'painted fleeces'. He will discuss his work including his exchange with China, organised by the Glynn Vivian.

Winter Craft Fair

11 & 12 February

National Botanic Garden of Wales, Llanarthne

<http://www.gardenofwales.org.uk/whats-on/events/>

Visit the National Botanic Garden of Wales for their Winter Craft Fair, housed within the impressive Great Glass House.

Classics in the City

12 February, 10.30am – 4.30pm

Swansea City Centre

<http://www.ntfswansea.co.uk/>

Swansea Festival of Transport bring their vintage vehicles into Swansea showing their fantastic displays on Princess Way and Oxford Street.

School Holiday Events

11 – 19 February

Locations throughout Swansea Bay

<http://www.abayoflife.com/en/school-holiday-events/>

There's a lot going on during half term in Swansea Bay. Visit Plantasia for their popular 'Animal Antics' event. Why not take a trip to Margam Park and join in with a craft workshop or step back in time and 'meet the maid of Margam.'

Cha..Cha..Cha!! & Tango with us

16 February, 2pm

Pontardawe Arts Centre

http://www.npt.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=2487&event_id=8148

Why not try your hands and feet at Ballroom with our young talented dancers. A 45 minute display of the very best of ballroom followed by an exciting workshop/class with an experienced tutor and our display dancers.

Get Welsh

25 & 26 February

Swansea City Centre

This annual event will be the biggest and best it's been. With stalls showcasing the best of Welsh culture, food and craft along with entertainment, cookery demonstrations, competitions and more.

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