

## First Cymru - Free City Bus Tour

Sunday 14th September

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Water Treatment Plant

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Fabian Way (Park & Ride Site)

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This timetable is a guide to the route –  
there will be stops at venues in-between.



8 Salubrious Passage,  
Swansea SA1 3RT  
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# Open House Swansea Tŷ Agored Abertawe

A once a year chance to  
see around buildings not  
always open to the public



Saturday 13th &  
Sunday 14th September

[www.swanseaopenhouse.com](http://www.swanseaopenhouse.com)  
[www.tyagoredabertawe.com](http://www.tyagoredabertawe.com)



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Welcome to the fifth annual  
Tŷ Agored Abertawe Open House

# Open House grows and grows!

On the menu this year: even more interesting participants - and some venues open for two days over the weekend! Swansea's wonderful Ysgol Crug Glas - go and see why it is so special! Our inspired Doctor Who locations tour! Thanks to the volunteer support of Council staff - and Doctor Who enthusiasts - we are offering a special guided tour of locations for the filming of recent episodes.

You can visit our 'regulars', the observatory, the J-shed, the special tours at the museums. There's a welcome back for the Law Courts at the Guildhall - a chance to see the cells! And lots more. New tours of the LC, the Civic Centre, St Mary's Church, with its bell tower and glorious stained glass windows, the 'green' Canolfan Gorseinon, the Dental Referral Centre in SA1, and, to complement our long relationship with the Evening Post, we are joined by The Wave and Swansea Sound radio station at Gorseinon, supporting the publicity and offering a chance to see round their studios. Full details are on the following pages and on the map inside the back cover.

And an extra bonus this year, on Sunday, First Cymru buses are sponsoring the regular bus circuit around the main inner city venues. Many thanks for that.

The event comes to you thanks to volunteers and staff at Sylfaen Cynefin, Ben Reynolds Consulting and to participants and volunteers at each venue. Thanks also to Ridler Webster for design work, to Tourism Swansea Bay, the City Centre Partnership and Reena Owen and the Environment Department at the City and County of Swansea Council. This year, the Civic Trust Wales saved us with additional support as well as the new publicity material via the Heritage Lottery.

Without that and our volunteers, we just couldn't go on. Diolch yn fawr.

Tŷ Agored Abertawe Open House is part of the European Heritage initiative, coordinated by Civic Trust Wales. Details are on their website [www.civictrustwales.org.uk](http://www.civictrustwales.org.uk)

Our Open House is modelled on the London Open House weekend, on 20th/21st September this year. There, over 500 buildings are open; something for everyone. And, further afield, on New York Open House, this year on 4th/5th October - also highly recommended, if your carbon footprint permits.

See [www.londonopenhouse.org.uk](http://www.londonopenhouse.org.uk) and [info@ohny.org](mailto:info@ohny.org)

Do please feedback on this year's 'Open Houses'; make suggestions and offer help for next year. Donations are always welcome!

Join us in celebrating our city.

GORDON GIBSON

Tŷ Agored Abertawe Open House

## Ysgol Crug Glas

Croft Street (off High Street)

VISIT TIMES: Sunday Anytime between 11am & 3pm

Ysgol Crug Glas is a school for pupils with complex special needs. A school has been in Dyfatty since the 1870s; in 1914 it incorporated an 'open air school' for children suffering from tuberculosis. The buildings were destroyed by bombing in the 'Blitz' of 1941.

Today's school incorporates many unique features to support the education of pupils with complex disabilities, including a hydrotherapy pool, music and art rooms, soft play and sensory room. The new 'senior' building (completed in 2003) won the Lord Mayor's Award for accessibility. New extensions were the result of funds raised through public appeal.

Come and see what makes our school 'special'. Learn about the fascinating history of Dyfatty and its school. View the specialist facilities. Learn about the school's role in supporting children with disabilities and their families throughout Swansea.



Fully accessible throughout.

5 minutes from Swansea Railway Station off High Street.

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## Cyrenians Community Centre

High Street

VISIT TIMES: Sunday Anytime between 11am & 3pm

This award-winning project is the culmination of nearly a decade of planning to provide a city-centre healthy living resource centre for some of Swansea's most disadvantaged citizens. The first building on the site was founded by the Knights Hospitallers around 1165 AD, providing care to the poor and sick. In the 21st century, health and support remains the key purpose of the new centre. The centre, part financed by Objective One European funding, offers a range of services and training to assist healthy living and re-integration into the community.

The Owl and Parrot Café, proud winners of the AFAL 2008 award (action for food locally) will be open for tea, coffee, welsh cakes and their famous delicious carrot cake. The centre is available for hire by community groups, evenings and weekends. Access to the adjoining St. Matthew's Church will also be available.

Financed by Objective 1 European funding and the Heritage Lottery Fund.



Disabled access is to the left of the church. We have a toilet for the disabled and a lift to the 1st floor.

A short distance up from the railway station on High Street in the converted St Matthews Church. There is a car park that can be used, though numbers are limited.

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## Swansea Foyer Alexandra Road

VISIT TIMES: Sunday, anytime 10am – 4pm

Swansea Foyer provides safe and affordable housing for young homeless people between the ages of 16 and 25. The former Working Men's Club and Institute was built in 1885 and was an early example of the genre.

Only the façade survives of this red brick and Bath stone building, designed by Benjamin Williams. Over three storeys high this has flamboyant dormer windows in the French Second Empire style.

Behind the façade, housing to an award-winning innovative design by PCKO Architects was developed in 1997 by the Gwalia Housing Association. As well as being architecturally contemporary, the building also features an environmentally friendly design, incorporating photo-voltaic panels and making use of recycled materials such as Welsh slate, stone & timber.



Fully disabled accessible.

2 minutes from Swansea station adjacent to the Glynn Vivian Gallery.

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## Glynn Vivian Gallery Alexandra Road

TOURS GUIDED: Sunday 11am & 12; 2 & 3pm

Founded in 1911, this handsome Edwardian gallery offers a broad range of visual arts from the original bequest of Richard Glynn Vivian (1835-1910) to the 20th Century and today. These works complement the Exhibitions Programme with its sharp, contemporary overview, together with a lively Education Programme and Art Bookshop.



There are disabled toilets and ramp access to the ground floor. There is a lift to the Main Gallery but, unfortunately, access to the balcony and first floor of the 1911 building is via the stairs only.

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## Dynevor Centre for Art, Design and Media, Swansea Institute of Higher Education

Alexandra Road

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 11am, Midday, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm

The old Dynevor School (previously Swansea Municipal Secondary School) opened in 1883 and has contributed greatly to the past, present and future of Swansea, and the UK as a whole through its large and inspiring alumni.

Now redeveloped, the site is the new home for Swansea Institute's Faculty of Art and Design. Swansea School of Art, as it was originally known, was founded in 1853 and has had a wonderful creative and productive history stretching back over 150 years. Many of its staff and students have become leading artists and designers with worldwide reputations.

The Dynevor Centre for Art, Design and Media brings these two histories together and now houses multi-million pound facilities for teaching and researching in the creative arts. Guided tours, both inside and out, will focus on the present use of this historic site.



Fully disabled accessible.

6 minutes from Swansea  
Railway Station, at the bottom  
of Mount Pleasant Hill,  
opposite the Central Police  
Station.

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## Swansea YMCA 1 The Kingsway

TOUR TIMES: Sunday, anytime between 11am & 4pm

Swansea YMCA is a substantial Grade II listed building offering approximately 3,000m<sup>2</sup> over 4 Floors, and providing over 30 activities per week ranging from ballet to martial arts.

Established in 1861, Swansea YMCA was housed in Herbert Place and then Dynefor Place before the current building was opened in 1912.

Possibly designed by C.T. Ruthin (See also Waterstones, Building 16), the Grade II listed building is a four storey block in red brick and Portland Stone with banded quoins with restrained classical interiors.



Access within the building is  
by stairs only.

Car parking is available  
directly behind the building.

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## Pagefield House

Page Street

VISIT TIMES: Sunday 10am - 2pm and 4pm - 6pm

Pagefield House was built in 1858 in the Tudor revival style on an open field site Page's Fields. With its big front lawn, it is a lone survivor from an age when what is now Kingsway was lined with gardens.

Since 1967 it has been Swansea's Quaker Meeting House.

The upper floors of the building are permanently let to Swansea Age Concern.

During the week the large ground floor Meeting Room and other rooms are let to a wide range of community groups and others, particularly those whose aims chime with Quaker "social witness". Our mainly silent Meeting for Worship takes place between 10.45 and 11.45; all are always welcome but if you want to attend please come for the whole time! [www.swanseaquakers.org](http://www.swanseaquakers.org)



Ground floor accessible.

At the Page Street/St Helens Road junction, opposite the YMCA.

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## Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS)

Walter Road

TOUR TIME: Sunday 2pm only  
pre-bookings only, limited places 01792 544000

Visit the hub of community and voluntary sector activity in the city. SCVS is the umbrella organisation for voluntary activity throughout the City and County of Swansea, supporting, developing and representing voluntary organisations, volunteers and communities in Swansea. Based in Walter Road, the SCVS building (Voluntary Action Centre) illustrates that a successful conversion of two older buildings into a modern, accessible space is possible, whilst still retaining many original features. [www.scvs.org.uk](http://www.scvs.org.uk)



Whilst the building is accessible for people with disabilities, the basement level and one small room can only be accessed by steps.

Walter Road, Swansea; a short walk from the City centre, opposite Ashley Jones and Partners (Estate Agents), and on the same block as the Post Office.

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## The Mansion House

Ffynone

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 10am – 1.30pm

Swansea's Mansion House is situated in Ffynone and is the official residence of the Lord Mayor.

The house, originally called Brooklands, was completed in 1863 when the owner, Evan Matthew Richards, made it his family home. He was Mayor of Swansea in 1855 and 1862.

It was purchased by the then County Borough of Swansea in 1922 with the intention of making it an official residence for the Lord Mayor. From then on it was renamed the Mansion House.

There are many original features such as the Victorian tiled entrance, mahogany staircase which showcases the large stained glass window commemorating the original owner and the white marble Fireplaces.

The Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress will be hosting the event and warmly invite you to join them.



Full access provision.

Entry from Ffynone Road, behind St James Park.

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## Swansea Guildhall

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 10am, 11am (max 40 per tour)

This Grade 1 listed building was constructed in 1932. Designed by Percy Thomas, this impressive white classical building is in four blocks around a central courtyard, with each block functionally distinct. The clock tower rises to nearly 50m. Newman's Glamorgan is sarky about the exterior, noting similarities to contemporary totalitarian architecture, and loquacious about the inside, which is described as "almost overpowering in its neo-antique panoply". Resemblances to Roman baths and Greek temples re noted. The Brangwyn Hall has Art Deco light fittings and can accommodate 1,300 concert-goers. It takes its name from Frank Brangwyn's wall paintings, originally intended as a war memorial for the House of Lords. Rejected by the Lords Brangwyn's completed work was acquired by the city. Visitors will be able to see the Council Chamber, Robing Room, Lord Mayor's parlour and Reception Room, the committee rooms, Brangwyn Hall, George Hall, Green Room and Gloucester Room.



There is limited access for wheelchair users and the south entrance is best for tours of the civic area. Access inside is helped by lifts and ramps. Disabled toilet.

At the west end of St Helens Road.

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## The Law Courts, Guildhall

OPEN: Sunday 10am – 4pm

At the Victoria Park side of the Grade 1 listed Guildhall off St Helen's Road, the original 1932 city Court of Quarter Sessions is now used by the Crown Court for criminal trials.

Visit the court rooms and take a rare opportunity to look behind the scenes at the judges' chambers, jury retiring rooms, robing rooms, library and cells.



Entry is restricted by steps but help will be available.

Entrance is opposite Victoria Park.

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## Civic Centre

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 2pm, 3pm (Max of 40 per tour)

The newly adapted Civic Centre now houses the central library, a new contact point for council services and a public café area in addition to the administrative offices of the City and County of Swansea.

The building was designed by CJ Quick of the West Glamorgan County Architect's Department. A large, low, white concrete structure of four and five storeys in the 'brutalist' style; the impressive entrance hall, with its balconies and bridges features various artworks, including part of the Norwegian Mural by Ceri Richards, commissioned by the Norwegian government in exile in 1944. The Council Chamber, committee rooms, Registrar's suites (marriages and celebrations) will be accessible, together with the West Glamorgan Archives, Family History Centre, and the archive strong rooms.



Ramped exterior approach, lifts to each floor; toilets.

On the sea front on Oystermouth Road close to the City Centre. Assemble at reception.

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## Swansea Print Workshop

19a Clarence Street, Sandfields

VISIT TIMES: Sunday 10am – 4pm

Original art at affordable prices

Swansea Print Workshop is a fine art studio producing original prints.

The etchings, woodcuts, collagraphs and screenprints are all printed by hand using our presses, the oldest of which, The Columbian, dates back to 1843. Some of the processes date from the 16th Century and earlier – others are very much a product of 20th century technology.

This year we are holding an Art Fair. Meet the artists, find out more about the printmaking methods and go home with an original print at a very reasonable price.  
[www.swanseaprintworkshop.org.uk](http://www.swanseaprintworkshop.org.uk)  
[www.dylanthomasprints.com](http://www.dylanthomasprints.com)



Wheelchair access, toilet facilities, disabled parking immediately outside.

Walkable access from Westway, close to central bus station.

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## Old Carlton Cinema, (Waterstones)

17 Oxford Street

VISIT TIMES: Sunday 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

Prior to becoming a Waterstone's Bookshop the former Carlton was Wales's first cinema. It miraculously escaped the bombing that changed the face of Swansea during the Second World War, and stands out as an original building amongst the modern stores of Oxford Street. Many original features remain in this stunning building by Charles Tamlin Ruthin, including its towers, winding staircase and internal galleries.



Lift to first floor.

The site is just a short walk from the Quadrant Bus Station.

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## St Mary's Church

### St Mary's Square

TOURS on Saturday: 13th at 10 & 11am and 2 and 3pm and on Sunday 14th at 12 and 1pm

Open every day of the week, St Mary's offers classical Anglican worship and fine music in a unique building fortunate to include examples of stunning contemporary art and stained glass. The church provides educational modules for schools and creative opportunities for students and adult groups. St Mary's is used as a venue for concerts and arts festivals throughout the year as well as being the civic church for Swansea. As well as being steeped in history, set in a green churchyard, St Mary's offers a welcome to all-comers; refreshments, books and daily worship are also available. (The annual RAFA Battle of Britain Service is at 2.30pm on the Sunday.)



Ground floor is fully accessible although there is no disabled toilet. The tour up the Bell Tower is by spiral staircase only.

Enter off Princess Way, from Whitewalls, or from the Quadrant Shopping Centre.

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## Sylfaen Cynefin Salubrious Passage

TOUR TIMES: Sunday Anytime 10am – 4pm

Sylfaen Cynefin is an urban design, landscape and architecture practice working in the community sector. This not-for-profit company also undertakes research and consultancy in support of community projects. As part of the Open House day, the practice, which is housed in the former Dylan's bookshop in the historic Salubrious Passage, will be open to visitors wishing to see the building, a professional practice at work, and example projects from Welsh communities. The location is also an information centre for other Open House events.



This is a small two-storey building with limitations to access; assistance will be available for those who find access disabling.

Off Wind Street or York Place in city centre.

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## Doctor Who in Swansea

Keep out of the Shadows with Open House

TOUR TIMES: hourly from 10.30am - 3.30pm, on the half hour.

Assemble in the Foyer at the Main entrance to the Guildhall

Visit Doctor Who Set locations with this year's Open House.

Episodes of 'Silence in the Library' and 'The Forest of the Dead', were filmed in Swansea Guildhall.

The former Central Library was the main location for creepy scenes of people being devoured by the 'shadows'. Several locations in the Guildhall were also transformed for the planet-sized book depository called 'The Library'.

The Brangwyn Hall, with a circular reception desk and lighting became the foyer where the TARDIS lands; the desk has a detailed pattern in its side taken from the colourful British Empire panels that adorn the walls.

The Doctor and Donna leave the foyer to a set of steps, alias the Guildhall main entrance, which, with an added balustrade at the foot and a little CGI trickery, is the balcony looking across the vast library buildings on the planet's surface.



The Council Chamber, filled with books and the Council crest on the blue backs of the seats covered with the library's logo became the ante-room where the 'Vashta Nerada' shadow monsters devoured another victim.

Interestingly, the logo developed by the BBC's Art Department for 'The Library' was inspired by the pattern on the floor outside the Council Chamber.



The two part story was penned by Steven Moffat, who will take over as head writer when Swansea born Russell T Davies stands down after next year's set of specials.

For more information about the series please visit [www.bbc.co.uk/doctorwho](http://www.bbc.co.uk/doctorwho) and [www.myswansea.com](http://www.myswansea.com) for details of the venues used and filming in Swansea.

This is a tour of Guildhall locations; more next year we hope - Central Library, Plantasia and Kylie's Titanic locations! Thanks to the staff at City and County of Swansea for this year's efforts.

## Welsh Assembly SA1 Project Offices

**J-Shed** Kings Road, SA1

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 10am – 5pm

The Grade II listed J Shed was constructed in the 1880's as a grain warehouse and part of the original Prince of Wales dock. It later became the location for Swansea fish market before becoming disused in the 1990's. It has been restored as part of the Welsh Assembly's SA1 Swansea Waterfront regeneration project and now incorporates a restaurant, hairdresser, café and 20 live/work loft units.

The Welsh Assembly project office will be open, featuring a model of the entire development as well as masterplans and information regarding buildings completed and planned for the site.



Fully disabled accessible.

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the Sail Bridge from the Marina the J-Shed is straight ahead. The project office is situated downstairs in the red brick and grey slated 'J Shed' building.

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## Powell Dobson Architects

**J-Shed** Kings Road, SA1

VISIT TIMES: Sunday between 10am and 4pm

Recipient of last year's Lord Mayors Design Award the J Shed is a mix of live/work units, restaurant, café, offices and a beauty salon all contained within the restored and converted Grade II listed former Victorian grain warehouse on Prince of Wales Dock. A clever use of space has enabled three levels to be formed within the original envelope with each New York style loft space having split level accommodation and views over the dock or the river. Particular attention has been given to keeping the original features of the building on show such as the slender metal roof trusses, barrel vaulted concrete floor slab and the cast iron lattice columns. The architects for the project, Powell Dobson chose to make their Swansea office at number 10. Visitors will be able to see several examples of how the live/work units have been occupied, view drawings, before and after photographs and meet the architect. The Twocann café and La Parilla restaurant will be open for business.



Disabled Access is available to all areas except the upper Mezzanines within the private live/work units.

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the Sail Bridge from the Marina the J-Shed is straight ahead. The Live/ Work units can be accessed from the entrance on Kings Road.

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## Norwegian Church SA1 (Palterman & Thomas)

VISIT TIMES: Open Saturday 10am – 5.30pm;  
Sunday 10am - 4pm

The former Grade II listed Norwegian Church was originally located at the Kings Road entrance to the SA1 Swansea Waterfront site since the early 1900's. The building acted as a seaman's mission for local sailors. As part of the Welsh Assembly's SA1 Swansea Waterfront regeneration project, the building was dismantled and re-erected at the heart of the site. The building is newly occupied by Palterman and Thomas, jewellery and silverware specialists and operates as both a studio and retail outlet. Visitors will be shown round the refurbished church and will see examples of the company's prestigious work, which includes the Prince William Cup for the WRU and a silver chair and crown for the Eisteddfod.



Fully disabled accessible.

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the Sail Bridge from the Marina the Norwegian Church is next to the long red-brick J-Shed building.

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## Dental Referral Centre

Lambert Road SA1 Waterfront

TOUR TIMES: Sunday, Every half hour between  
10am and 12noon

Recently completed, this bespoke designed dental referral centre in SA1 is home to Parkway Clinic and Neat Teeth Orthodontics. The project represented an opportunity to create a prestigious building in response to an exacting functional brief with careful consideration given to all aspects of the design.

Incorporating the latest modern equipment in an open plan ergonomically designed environment the accommodation sets a new benchmark for dental care in Wales. Representatives from the architects Powell Dobson will be on hand to answer questions during the tours. (See also visit 20)



Fully Accessible

SA1 lies on the east side of the River Tawe at the former docks entrance; on foot, over the sail bridge from the Marina, the Dental Referral Centre is along Langdon Road and situated next to the Waterfront Community Church and the Village Hotel.

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## Environment Centre Pier Street

VISIT TIMES: Sunday anytime 10am – 4pm

The Centre was established in 1994 as a local independent registered charity, enabling the successful renovation of the historic old Edwardian telephone exchange into an enterprising environmental visitor centre. Originally opened in November 1903 to provide telephone services particularly for the local police and fire stations. In April 1995 the Centre was officially opened by the Prince of Wales. The Centre displays a variety of energy-saving features such as a solar chimney, turfed roof and solar water heating. The building also hosts a number of inspiring art works from stained glass to ceramics, all commissioned from local artists. Visitors can stroll around our organic garden and see how composters and wormeries work. The Centre is full of useful information on anything from local nature reserves to recycling, and rain forests to renewable energy. Fairtrade coffee shop; gift shop (in award-winning eco-annexe).



Toilets, lift.

Between Morgan's Hotel and the Evening Post; on National Cycle network route 4 (cycle racks in garden).

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## South Wales Evening Post – Newsroom

Adelaide Street

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 11am & 3pm (max 25 per tour)  
pre-booking required 01792 514604 Mon – Fri

Step inside the newsroom of Wales's largest-selling daily newspaper and have an opportunity to see the next day's editions of the South Wales Evening Post being created. Production journalists at South West Wales Publications' head office in Adelaide Street are responsible for designing and sub-editing the Evening Post, the Carmarthen Journal, the Llanelli Star, the Neath Port Talbot Courier, and the Herald of Wales. From Swansea they electronically transmit completed pages to printing presses in Gloucestershire, Bristol, Stoke-on-Trent and Plymouth.

Tours will be conducted by SWWP Editor-in-Chief Spencer Feeney, who will be happy to answer your questions. The Evening Post has been based in Adelaide Street since the mid-Sixties, and the current building is a typical example of newspaper office architecture of that era. There will also be an opportunity to view the planned £1 million refurbishment of the building's current facade.



Via Pier Street entrance.  
Toilet for disabled on 2nd floor  
(via lift).

South East of the City Centre,  
off Victoria Road/ Quay  
Parade

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## Royal Institution – Swansea Museum

Oystermouth Road

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 11am, 12.30pm, 14.30pm

Swansea Museum was built in 1841 for the Royal Institute of South Wales. The neo-classical style of architect Frederick Long is unusual as it incorporates influences from the temples of Ancient Egypt. The building was positioned as a cultural landmark to reflect the City's wealth and rapid expansion due to the industrial revolution. Within 7 years the building was extended by the architect William Richards. The role of the of the museum was the 'cultivation, advancement and general diffusion of knowledge'. The Museum, Wales's first was adopted by the City of Swansea in 1991. The diverse collections reflect the culture and interests of the people of Swansea – past and present. Today's visit will provide an opportunity to explore the history of the building and the role of the museum today.



Steps to front.

Located just south of the city centre, off Victoria Road/ Quay Parade.

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## National Waterfront Museum

Oystermouth Road

TOUR TIMES: Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th at 1.30pm each day

The recently opened National Waterfront Museum was a winner of the 2006 Civic Trust Awards for architectural projects that make an outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment.

The Open House tours, in addition to the normal museum access, will focus on the building itself, both inside and out, its use of materials, its success in combining spaces internally and its awareness of its place in the city and its history.



Fully accessible.

Just south of the city Centre, opposite Princess Way.

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## The LC Oystermouth Road

TOUR TIMES: Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, hourly on the half hour from 10.30am; Last tour 2.30pm. Assemble at Open House sign. Award winning architects Powell Dobson will also be on hand to describe the architecture.

Packed into 3 zones – Edge, Core and Peak, the LC brings a whole new world of leisure to Swansea offering the ultimate experience, whether you crave extreme thrills or just want an enjoyable day out for the family.

On the Edge – Make some waves in our fantastic family-friendly waterpark that's got something for everyone featuring an exciting network of pools, rides and slides including the famous Boardrider.

In the Core – Visit 'Play' where you can find an aquatic themed interactive play area which will keep young adventurers entertained for hours. Reach new heights at 'Climb', here you can put your nerve to the test on the 30 foot climbing wall.

At the Peak – As one of the largest exercise and wellness arenas in Wales, with a unique upper level extension overlooking spectacular views over Swansea Bay.

Customers can also sit back, relax and enjoy a wide range of drinks, snacks and meals freshly prepared for you in one of four eateries.



Fully accessible for disabled users.

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## Marina Towers Observatory

Trawler Road, Swansea Marina

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 11am – 4pm

Swansea Astronomical Society welcomes visitors to this open day. The building contains an exhibition space, office/library, viewing platform, darkroom and astronomical observatory. The observatory contains a 20-inch Shafer-Maksutov telescope, which was constructed by members of the Society; it is the largest optical telescope in Wales that is accessible to the public. The observatory has also recently acquired, a new Solar Telescope for visitors to safely view the Sun.

Known also as the "Tower of the Ecliptic", the structure was designed (1989) by Robin Campbell. The white and beige brick edifice is topped by a weathervane, designed by Robert Conybear, representing Ecliptica, an imagined space goddess. There are well-lettered inscription panels on three sides by Nigel Jenkins, referring to light and the cosmos.



Access to the observatory is via a 76-step spiral staircase.

Enter Marina from Oystermouth Road opposite Prison. The Observatory is on the south side of the Marina beyond the Marriot Hotel.

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## Swansea Museum YIM Site

Landore

TOUR TIMES: Sunday on the hour 10am – 4pm  
pre-booking required Contact: 01792 467282

Behind the scenes! Swansea Museum's Collection Centre is housed in the old Yorkshire Imperial Metals site at Landore. The building dates from 1828 when it was built as a copper rolling mill. In 1840 the mills burnt down and were mostly replaced by the present building. See the Museums' collection held in trust for the people of Swansea and learn how they are cared for and conserved. Refreshments available.



Access to all areas.

Parking adjacent to Park and Ride car park at Landore. Bus 4, 24 Morrision Hospital services (ask for Landore Park and Ride).

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## The Wave & Swansea Sound

Victoria Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3AB

Tours on Sunday at 11am & 1pm:  
Pre-booking required. Phone 01792 511964  
(Mon to Fri, office hours) (Max 12 persons per tour)

A unique opportunity to meet the faces behind the microphone at Wales' first commercial radio station. Swansea Sound commenced broadcasting 34 years ago from purpose built studios in Victoria Road, Gowerton on 30th September 1974. 96.4 FM The Wave launched on 30th September 1995. Both stations have a consistently loyal audience in the area in which they broadcast.

The building which lies between Gowerton and Kingsbridge, Gorseinon has become a landmark in the area. The studios are situated on the ground floor with the Newsroom and offices on the upper floor.



**thewave**  
96.4 fm

**swansea**sound  
1170 mw & DAB

Whilst the building is accessible for people with disabilities, the studios are difficult to access and there is no lift to the first floor

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## Canolfan Gorseinon Centre

Millers Drive, Gorseinon SA4 4QN

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 14th between 12am and 4pm

The Canolfan Gorseinon Centre is a newly built eco friendly community run enterprise and community centre, with meeting rooms, a multi-purpose conference reception hall, training rooms, office space for small businesses, a full day care nursery (providing 44 childcare spaces) and a healthy living juice bar/cafe.

The centre and enterprises in the centre are run by Gorseinon Development Trust and will be the base for the Trust's activities. The Trust is a company limited by guarantee and local charity that aims to improve opportunities jobs training and facilities for local people.

The Trust will provide visitors' tours of our centre allowing a behind the scenes look at our environmental systems

Gorseinon Development Trust  
(01792) 897657 [www.gdt.org.uk](http://www.gdt.org.uk)



Fully disabled accessible.

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## Swansea Waste Water Treatment Works

Fabian Way

TOUR TIMES: Sunday 10am, 11am and midday  
(max 10 per tour) pre-booking required,  
contact Lisa Bennett 01633 436409

Swansea Bay waste water treatment works was built in the mid 1990's on a semi-derelict industrial site at Crymlyn Burrows. Considerable effort went into the sensitive design of the works, with the majority of the structure being underground.



Sensible shoes should be worn and some areas are not accessible to wheelchair users.

ABP port entrance off Fabian Way.

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## Clyne Farm Centre

Follow Westport Road from Mayals

TOUR TIMES: Saturday and Sunday from 11am to 3pm – tours start on the hour.

Clyne Farm Centre is well known locally for its riding stables and Challenge Valley – the muddiest assault course in the world!! Behind these activities are 400 year old farm buildings with a rich history and an award winning conversion into self catering cottages. The tour will take explain the evolving uses of the buildings over the years and the challenges of the future. Discount voucher to all participants  
Coffee shop refreshments available



Directions: Mayals Road, past Clyne Gardens, first turning on right into Westport Avenue. Follow to top of hill and green Clyne Farm Centre sign.

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## Oystermouth Castle

Mumbles

Free entry on Saturday and Sunday 13th & 14th  
Guided Tours on Saturday only, at 11am, 12noon and 1pm

Oystermouth Castle is a Grade 1 listed Building and registered Ancient Monument owned, with much of its immediate setting, by the City and County of Swansea. The Norman Castle was established early in the 12th Century by the do Londres family of Ogmore and subsequently enlarged in the 13th and 14th centuries by the de Braose family, Marcher Lords of Gower. Features of the castle include the Chapel Tower with its graceful tracery windows.

An exhibition of photography by Neil Collier, which interprets Tennyson's poem - Morte d'Arthur - (King Arthur's Last Command) is on display in the Visitor Centre throughout August and September.

Oystermouth Castle is open April to September, 11am to 5pm every day, for a small charge.

[www.oystermouthcastle.wordpress.com](http://www.oystermouthcastle.wordpress.com)



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## In the Steps of Saints – Gower Churches

The following five churches are open two weekends 6th/7th and 13th/14th September.

VISIT TIMES: All are open access from 9am to dusk, subject only to restrictions during services (to which the public is welcome of course).

Numbers in brackets refer to the *'In the Steps of Saints'* guide, available separately in participating churches.

Other Gower churches are open or have an access point for a key; see the guide leaflet for details.

**Pennard church** (2) Grid Reference SS 566887. Pennard church of St. Mary and St. Illtyd's, Ilston are in the same parish and at the Swansea end of Gower. Parts of both date back to the thirteenth century and each has a striking addition in celebration of the millennium, Pennard a stained glass window and Ilston a chapel in the base of the tower.

### **Ilston Church of St. Illtyd's** (15)

Grid Reference SS 557903. See Pennard Church above.

The next three churches, as names suggest are at the western tip of Gower, and are similarly grouped together.

**Llangennith Church** (11) Grid Reference: SS429914. Dedicated to a local lad, St. Cenydd; was burned by Vikings and is the largest parish church in Gower.

**Llanmadoc Church** (12) Grid Reference: SS439934. Named after St. Madoc, the church has a 6th century stone and 19th century wood carving carried out by the clergyman of the time as does St. Cadoc's church at Cheriton, which shared the same vicar and is known today as the cathedral of Gower.

### **Cheriton Church** (13)

GR451932. St Cadoc's The cathedral of Gower, see above.

The following six churches are open on the weekend of 6th/7th September only.

### **Port Eynon, St. Cattwg's Church** (9)

Grid Reference SS467854. Originally founded in the sixth century by Cenydd, a missionary of the saint. Parts of the present church date back to the twelfth century. A grateful Spanish sea captain is said to have donated the old stoup in the porch to his rescuers.

### **Rhossili, St. Mary's Church** (10)

Grid Reference SS417881. This little church overlooks the magnificent sweep of the Bay. Inside is a tribute to Petty Officer Edgar Evans, a local man, who died on the ill-fated Scott attempt on the South Pole.

### **Llanddewi, St. David's Church** (8)

Grid Reference: SS460891. Approached through a farmyard, this church overlooks rolling countryside and has the largest, loudest bell in Gower.

### **Oxwich, St. Illtyd's Church** (5)

Grid Reference SS504861. Nestling in the woods, overlooking the Bay, on the site of an early Celtic cell, this little church is a delight to visitors and local people.

### **Reynoldston, St. George's Church** (7)

Grid Reference SS479900. A good example of Victorian Gothic, which contains an ancient pillar cross, a Norman font and twentieth century stained glass.

### **Penrice, St. Andrews Church** (6)

Grid Reference SS493879. This tiny church is rarely open to the public. It has an embattled western tower and a large porch used in the past for civil business.

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Some steps and narrow entrances.