

MY FAVOURITE ROOM



► Peter Cox from Cardiff in his favourite room, the study

Office that feels just like home

As vice-chair of Cardiff Civic Society and regular broadcaster for Radio Glamorgan, Peter Cox has plenty of projects on the go - which means his office/library at his home in Fairwater, where he lives with partner Gavin, is the perfect space for every aspect of his busy life

MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS

WHEN we found the house, there were a few things which attracted us to it, but most people who saw it couldn't believe we would buy it. We moved from a beautiful house in Pontcanna and this needed a bit of work at the time.

But we felt this house really gave us an opportunity to make it entirely our own. This room was originally a bedroom and it was the huge window overlooking the garden which really drew me to it.

PUTTING MY STAMP ON IT

ONE of the first things we did was put up roughly 100m of bookshelves which go from the floor to the ceiling and are filled with our books, CDs and records. As it's a work study, there's a nice-sized desk as well as comfortable chairs.

We've also got plenty of storage space for the various things we need in the room. On top of this, we've got a distinctive rug on the floor to give it that added homely feel.

It's really been transformed into a great space now - it's very homely, and I don't feel as though I'm going to the office every time I step in.

THE PERFECT SPACE FOR

I DO a great deal of audio recordings in here for my various projects - for example, I'll often edit and sometimes record the interviews I do for Radio Glamorgan from this room as it's very quiet, which is perfect for working on broadcast items.

It's a real bonus having the choice to record from here if I need to.

I'm also involved in organising events as the vice chair of the Cardiff Civic Society. I can do pretty much all of my projects here.

IF I COULD CHANGE ONE THING

IF cost wasn't an object, it would be great to have one of those expensive awnings attached to the window. At certain times in the day, the sun can shine a little too much into the room, which can make it difficult to concentrate. But I'm not sure we could do with the expense really, so we'll probably leave that one!

I LOVE IT BECAUSE

WE'VE been able to make it up as we go along and make the room exactly how we want it.



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IN MY TREASURE CHEST WOULD BE...

THE first thing in my treasure chest would be a ceramic sculpture we bought in France.

It's of a woman with her arms in the air and has some really intricate detailing. We call her Fran and she was bought from an art gallery while we were on holiday in France.

I'm still not entirely sure how we got her home in one piece, but we just about managed it. She really fits in well with the room, I think, and is a reminder of the time we spent in France.

THE second item I would put in my treasure chest would be a commemorative plate to mark the closure of the Penallte Colliery in the Rhymney Valley. It closed in 1991 and was the last pit open in the Rhymney Valley.

I felt it was important to have something as a memento of something which is such a huge part of Welsh history. I was actually lucky enough to go down in the pit before it closed. It's an object which has pride of place in the office.

THE third thing in my treasure chest would be a Macintosh Cube computer, which was one of the first pieces of computer hardware I bought. I've always thought it was a really beautiful looking bit of kit. Even though it doesn't work these days, I couldn't bear to let it go, because it really was quite something when it came out.



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