

## Dylan Workman-Smith 1ST RADYR BEAVERS



Eight year old Dylan was playing with his Nanny in the sitting room, while his Dad, sister and myself went to the shops.

His Nanny was on the sofa playing Pokemon cards with him, she decided to go into the kitchen but when she got up she felt really dizzy and sick. She asked Dylan to go and get her a bowl as she felt sick. When he brought the bowl back, Nanny had fallen to the floor.

At this point she was able to communicate with Dylan and he got her a pillow to put under her head. But he then noticed she was not responding to him, so he

quickly remembered what he had learnt only a few weeks before at Beavers into action.

He put her into the recovery position and made sure she was comfortable. He then ran and found emergency contact numbers; he managed to ring us and tell us that Nanny had collapsed and was not speaking. We were just around the corner, so we managed to ring the emergency services promptly. Dylan was so brave and a little scared, but he acted amazingly and thankfully his Nanny is now getting better.

## Remembering...

Armistice Sunday, 13th November, saw a good turnout at the War Memorial as usual. It also marked the half-way stage in the four year Commemoration of the First World War.

Some weeks earlier, 13th -15th October, the R&M WW1 committee had commemorated the half-way stage of the Battle of the Somme. It is difficult for us, a century after the event, to conceive of a battle that lasted 141 days, from 1st July to 18th November and which killed or wounded more than a million men.

The October weekend showed the excellent 75-minute Imperial War Museum film *The Battle of the Somme*. The film has been expertly restored in crisp black and white and a moving orchestral soundtrack added. As it was shown during the war, it is slightly "sanitised", showing hundreds of smiling soldiers. One fact that strikes home is how much they smoked and hardly a shot of soldiers can be seen without them puffing away.

However much the authorities tried to hide the true facts of the War, to us with hindsight, it was an immensely moving experience.

On a lighter vein a lunch on the Friday reproduced the meal that the Parish Council had given to the



returning soldiers in 1919. In a community that counted 1,238 inhabitants in the two villages in 1911, about 120 had fought in the War, of whom fifteen were killed. The 1918 Council had set aside a substantial amount to buy 100 silver Vesta (match) cases for the returning soldiers, carrying the message "Radyr Grateful" and the soldiers initials, but they had to order more.

The 2016 meal consisted of cold meats and pickles and the caterers said that the most difficult thing was to get the pink blancmange to set. School choirs from the two primary schools gave a lively account of songs of the period, as specified by the 1919 programme. The one thing given a miss was the whist drive.

### Death on the Hills

The highlight of the weekend was a concert in Christ Church on Saturday, 15th October. The R&M Choral Society, the Welsh Chamber Players, soloists Ellie Edmonds (mezzo soprano) Christina Mavron (violin) under the baton of Peter Esswood, gave a concert of orchestral and instrumental music, mostly composed during the War. The concert took its title *Death on the Hills* from one of the two pieces composed by Edward Elgar. The concert also included work by Hubert Parry and the Italian composer, Respighi, but the highlight of the first half was Vaughan Williams' *The Lark Ascending* for violin and orchestra. By coincidence the concert fell a few days before the fiftieth

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# RADYR CHAIN

Number 227

Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

December 2016

Wishing you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas  
from All at Radyr Chain



## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Don't miss the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Station Road this coming Friday December 2nd. The lighting up will be performed by that lovable character St. John Bertie Badger, who as his name implies is a larger than life badger.

Stalls, burgers and hot dogs, mulled wine, mince pies, some of the shops



will stay open late and a visit from Father Christmas in his sleigh.

**Timetable:** 6 p.m. The choirs of our local primary schools will sing carols under the Christmas Trees in the Granny Park Morganstown and Lytchgate in the Sidings.

6.40 p.m. The combined choirs will sing carols in Windsor Gardens.

7.p.m. Bertie will switch on the lights. 7.05p.m. Father Christmas will arrive.

## NSPCC

COFFEE MORNING

NSPCC held their Christmas coffee morning in November when those attending enjoyed coffee and mince pies in the pleasant surrounds of Radyr Golf Club and raised a sum in excess of £1,100. We are, as always, grateful to the Club for allowing us to use their premises and would like to thank the staff for their help.

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## COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website [www.Radyr.org.uk](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

**Sat 26 Nov** 11:00 Get Ready for Christmas at Christ Church. A fun-filled family event: seasonal stalls, great gifts to buy, delicious food and drink, kids' craft activities, entertainment for all the family and much, much more ... Adult admission only £1, children free. Christ Church, Heol Isaf. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish)

**Sat 26 Nov** 19:30 Radyr Drama Society RDS presents the play 'Edith in the Dark' by Philip Meeks in Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets available from Gill Evans (20842432), Enerchi in Station Road, Radyr and 'ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama' at £10, £9 (concessions) and £7 (students).

**Mon 28 Nov** 19:30 FLOWERS AND SONG at The Old Church Rooms. An Evening of FLOWERS AND SONG at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr CF15 8DF in aid of 'ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY'. Tickets £8, incl glass of wine. Telephone: Cardiff 029 - 2084 2737

**Mon 28 Nov** 19:30 Yoga for calm, flexibility and strength (all levels). Monday evenings during term-times at Radyr Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen, 7.30 until 9pm. Restorative yoga for all levels. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket. £7 drop-in; £6 per class if paid each half-term in advance. Web: [amandapowellyoga.co.uk](http://amandapowellyoga.co.uk) Email: [info@amandapowellyoga.co.uk](mailto:info@amandapowellyoga.co.uk) Phone: 07720 705966 (Also on 5th Dec., 12th Dec., 9th Jan., 16th Jan., 23rd Jan., 30th Jan.

**Thur 1 Dec** 10:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West. Radyr Golf Club. Rhys Edwards will give an illustrated talk on "Help for Heroes". New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

**Sat 3 Dec** 10:00 Bryn Deri Primary School Christmas Fayre. Come and join the family fun of our Christmas Fayre. Meet Santa in his grotto and receive a gift, games for the children, our unique Christmas market, refreshments, cakes and bacon rolls. 10am-12noon. Adults £1, Children FREE. All welcome.

**Sat 3 Dec** 19:30 Twinning Fellowship. Twinning Fellowship Christmas Dinner Dance at Radyr Golf Club. Details to follow.

**Thur 8 Dec** 19:30 Shirley Valentine. Lighthouse Theatre with Willy Russell's classic comedy. As an ordinary housewife prepares dinner she gets an invitation to holiday in Greece; an invitation that could change her life. Tickets £9, £8, £4 from ener-chi; Allan Cook 20843176; Nick Hawkins 20842561; [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma). MVH

**Sat 10 Dec** 19:30 RPMG presents: Tantantara, Tzing Boom! An evening of music by Gilbert & Sullivan by Radyr Parish Music Group and Cathays Brass. Charity Concert in aid of Rubicon Dance at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital. Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets: £8.00 from Maggie: 029 2084 2995 or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg-with-cathays-brass](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg-with-cathays-brass). Licensed Bar

**Mon 12 Dec** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. Our Christmas meeting with entertainment and refreshments.

**Wed 14 Dec** 19:00 RCTS South Wales : The Railway Society. The Port Talbot Railway : A History plus Members & visitors slides. OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

**Sun 18 Dec** 18:00 CAROL SERVICE at RADYR METHODIST CHURCH. All are welcome to our Carol Service.

**Sat 24 Dec** 23:30 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at RADYR METHODIST CHURCH. Join us for our Christmas Eve Communion Service

**Sun 25 Dec** 10:00 CHRISTMAS MORNING at RADYR METHODIST CHURCH. Please join us for our Christmas Day Celebration Service

**Thur 5 Jan** 10:00 Probus Club of West Cardiff. Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk by Nicola Hutchings of Cardiff Council Parks Department "Around Forest Farm". New members welcome. Details Mike Thomas 20408056

**Wed 11 Jan** 19:00 RCTS South Wales : The Railway Society. From the top of mount washington to the Bottom of Death Valley - the Highs and Lows of US railroads

**Wed 11 Jan** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "A Year in the Life of a Fruit Farm" an illustrated talk by Scott Lewis (Hendrewennol Farm). New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Details - Richard Gregory 029 20842084

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by January 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion. The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.

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## Christmas Services in the Parish of Radyr

CHRIST CHURCH, RADYR

**Sunday 18 December**  
6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

**Saturday 24 December**  
Christmas Eve  
4pm Carols round the Crib  
and Nativity Play

11pm First Communion of  
Christmas  
'Midnight Mass'

**Sunday 25 December**  
Christmas Day  
8am Holy Communion  
11am Family Communion

ST. JOHN'S DANESCOURT

**Thursday 22 December**  
6pm Carols round the Crib

**Saturday 24th December**  
Christmas Eve  
9pm First Communion of  
Christmas

**Sunday 25th December**  
Christmas Day  
9.15am Family Communion



## DAVID GRIFFITHS

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of David Griffiths.

David formed The Radyr Choral Society in the 1970s and was its conductor for many years, entertaining and encouraging us with his sayings and enthusiasm.

He and his wife, Connie, played a great part in village life and will be remembered with fondness by all who knew them.





Radyr Parish  
Music Group  
presents



# Gilbert and Sullivan's The Gondoliers

Tickets will shortly be on sale for our February half term production of 'The Gondoliers' at the Bishop of Llandaff High School. Having learnt (most of) the music under the expert guidance of our new MD, Charlie Rennie, we are now 'on the floor' as they say in the business, bringing the show to life, creating the vision of Linda Cleak, our Producer.

We are still keen to recruit additional back-stage staff - helping with props, make-up, stage crew etc. Our most urgent need is for a Wardrobe Person, willing to co-ordinate costume measuring and ordering. Experienced assistance is available but we do need someone to take charge. If you or someone you know think they could help, please contact our Secretary on [music@radyr.org.uk](mailto:music@radyr.org.uk) or just drop in at one of our Friday evening rehearsals held in the New School Rooms at Christchurch.

Hopefully, you will be reading this before our exciting initiative entitled 'Tantantara Tzing Boom'. This is an evening of Gilbert & Sullivan music performed at **Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 10th December**. For this we are joined by Cathays Brass, a fifteen piece brass ensemble from Cardiff. Tickets are available either by phone on 029 2084 2995 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg-with-cathays-brass](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg-with-cathays-brass). Profits from the evening will be going to Rubicon in Noah's Ark Children's Hospital for Wales who do wonderful work providing dance and music for children in hospital. This should be an entertaining evening. We hope you have not missed it!

For your 2017 diary, please note that we will be holding another Ceilidh at **Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 21st January**. As before, Alison Jackson and fellow Scottish Country Dancers will lead the

dancing. You don't need to know how to dance. Just come along and enjoy yourselves and blow those winter cobwebs away. Tickets will be £10. and will include supper. Please bring your own drinks.

Perhaps you would like to become a Friend of RPMG. For just £20. you can support the society and receive a free ticket to the show or concert as well as being invited to attend all our social events, including those for 'Members Only'. If you are interested, please contact Tessa at [tessajdavies@gmail.com](mailto:tessajdavies@gmail.com) M.C.



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AND NEW YEAR**

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**Christmas Eve - 8am to 8.30pm**  
**Christmas Day - CLOSED**  
**Boxing Day - 10.00am to 8.00pm**

**New Years Eve - 8am to 8pm**  
**New Years Day - CLOSED**



# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



As we move towards the end of 2016 perhaps it would be an apt time to let you the reader know what the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council has been up to this year.

We have been active in managing the council's physical assets such as the Radyr Woods, the Granny Park, Danybryn Woods, Pentwyn Park and the Old Church Rooms.

In conjunction with the Radyr & Morganstown Association, we are now using the substantially improved and renovated Old Church Rooms, which has had a makeover and also an extension added. This building is the centre of our community's life and is the home of a wide variety of activities.

Throughout the year we have played an active part in assisting with the community's May Festival and have been instrumental in arranging and providing events commemorating World War One. We are about to take possession of the

community's three Christmas trees, which will soon be erected and decorated ready for the lighting of the Christmas trees on Friday December 2nd. As part of this event carols will be sung by our two primary schools via lantern light from 6:00pm at the Granny Park and the Radyr Sidings. This will be followed by a similar event from 6:40pm at Windsor Gardens and then the arrival of Santa at Station Road where there will be many festive stalls, food and drink.

Your council has provided a grant to the YMCA who are running youth activities at the Old Church Rooms and is actively investigating the potential to run a lunch club for retired and older residents. We have been actively opposing Cardiff's Local Development Plan and are currently pressing the County Council for safer transport management around our three schools. A number of us also are members of the local schools' governing bodies and represent the community on

various other bodies.

We have recently been joined by two new councillors – Michael Deem and Huw Jones. Whilst they have joined we have said goodbye to our long-standing clerk, Helena Fox, who is taking up a similar post at Pentyrch Community Council. We would like to thank her for her years of service and wish her well in her new venture. We are now advertising for a Senior Clerk, details of which can be found in this publication.

Finally please allow me wish all residents of Radyr & Morganstown a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year on behalf of the Community Council.

Councillor Tyrone Davies –  
Chairman of the Radyr & Morganstown  
Community Council

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## Green Flag for Radyr Woods



In July, the Radyr Woods Community Nature Area was awarded a Green Flag Community Award by Keep Wales Tidy. The award recognises high quality green spaces in the UK that are managed by voluntary Community groups.

The work of the Wardens was also recognised by the RHS who awarded the Woods a Level 4 Rating indicating a Thriving Community space in their It's Your Neighbourhood Scheme.

This year has seen the 30th anniversary of the formation of the Radyr Woods Wardens group. The group was originally formed by the late Bill Clarke to create and maintain the footpaths in the woods making it more accessible for the local community.

If you haven't discovered Radyr Woods yet they cover an area of about fourteen acres between Woodfield Avenue and Fisher Hill Way. The area was farmed and quarried up until the mid twentieth century but in medieval times the woods would have been part of the walled Deer Park surrounding Radyr Court, the historic home of the Mathew Family.

There is evidence that the area was inhabited in the Iron Age after a cooking hearth was discovered in 1911. This is now protected by CADW. A holy well dating from the 10th Century is also reputed to exist on the site.

In 2011, ownership of a final small section of the woods was transferred from Plymouth Estates to Radyr Community Council who fund the maintenance work undertaken by the wardens.

Working Parties take place about five times a year, generally on Saturdays and tasks include step building, coppicing, path maintenance and litter picking. More volunteers are always needed and no experience is necessary as training can be given.

If you use the woods but don't want to help on a regular basis, you can still do your bit to keep the woods tidy by not dropping litter or by picking up any litter the next time you walk through.

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## Remembering...

*...from back cover*

anniversary of the tragedy at Aberfan. The title of the concert, *Death on the Hills*, and the knowledge that larks were common in the Welsh uplands in the 1960's added a whole new dimension to the concert.

The second half was made up of John Rutter's moving Requiem, composed in 1985. Modern and yet completely accessible, it is one of his most performed works. Made up from the Latin Mass and English Psalms, I've not heard the Choral Society sing as well as they did in this work and it was fascinating to see the excellent orchestra in Rutter's muscular orchestration.



# News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

NOVEMBER 2016

Our October meeting took place on Monday, 10th October when our speaker was Adrienne Jones alias "Bronwyn", a medieval herbalist. Dressed in authentic costume of the day she talked us through the medicinal properties of the herbs in use and also displayed a collection of medieval surgical instruments – not for the squeamish or faint hearted! This was medicine as practiced between the reigns of Richard III and Henry Tudor (i.e. 1485-1502) and it was a fascinating story which left us all feeling heartily thankful for our 21st century health service.

On Thursday, 20th October, we celebrated our fifty ninth birthday – only one year to go to our diamond anniversary next year. Heather and Jane of "Tealicious Vintage Teas" provided a celebratory afternoon birth party which included delicious delicate sandwiches, freshly baked scones with jam and cream and a mouth-watering selection of home baked cakes. There was also the obligatory glass of fizz and endless quantities of tea and coffee, all served with great elegance. WI members had responded to the request to wear "garden party posh" and the outfits, particularly the hats, were impressive. It was a most enjoyable occasion and thanks must go to the specialist caterers but also tour hard-working committee who instigated and co-ordinated the whole event. Well done ladies!

The trip to the New Theatre on 10th November to see "Breakfast at Tiffany's" seems to have provoked mixed opinions. Perhaps our generations' memories of Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 film are just too strongly embedded. The play was seedier and, no doubt, more realistic, but a disappointment.

However, the speaker on Monday, 14 November did not disappoint. Rosemary Chaloner's talk "Women War Artists" proved to be fantastic and "the best talk of the year" according to feedback from members. To report on the

exposition in the detail it deserves would be impossible within the confines of this report as it centred on nine works of art, so I will make brief mention of the earliest and most recent artists. Kathleen Scott, born in 1878 was the widow of Robert Falcon Scott (the explorer) and the mother of Peter Scott (the artist). She was an artist and sculptor whose works were influenced by Rodin with whom she studied. Amongst many works of art, she produced several World War I memorial statues. The most recent woman war artist was born in 1945 and painted scenes from the Falklands War. Unlike previous women artists, she actually painted in the theatres of war.

The talk was especially appropriate given that it took place on the day after the Remembrance Day Parade and Service held in Radyr at the Monument on Sunday, 13th November. This year, our WI was represented by Jeanne Hughes, a committee member, who laid a wreath on behalf of Radyr and Morganstown WI.

Moving on towards Christmas – a coach trip to Bath Christmas Market is planned for Tuesday, 29th November. Hopefully, the weather will be fine as the setting for the pretty stalls within the Abbey Square is magical and speaking of Christmas stalls, our WI will be holding a festive produce stall and serving hot drinks and mince pies on Friday, 2nd December, when Radyr lights the trees and switches on the decorations.

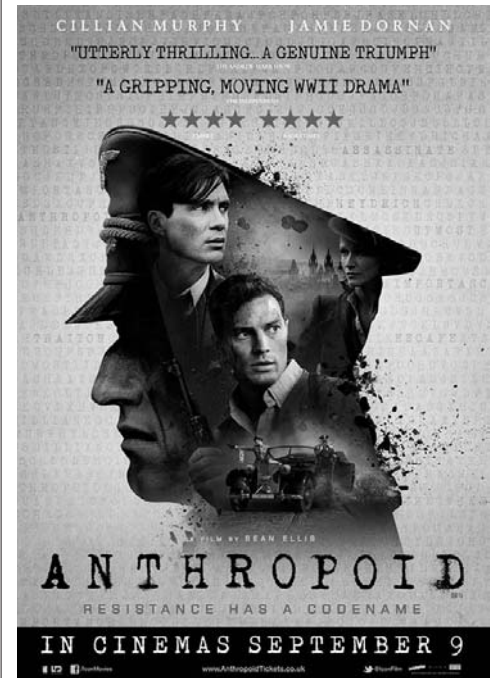
Our Christmas meeting will take place on Monday, 12th December when the committee will be hosting the evening. The format, as always, is secret, so we wait to be surprised!

Writing this in November it seems hard to realize that the next Chain issue will be in 2017 and the festive season will be behind us so, on behalf of all WI members, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Radyr Chain readers.

LJH

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## FILM CLUB



Based on the extraordinary true story of Operation Anthropoid, the WWII mission to assassinate SS General Reinhard Heydrich, the main architect behind the Final Solution in the Reich's third in command after Hitler and Himmler.

Starring Jamie Dornan and Cillian Murphy, The Guardian said of the film "When it comes to conquered civilians fighting back against the Nazis in the second world war, French resistance is what people remember. Yet it was the Czech resistance that achieved the most spectacular result: the 1942 assassination of leading Nazi Reinhard Heydrich in Prague by London trained commandos of the exiled Czech government. Heydrich was the district governor, a high-ranking SS officer and an architect of the Holocaust".

This taut and claustrophobic thriller re-imagines Operation Anthropoid – as it was code-named – and it had me on the edge of my seat "an intelligent, tough and gripping movie".

Anthropoid can be seen on Thursday, 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.

Tickets (£4. from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma)

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

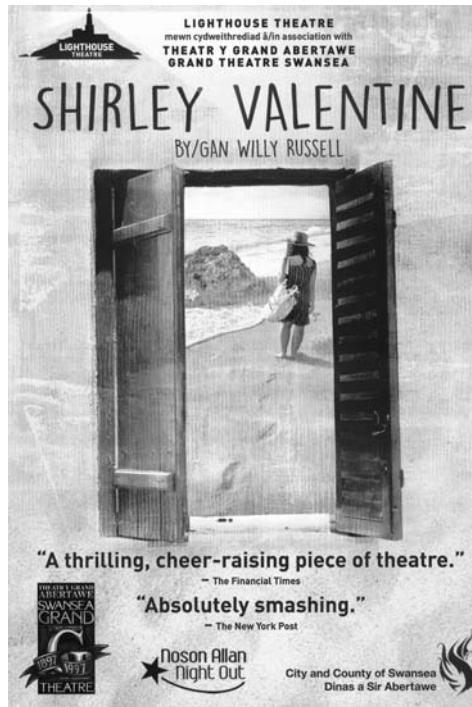
### CHICKEN, BACON & SPINACH SAUSAGE ROLLS

A change from the ever popular sausage roll these are very tasty and healthier and useful to have in the freezer for the Christmas season.

Makes 12

400g (14oz) spinach, stalks removed  
1 dessertspoon olive oil  
200g (7oz) bacon lardons  
1 medium onion finely chopped  
3 cloves garlic very finely chopped  
600g (1 1/4 lbs) minced chicken meat  
40g (1 1/2 oz) dried breadcrumbs  
Leaves from 3 sprigs thyme or 1 tsp dried  
1/2 lemon zest finely grated  
35g (good 1 oz) Parmesan finely grated  
250g (9oz) puff pastry  
Flour for dusting  
1 egg lightly beaten  
Sesame seeds for sprinkling  
Oven fairly hot (follow directions on puff pastry pack)  
Spinach into large pan with 2 spoons water  
Cover and cook until wilted (approx 4 mins)  
Drain, cool, squeeze out excess water then chop  
Heat oil in frying pan  
Sauté bacon until golden and remove with slotted spoon to large bowl  
Sauté onions in fat until golden  
Add garlic and spinach and cook for few minutes  
Add to bowl and leave to cool  
Mix in the mince, breadcrumbs, thyme, zest and Parmesan  
Mix with hands and season  
Divide pastry into three rectangles – 16x28cm (6x11")  
Divide meat filling into three  
On a floured surface roll each one into a sausage  
Place each sausage into middle of each pastry piece  
Brush one long edge with egg  
Roll pastry over meat with seam underneath  
Place in fridge on baking sheet to rest  
Cut each roll into four.  
Brush with egg and sprinkle with seeds  
Bake for approximately 30-40 minutes until golden and well puffed

A.M.P.



By chance there are two productions of Willy Russell's delightful comedy Shirley Valentine touring over the next few months to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this ground breaking play.

Wondering what has happened to her youth and feeling stagnant and in a rut, Shirley finds herself regularly along and talking to the wall while preparing an evening meal of egg and chips for her

emotionally distant husband. When her best friend wins a trip for two to Greece, she packs her bags, leaves a note on the cupboard door in the kitchen and heads for a fortnight of rest and relaxation. In Greece, with just a little effort on her part, she rediscovers everything she has been missing about her existence in England. She finds so much happiness and in fact, when the vacation is over she decides not to return, ditching her friend at the airport and going back to the hotel where she'd been staying to ask for a job and to live a newly self-confident life in which she is at last true to herself.

The Financial Times called it "A thrilling, cheer-raising piece of theatre".

Lighthouse Theatre, a professional company based in Swansea, will bring their production of the play on a 16 venue tour to Morganstown Village Hall on Thursday, 8th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £9., concessions £8., students £4. from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma-enerchi](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma-enerchi), Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook 2084 3176.

#### **Radyr & Morganstown Community Council** **Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan** The Old Church Rooms Park Road, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8DF **SENIOR CLERK & RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER (P/T)**

**Council:** Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

**County:** Cardiff

**Salary:** NJC Scale 6, SCP 26-28 (£23,166-24,717 pro-rata)

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Council is looking to appoint a self-motivated and well-organised individual who will be able to bring experience to the position of Senior Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

This is a part-time post of 12 hours per week working from our office at the Old Church Rooms (Radyr) with some regular evening meetings. Welsh speakers welcomed but not essential.

The main duties of the post require attendance at all meetings of the

Council, preparing agendas, taking minutes, dealing with all correspondence, actioning the council's decisions, keeping the website up to date and acting as the Council's responsible financial officer maintaining all financial records. The role will also involve liaison with the council's Consultant Accountant regarding financial matters and supervising the work of the Assistant Clerk.

Successful candidates will preferably be CilCA qualified, but consideration will be given to suitable candidates willing to study for this.

Application is by CV and covering letter.

Further details and job description are available from Mrs. J Hopkins (Assistant Clerk) email: [clerk@radyr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radyr.org.uk) or on 02920 842 213.

Closing date for applications: Friday 13 January 2017.

Interviews will be held on week beginning: Monday 23 January 2017



# RADYR CHAIN

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CHRISTMAS 1981

## A STAR IS BORN



JANET ARCHER of Blaen y Coed and an ex-pupil of Radyr Comprehensive School has achieved a major award in dance. Several hundred ambitious young dancers from all over Britain applied for the Cosmo Dance Award. At the final audition held in Leicester, Janet was selected from 34 finalists and becomes the founder member of the newly formed National Youth Dance Theatre.

Janet studied for 3 years at the Welsh College of Music & Drama and after graduating continued her studies at the Rambert Academy, London. She is now specialising in advance dancing technique and plans to pursue a career in dance and choreography. The photo shows Janet with Sir John Gielgud's daughter after receiving the award.



T.Crosby, J. Gilmartin, C.Gray, K.Holgate, W.Crosby  
J.Marasza, G.Clarke.  
R.Jenkins, M.Adams(Capt), T.Reynolds, R.Reynolds

Radyr Lawn Tennis Men's First team have won promotion to the Premier Division1 of the South Wales Tennis League. The culmination of three remarkable years for the Club which began from the relative obscurity of Division 2 (East)

SNOW GEAR! By Helen Ayles (aged 10)

I woke up in the morning and saw a lovely sight  
The garden, the rooftops everywhere was white.  
I dressed up warmly and went out into the snow  
And came back later, my face all aglow.  
We went sledging in the woods,  
dressed extra warmly in trousers, coats and hoods.  
Then we went down to the village to get milk and bread .  
And bought some cherry-ade which was fizzy and red.  
And while dad talked quietly to a friend he'd just met.  
I went inside, I really was quite wet!  
Mum said I could not go out that day again.  
So I watched the children falling over, now and then.





## Radyr Cricket Club

We are delighted that 2016 has seen the youth section at Radyr Cricket Club continue to flourish and provide many wonderful opportunities for boys and girls from Radyr, Morganstown and beyond to become involved in cricket.

Gone are the days of cricket being a 'summer' sport as many of our teams participated in winter nets that enabled each player to develop their own game under the watchful eyes of our wonderful team of volunteer coaches. This provided a great way to maintain interest over the winter and meant the older age groups were able to start the season prepared and ready to play.

It has been another busy year with over 150 children registering with the club including 36 girls. We entered eight teams into Cardiff and The Vale league with our youngest players being from our under 9s section. Nineteen of our players from the club played representative cricket for Cardiff & The Vale county squads and four girls were selected to represent Wales. Congratulations Cerys, Bethany, Chloe and Sophie.

Throughout the season teams from under 9s-15s played each week allowing great opportunities for many of our junior members. Our under 13 gold team made it to finals day held at St. Fagan's where they faced Penarth. The game that unfolded was full of action and drama and had the spectators in suspense until the final ball, where Radyr won and were crowned champions. A truly wonderful achievement for everyone involved including players, coaches, parents and Radyr Cricket Club.

### Chain 1 – U13 A League Finals Day Winners

It was also great to see that the hard work invested in girls' cricket in recent years is also paying dividends. A number of girls from the club represented their schools (Radyr and Bryn Deri) at the Cardiff Primary Schools Girls National Kwik Cricket Finals held throughout June at Radyr Cricket Club. Our congratulations go to Radyr Primary who finished the tournament as winners.

### Chain 2 – Radyr Primary Winners

2016 also saw the senior section reap the benefits of our strong youth section as ten youth players made their debut in senior cricket this season. Overall, eighteen youth players played in senior teams from the fourths to the thirds to



U13 Golds collecting their winners trophy

the seconds and firsts and also our Sunday team.

### Chain 3 – Aneurin Donald (Glamorgan CC), Chris Hitchings (RCC Chairman) and some of the debutants who have made senior debuts in 2016.

And whilst the summer season may be over the cricket continues with a team of under 11s and under 13s having just competed in the Glamorgan indoor cricket league at SWALEC. Our under 13s have finished top of the league and will now play in the final on 24th November. In addition, the under 11s have started indoor winter nets with sessions planned for under 13s and 15s

## Operation Christmas Child (Christmas Shoe Boxes)



Some of the children of Christchurch Sunday School after taking their boxes to build the 'wall of love'.

We had a bright morning for Shoe Box Sunday at Christchurch on Nov. 20th, but the brightness outside could not compete with the wonderful array of coloured boxes inside. Once more the community of Radyr has responded wonderfully to the appeal. These shoeboxes will be taken to the sorting depot at LLantrisant, before being dispatched to many troubled parts of the world to bring a ray of sunshine and love to innocent children. So much care and thought has gone into the packing of these boxes, that hopefully the happiness we have in making them will transmit to the children of all ages who open them. It may be the only gift many of them will receive.

Hopefully, in January we shall learn of their destinations.

in the New Year.

Further success has continued off the field for Sophie Thomas who has received two awards! She has been named Wales U13 player of the year and Junior Sports Personality of the Year in the Nation Radio Sports Awards. These are great achievements and provide a perfect end to a busy season for Sophie who has represented Wales at under 13, 15 and 17 and been the only female player in the Cardiff & The Vale under 13 county squad. She has also scored her maiden century this year playing for Wales under 13s!

### Chain 4 – Sophie Thomas with her Nation Radio Sport Award

We are extremely proud of all players and offer an open door policy to anyone who wants to give cricket a go. If you are interested then please visit [radyrcc.co.uk](http://radyrcc.co.uk) to register your interest.

Finally, we are currently seeking a new playing shirt sponsor(s) for the 2017-2019 season. If you are able to help or know of anyone who may be able to, then please contact Emma Clegg ([peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk)) for further details.

All who contributed in any way are to be thanked most sincerely by me and all those deprived children. You are all heroes and there are a few I shall select by name.

Three 'super knitters', who gave me bags of Beanie hats, mittens, scarves and bags are Gill Davies, Marion John and Hilary Kitcher. Others who organized friends into action are Rose King and Marilyn Morgan.

The Radyr National Women's Register aided by Maureen Edmund contributed a good number of beautifully wrapped boxes and the Rotary Club of Llandaff inspired by Una Scott delivered 13 boxes.

Once more Radyr and Morganstown W.I. donated most generously along with the ladies of Radyr Golf Club, Radyr Parish Music Group, French class Rhiwbina and individuals who gave donations.

All the organizations and especially the Sunday Schools from Christ Church and St. John's built our 'wall of love' on Sunday morning.

We are again delighted that the pupils of Bryn Deri School have participated in our collection.

Again, a HUGE thank you to you all. Our total number for this year is 265

**Anne-Marie Phillips**



## Friends of Morganstown Motte

The photographs show our local Rangers working on Grass cutting at Morganstown Motte.

It had been decided to run the Morganstown Motte as a hay meadow; cutting the grass in late summer and taking it away so that the nutrients don't return to the soil. In that way it is hoped to weaken the grasses and allow wild flowers to thrive.



Unfortunately, the Friends of the Morganstown Motte had ceased to exist and an attempt is being made to reform the group. If you are interested in the future of the Motte, either from a conservation or a historical point of view, please contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176. Some people have already signed up to the group but I would still be grateful to hear from you.

We need people to help with the grass cutting and keeping the tree growth in check to maximise the nesting potential for birds and cover for small mammals. We also need people to consult with on how to best run the Motte with the County Council cutting back heavily on the service it provides. When we work on the Motte one of the Rangers is always with us and they supply the equipment.



### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM RADYR LIBRARY

We will be holding a mince-pie and coffee morning on Saturday, 17th December 10.30-12.30 all proceeds will go to Dan-y-Bryn Leonard Cheshire Home, Radyr. Please come to support the work that they do.

Our Special Christmas Story times will be on Tuesday, 13th December at 10.15 & 2.15.

Family Fun on Friday, 23rd December 4pm-5pm. Come and make decoration for your Christmas table. First come first served age 5 and over (1 per child, 2 per family).

Handmade items on sale throughout December (Radyr Library Knitting Group) all donations to charity.

Jen will be leaving Radyr Library to work in another service point within the city. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new full time role within the library service.

Story and Rhyme times have continued to be successful during the summer and autumn months. They are held on a Tuesday (term time only) at 10.15 and 2.15 for the under 5's.

Our Amser Stori continues on a Wednesday (term time only) at 10.30.

This years' Summer reading Challenge has been a huge success and the 'Big Friendly Read' based on Roald Dahl themes and characters

certainly captured the children's interest. The offer of a free ice cream Sunday from 'Joe's Ice Cream Parlour' was very well received.

We look forward to the Summer Reading Challenge of 2017.

We will be closed 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th December and 1st January. Closing at 6pm on Friday 22nd and Friday, 29th December as well as our usual closed days.

Even when we are closed over the festive season, you can enjoy the benefits of being a library member. You can access many services online at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries).

You can renew and reserve books as well as borrow e.books and audiobooks and e.magazines on your PC's, tablets or smartphones. You will need your library card and PIN to access these. If you need your PIN or more information, just ask at the library.

The staff at Radyr Library wish everyone Seasons Greetings and a Peaceful New Year.

Liz, Jen & Anne

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## Bryn Deri Primary School Achieve Eco-Schools Platinum Flag Award

Congratulations to the whole school community at Bryn Deri Primary on achieving the prestigious Eco Schools Platinum Flag Award, which was accredited on Thursday 30th June 2016. What an amazing achievement! A special congratulations and thank you must be given to the Bryn Deri Eco Committee, led by Mrs Vigliotta and Mrs Smart (Link Governor) who have worked tirelessly to ensure that this was a successful, whole school affair. Their determination has ensured that we are a school community that cares about our planet. We think global and act local!

The Eco-Schools programme has a simple framework, which provides the tools to promote and develop sustainability throughout your school. The Platinum Award is the highest award possible and comes after achieving four Green Flag awards Bronze and Silver. Only 10% of schools have achieved this award and we are exceptionally proud of this achievement. The award has taken in to account eight years of evidence and comes only eighteen months after winning the British Gas #100,000 Energy Makeover which saw the school benefit from solar panels and energy saving devices such as LED lighting throughout. Through following our Eco-Code and participation in a range of Eco-Schools campaigns such as Switch off Fortnight, Go Green Day and Sustran's Big Pedal the school has significantly reduced its carbon footprint.

The Eco-Schools assessment day began with a whole school celebration assembly, to celebrate our annual Go Green Day. All classes, including Nursery, contributed to the presentation that gave a flavour of how the nine key topics are addressed across the school within the curriculum and through extracurricular activities. The presentation included songs, poetry and even a fashion show from year 4 (all clothing made from recycled materials).



The school is now looking forward to working with other Platinum Flag Award schools on local and global projects within the wider community.

**Roboskool Success at Bryn Deri**  
After the success of winning the National Digital Learning Award for 'Most innovative use of Technology' last year, 'Brynbots' set out on a new challenge this year. The team, led by Mr Eldridge, entered the annual Roboskool competition organised by

Technocamps. The school competed against 14 schools – 11 of which were High Schools. After a creative day of website design and 3d robot creation Bryn Deri were extremely proud to take 2nd place overall. What an amazing achievement for our Year 6 pupils who clearly have a bright future ahead of them as they move on to Secondary Education! For more information about the team project please follow the link below;  
<http://brynbots.weebly.com/>



## NSPCC

*COFFEE MORNING - from front cover*  
NSPCC's Community Organiser for Wales, Emma Brennan, presented Paul Kyte with a certificate thanking him for his splendid efforts in raising almost £800. for the Society with a sponsored shave earlier in the year. In thanking Emma, Paul shared his experiences in his work as a former Headteacher of three schools and of being a Primary Education Adviser with Mid Glamorgan LEA and Iestyn Schools Inspectorate and expressed his gratitude to the Radyr committee for their continued fundraising for NSPCC which he said would provide

much needed support for all children, but particularly those living in high areas of deprivation.

Emma mentioned that an NSPCC Schools Organiser and trained volunteers visit every primary school in the UK twice a year advising children between the ages of 5 and 11 on what is unacceptable behaviour, both physically and mentally and how to seek help. As ever, funding is always an issue; the Society has an ongoing need to finance its existing commitments and the money raised at coffee mornings and other events contributes to the cost of running such an important and wide-ranging organisation.

## Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Croesawodd ein Llywydd, Ann Williams, chwedeg o aelodau hen a newydd i noson agoriadol y tymor.

Ar gychwyn y cyfarfod cyflwynodd Ann darian i aelodau o Dim Cwis y Gangen a ddaeth yn fuddugol yng nghystadleuaeth Cwis Cenedlaethol Merched y Wawr eleni. Yr aelodau hynny oedd, Eirlys Davies, Elsbeth Edwards, Heulwen Jones a Mair Morgan. Llongyfarchiadau i'r bedair ar eu llwyddiant.

Ein gwystai oedd Yvonne Evans ac fe'i croesawyd hi i'n plith gan Carys Tudor Williams. Cafwyd sgwrs hynod fywiog ganddi wrth iddi son am ei phlentynod ym mro ei mebyd, Aberaeron, cyn symud ymlaen yn fyfyrwr i Goleg Prifysgol Caerdydd. Wedi gadael y coleg fe dreuliodd gyfnod fel athrawes yn y Rhondda cyn ymuno a'r BBC fel ymchwilydd i gychwyn, ac yna fel cynhyrhydd, cyflwynydd newyddion ac yn ddiweddarach yn gyflwynydd y tywydd cyn symud ymlaen i S4C. Erbyn hyn mae pawb yn ei hadnabod fel Yvonne Tywydd.

Diddorol oedd clywed ganddi am y broses o baratoi rhagolygon y tywydd. Weithiau gall rhai pethau fynd o chwith ar y funud olaf neu, hyd yn oed tra'n cyflwyno'n fyw ar y teledu. Os digwydd hyn, y gamp wedyn, wrth gwrs, yw ceisio ymddangos fod popeth yn iawn! Gyda'r wen sy mor nodweddiadol o gymreriad Yvonne nid yw hynny'n broblem iddi hi!

Dywedodd wrhym ei bod yn cyfeirio, ambell waith, wrth gyflwyno'r tywydd at enwau ffermydd, mewn gwahanol ardaloedd o Gymru. Golyga hyn ei bod yn gallu rhoi sylw manwl i'r tywydd yn yr ardaloedd penodol hynny ac mae'n siwr fod ambell i ffermwr yn cael ysgytwad o glywed ei fferm ef yn cael ei henwi! Anogodd ni i anfon ati enwau ffermydd, sy'n gyfarwydd i ni, er mwyn iddi hi allu cyfeirio atynt yn y dyfodol.

Cafwyd noson arbennig iawn yng nghwmni Yvonne a chychwyn ardderchog i'r tymor.



### Merched y Wawr, Radur, 5ed Hydref 2016.

Cafwyd cynulleidfa dda i wrando ar y cyflwyniad diddorol ac addysgiadol oddiwrth Dr Lisa Hurt. Cadeirydd y noswaith oedd Jackie James.

Darlithydd ac ymchwilydd yn Ysgol Feddygol, Caerdydd yw Dr Lisa Hurt. Ei maes arbenigol yw epidemioleg ac mi esboniodd sut y dechreuodd ei diddordeb yn y maes yma, sydd yn astudio iechyd mewn poblogaethau. Clywyd am rai o'i rhagflaenyddion yn yr adran epidemioleg yng Nghaerdydd. Roedd rhai, fel yr Athro Archie Cochrane, yn arloeswyr byd enwog mewn epidemioleg.

Siaradodd Dr Hurt wedyn am archwiliad newydd mae'r adran epidemioleg yng Nghaerdydd wedi cynllunio. Mae'n ymchwiliad uchelgeisiol ac anferth, a'r bwriad yw astudio iechyd, afiechyd ac agweddau'r Cymry. Mae'r ymchwilydd yn edrych am wirfoddolwyr sydd yn barod o amser i amser, i ateb cwestiynau am eu hiechyd a hefyd i roi eu barn am ambell bwnc yn ymwneud ag iechyd.

Mae croeso i unrhyw un dros 16 mlwydd oed i ymuno a'r archwiliad,

dim gwahaniaeth am oed mawr! Nod yr archwiliad yw cael tua 10% o boblogaeth Cymru i gymryd rhan. Gwnaeth Dr Hurt sicrhau y byddai pob darn o wybodaeth oedd yn mynd i gael ei gasglu yn cael ei drin yn gyfrinachol llwyr.

Mi fydd yr archwiliad yn cadw i fynd am flynyddoedd lawer, ond wrth gwrs mi fydd casgliadau yn cael eu cyhoeddi wrth fynd ymlaen a phan yn briodol. Y gobaith yw adnabod anghenion yn well ac wedyn trefnu'r gwasanaethau iechyd a chymdeithasol i ateb yr anghenion yn effeithiol ac yn gynnil.

Dangosodd y gynulleidfa dipyn o ddiddordeb, ac mae rhagor o wybodaeth i gael i **bawb** ar y wefan [www.doethamiechydymru.llyw.cymru](http://www.doethamiechydymru.llyw.cymru).

Roedd yn amlwg ar y diwedd bod pawb wedi mwynhau ac wedi cael eu hysbrydoli gan gyflwyniad bywiog a diddorol Dr Hurt.

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Children of Bryn Deri School  
Choir joined forces with Radyr  
Primary School to entertain local  
community members at the  
World War 1 Coming Home Tea

# New Nursery Building is Open for Learning and Fun!

After much anticipation, the new nursery building doors were opened ready for our children and staff to move in at the beginning of this second half term. Staff and pupils are delighted with the new learning environment.

The new building provides high specification facilities for the children. Foundation Phase staff have worked closely with the Local Authority and contractors to ensure that it meets the needs of all our children. There will be an opportunity for parents of nursery children and prospective parents to view the new nursery during Bryn Deri Open Day on November 25th (please see poster for details). We hope that you will be as thrilled as we are!

Further ground work will continue on Bryn Deri site at a later date in the installation of a canopy attached to the nursery building and the upgrading of the landscaping in the nursery outdoor area.

Bryn Deri will shortly be in the position to offer all pupils hot school meals on site. Ground work will commence in the very near



future in preparation for the siting of a new purpose built Kitchen Pod. Exciting times are ahead at Bryn Deri!



## Radyr & Morganstown District Gardening Club

We have experienced brilliant Autumn colours this year and the colder days herald the start of Winter, but we should not forget our gardens. Now is the time to get on with the planning for next year and perhaps our programme of talks can help with this.

Our programme continued through October and November with two interesting talks. In October, Rosie James from the Cardiff Parks Department gave us an illustrated talk about the history of Parks in Cardiff which made us all realise how lucky we are to have so many to enjoy in Cardiff.

In November, we had another illustrated talk this time from Dr. Christopher Cleal who is Head of Botany at the National Museum of Wales entitled "How did Wales become Green". He told the story of how plants first evolved more than 400 million years ago and the important role that Wales has played in revealing that story as it is one of the best places in the world to study the evolution of plants.

We recommence in the New Year and our next meeting is on the 11th January, when we have a change to our published programme with Scott Lewis, who will be talking to us about "A year in the life of a fruit farm" and on 8th February, Trevor Coles will be talking to us about "Life of a tree surgeon".

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December).

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. We share an interest in gardens, plants and generally growing things. So come along – you will be very welcome.

All meetings (apart from visits) are at the New School Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Chairman, Richard Gregory (029 20842084).

## Treforgan WI

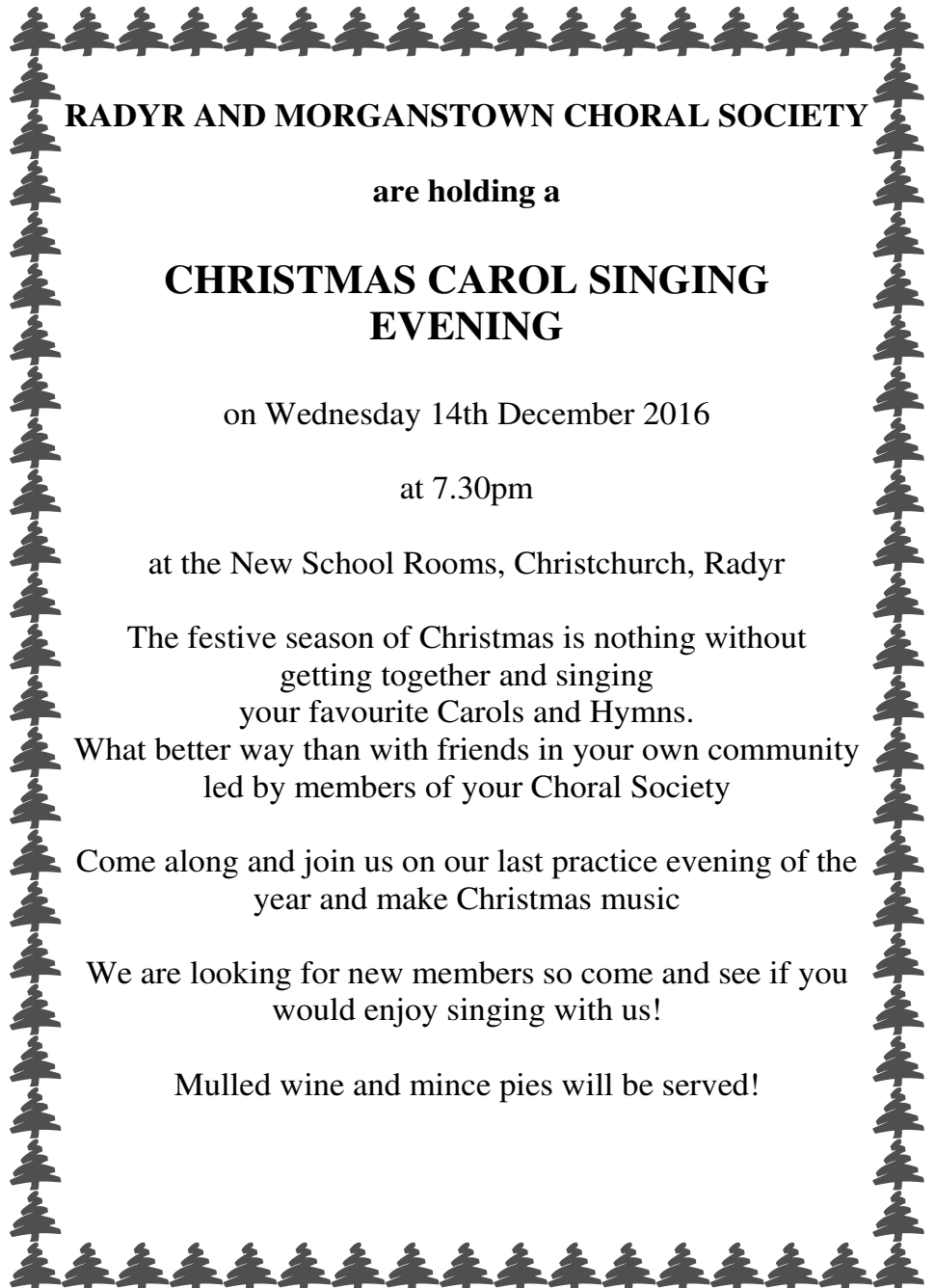
October/November

Time is flying and the year is almost over. Treforgan WI has had a busy and enjoyable Autumn. Our recent talks have been both inspirational and fascinating. In October, we heard from Alan Badminton about his life-long struggle with a stutter. His journey and outlook on life made us cry laugh and most importantly want to aim higher. Whilst in November, Artist and Designer Gayle Roberts came to talk about landscapes and landmarks.

Out and about we have visited the Royal Mint at Llantrisant, a visit that was eagerly awaited after an interesting talk about it in August.

Everyone enjoyed pressing their own coins. We have also visited The Nant restaurant. The puddings were a feast for the eyes and the taste buds!! As December starts we are preparing for Christmas. We will be at the Christmas Tree lighting event with a present of tombola for the children. Our December meeting will see us making Christmas decorations, both floral and from paper. In January, our speaker will be Rosie James talking about Cefn Onn park.

Treforgan WI meets at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month at Morganstown Village Hall. Visitors welcome. For more information, look us up on Facebook.



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