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PREP staff asked their tenants
where would they like to go
on a summer trip and it was
agreed that it should be...

...a grand
day out
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Rhondda Cynon Taff

21/09/2006 7pm

Sing-a-long-a-sound of Music, The Parc and Dare Theatre, Treorci

For the uninitiated, a screening of the classic Julie Andrews film musical in glorious, full-screen Technicolor, complete with subtitles so that the whole audience can sing along, plus the famous audience fancy dress - not obligatory!

Tickets from £12.50 Tel: 01443 773112

30/09/2006 - 1/10/2006, 11am - 4pm

Steam Fair, Rhondda Heritage Park

Full steam ahead for traction engines, working models, trade stands, model railway show plus lots more.

Adults £2.50 Children over 3yrs £1.50 Tel: 01443

682036 www.rhonddaheritagepark.com

14/10/2006 - 15/10/2006 10am - 4pm

Family History Weekend, Rhondda Heritage Park

Whether you are interested in local history or researching your family tree - this is the place to start.

Free Admission. Tel: 01443 682036

www.rhonddaheritagepark.com

The Vale of Glamorgan

30/08/2006 - 03/09/2006

Vale of Glamorgan Festival of Music, venues across South Wales

Performers include the BBC National Orchestra of Wales (at Llandaff Cathedral), the Latvian Radio Choir (at Ewenny Priory) and the Smith Quartet. Prices vary. Tel: 01446 799100 or 08700 131812 for further details.

02/09/2006 - 03/09/2006

Barry Waterfront Tall Ships Festival

Tall ships, street entertainers, craft stalls, live music, fairground rides & steam train rides. Entry is free, however charges apply for rides & tour of tall ship. Tel: 01446 704736.

23/09/2006 - 24/09/2006

European Heritage Open Day, Duffryn Gardens

The gardens will be getting the first hints of Autumn. Free admission. Tel: 029 2059 3328. www.dyffryngardens.org.uk

Bridgend

12/08/2006 - 20/08/2006

Porthcawl Sea Festival, around Porthcawl

Attractions include Sandcastle Competition, Rescue Techniques and Displays, Heritage Walks, Surfing and Kayak Fun Day, RLNI Open Evening, Balmoral Cruise, Beach football Competition and more.

Tel: 01656 786639

21/09/2006 - 23/09/2006

Bridgend Festival of Wales, Wyndham Street & York Place

Come into Bridgend Town and experience a festival weekend dedicated to all things Welsh! Find high quality Welsh food, drink, produce, craft, music and dance. Free events 10:00 to 18:00 daily.

Tel: 01656 661338

Cardiff

17/08/2006 - 20/08/2006

Urban Beach Tour Final, Roald Dahl Plass, Cardiff Bay

Exhibition beach volleyball games and corporate tournaments over four days in the Bay. Free Admission.

26/08/2006

The 'Metro Weekender', Coopers Field 12pm - 11pm

A huge outdoor event over three stages. Artists include Snow Patrol, Echo & The Bunnymen, The Farm, Lily Allen, GLC and many more.

Early Bird tickets priced £20+BF in

Advance/£25 Others Tel: 08700 601801

www.getloadedinthepark.com

02/09/2006

Cardiff Wales Lesbian & Gay Mardi Gras, Coopers Field

First held in 1999, Cardiff's Pride, staged in Bute Park, is among the top gay and lesbian events in the UK.

Free Admission. Tel: 02920 871260 www.safecardiff.com

02/09/2006

Top Gayer Motor Show 2006, Sophia Gardens and Coopers Field

The world's first ever gay motor show.

Free admission www.topgayermotorshow.com

15/09/2006 - 17/09/2006

Owain Glyndwr Festival, Natural History Museum, St. Fagans

Remembering Owain Glyndwr, with a series of events including a historical re-enactment of life in an early 15th century encampment.

Free admission. Tel: 02920 573466

www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/stfagans/

03/10/2006

Annie, New Theatre, Park Place

One of the best-loved family musicals of all time! Memorable songs includes It's a Hard Knock Life, Easy Street and Tomorrow.

Tickets £7.00 - £25.00

Tel: 02920 878889

www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk/

15/10/2006

Cardiff Marathon

Runners from all over come together in Cardiff to run the marathon through the city and its bay.

Tel: 0845 6504230



WOW! What's On Summer Fun Even

Torfaen

10/09/2006 & 08/10/2006

Boat Trips at Fourteen Locks, High Cross, Newport (M4 J. 26)

Join the Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canal Trust on a trip through Newport's historic Fourteen Locks Flight. Each Trip lasts for approx. one hour. Boat Trips commence at 10.30am and run hourly. **Adults £3.50, Child £2.50** Tel: 01633 894802

09/09/2006 - 11/09/2006

Torfaen Jazz Festival, various venues

35 acts in three marquees including international stars and local bands, including Georgie Fame, Elkie Brooks, Lynn Barber, Dennis Rollins and Torfaen Jazz Society.

Tickets from £3. Tel : 01633 628940. www.torfaenjazz.org.uk

Caerphilly

27/8/2006 - 28/8/2006

The Big Balloon Festival, Blackwood Show Fields

In it's fourth year this hot air balloon festival will be host to a spectacular array of hot air balloons. With scheduled flights, balloon tethering, as well as quality stalls, vintage car displays, entertainment, music stage and funfair rides.

Admission free, Tel: 029 2088 0011

30/9/2006

Mr Men & Little Miss, Blackwood Miners Institute

A colourful, fun-filled show filled with all your favourite characters, original songs, great costumes and lots of audience participation. **Tickets - £8, £7 Reductions** Tel : 01495 227206

21/9/2006 7pm

Mynyddislwyn Male Voice Choir, Blackwood Miners Institute

Annual celebration of male voice singing.

Tickets vary. Tel: 01495 227206

Swansea

26/08/2006

Beca Race, Crosswell, Pembrokeshire

Recreates the Rebecca Riots of 1843 where competitors race for five

miles over an 1000 ft hill before the first one home dons a traditional Welsh dress and demolishes a gate with an axe. **Tel: 01239 891669**

01/09/2006 - 03/09/2006

3rd Welsh Samba Encontro, Various venues around Swansea

A weekend of workshops and public performances by bands and dance outfits, bringing the sights and sounds of South American carnival to the streets of Swansea. Prices vary and many free events. **Tel: 07726 996203** www.sambatawe.org

Where! ts Guide



The Tenant Participation Compact process has now been running for nearly two years, with groups being at different stages in this process. During this time we have been working with managing agents in training staff, holding events with tenants, and putting together action plans and then feeding back to tenants. The time that we have spent in gathering the views of our tenants has been thoroughly enjoyable and a real learning experience for us, and tenants have really engaged in the process.

Although the Compacts have not been issued yet, drafts are being planned, but the most important thing is that some groups have now been able to put together action plans which incorporate the views of tenants in their work for the future, at the level of involvement agreed by the managing agents, the tenants and in some areas United Welsh.

One thing that we have learnt is that this is very much an 'organic' process and so things may seem to be moving slowly but are done in a thorough and meaningful way - as we have said in the training sessions "this is very much a process and not an event". What we hope to achieve is a guarantee of participation rights not just another document! Therefore, if we haven't got around to holding an event with you, thanks for your patience- we'll get there in the end!

Continuing the Tenant Participation Compact

