

Bake a Cake Day for George Thomas Hospice



Former boxing champ Nicky Piper MBE is the muscle behind fund raising events for George Thomas Hospice. As patron his next event will be teaming up with Angela to get people baking for a great cause. Angela is supporting the event in memory of her lovely Mum Betty who was so dutifully cared for by the staff there. Betty was a great cook and loved baking, particularly rich fruitcakes. Angela says that her Mum would always make two Christmas cakes, one for the day and

the other for energy in the demanding run up to Christmas day-her own secret cake stash!

Bake a Cake Day for George Thomas Hospice will be held on May 13th where Nicky will be encouraging people to bake their best, and sell their goodies at work or school, etc to raise money. He would also love people to pop into the George Thomas Centre in Whitchurch on the day and drop off one of their creations for a competition that will

be judged by Angela who also really "loves" cake! She's actually fasting in anticipation of her role as judge! There are fabulous foodie prizes for the winners including a fabulous cookery day at Llanerch with Angela, plus lunch and wine. There is also a top prize draw for all those who apply for a Bake a Cake Day pack. So don't delay, get your pack and start dreaming up your Bake a Cake Day recipe.

For full details call GTHC on 029 2052 4150 or go to www.gthc.org.uk

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Radyr Scout Group

Radyr Scout Group is a really great group to belong to. We have so much fun and learn new things every week. There's never a boring moment and we do really cool stuff like learning survival skills e.g. tying knots, building fires, learning how to use knives, axes and saws and other Bear Grylls type things. Don't worry, we were fully trained first!

All the activities that we do earn us challenge badges throughout the year. At Scouts, I've learnt how to tie a reef knot and other knots, which could help me in the future and I have also learnt the best way to tie my shoelaces. Scouts are known best for their services to

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Good News for Radyr Guide Centre

The New Year brought good news for Radyr Guide Centre's fundraising appeal. You may have noticed the cracks in the ceiling, wall and floor – the Brownies certainly have. At the end of 2011 we launched an appeal to repair the damage caused to the Guide Centre by subsidence.

Radyr Friends of Guiding have busily raised almost £9,000 selling Christmas & Chocolate Puddings, holding Coffee evenings, making cookies & fudge in Festival Week and of course the return of the Posh Nosh Suppers. At the end of January, Friends of Guiding were awarded a substantial grant by the Aggregate Levy Fund. This will enable the underpinning works to start in June and will

take 16 weeks to complete. In addition, the original chairs will be replaced and the toilets upgraded to meet current accessibility regulations. All of this will ensure the Rainbows, Brownies & Guides will be able to enjoy their weekly meetings in a safe, warm and friendly environment. Many thanks to all of you in the Community who have tirelessly supported our events. It is much appreciated.

**Your copy of the
2014 Festival
Programme
is enclosed in this
edition**



COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website www.Radyr.org.uk

April

- 6 Family Fun Church (New venue) Children of all ages, with accompanying adult(s), are invited to join us in our new venture: FAMILY FUN CHURCH. Every first Sunday afternoon of the month for fun, craft, Bible story and song, plus refreshments. From 4pm to 5.15pm at Christchurch URC/ Methodist Church, Pwllmelin Road, Fairwater 4.00pm
- 9 Railway Correspondence & Travel Society The Waverley Route by Ken Falconer; Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 9 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club 'TRESKO & THE SCILLIES'. An illustrated talk by Sue Duffield. Last meeting of the 2013/14 winter programme and will include our AGM. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings open to all, talk followed by refreshments and chat! Contact Richard Gregory tel: 02920842084 for more information. 7.30pm
- 9 FREE CONCERT. Come and listen to the new Radyr Choral Society give a short concert in Christ Church together with young musicians from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama under the baton of Peter Esswood and with David Geoffrey Thomas as organist and accompanist. 8.00pm
- 10 NSPCC luncheon at Radyr Golf Club. Soup and sandwiches lunch followed by "Parisian High Kicks" - the very entertaining experiences of a Bluebell girl at the Lido in Paris 12am
- 10 Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society, COINS AND HISTORY IN WALES A talk by the National Museums numismatist, Edward Besly. Old Church Rooms All are welcome. 7.30pm
- 12+19 Cardiff West Constituency Surgery Ely Library 10:00am -12:30pm. Kevin Brennan MP and Mark Drakeford AM hold their weekly surgery for constituents to raise issues with them in person. For further details see markdrakeford.com or call 029 2022 3207 NB from April the Constituency Surgery will change venue to the Jasmine Enterprise Centre in Ely.
- 12 Quiz Night. Twinning Fellowship Quiz Night in OCR...Quiz Master Chris Dale. Tickets £7.00 each.From Maggie 2084 2995 or Hilary 2084 2211. Light supper and licensed bar All welcome 7.30pm
- 14 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Talk on the Newport Wetlands by Kevin Dupe. Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 26 Radyr Woods working party, meet in Taff Terrace car park (weather permitting.)9.00am

May

- 1 Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society. A day time visit to the NEWPORT SHIP. Cost £2. For more details contact Allan Cook 20843176 or cookatradyr@fastmail.fm All are welcome 10.30am
- 3-18 FESTIVAL - See programme inside...
- 4 Family Fun Church (New Venue). Children of all ages, with accompanying adult(s), are invited to join us in our new venture: FAMILY FUN CHURCH. Every first Sunday afternoon of the month for fun, craft, Bible story and song, plus refreshments. From 4pm to 5.15pm at Christchurch URC/ Methodist Church, Pwllmelin Road, Fairwater 4.00pm
- 10/11 Gill's Open Garden. At 2 Ty Mynydd Close, Radyr. Gill's lovely garden will be open from 10am. - 4pm in support of Velindre Cancer Research. Tickets - £4, including delicious refreshments! Plant Sales etc. 10.00am
- 10 The Radyr Parish Music Group presents... "We are the Champions" a concert of songs old and new, familiar and not so familiar, many from popular shows, loosely linked to a sporting theme. Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets £8 from Maggie Roberts (029) 2084 2995. 7.30pm
- 11 Start of Christian Aid week, national fundraising. Local contact: Phil Kitcher 2084 3520
- 12 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Annual Meeting and Resolutions. Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 14 Railway Correspondence & Travel Society Steam on the Main Line 2013 by Dave Richards and Karl Jauncey Old Church Rooms
- 17 Radyr Woods working party meet in Taff Terrace car park (weather permitting.)09.00am
- 20 PACT. Come and discuss village matters with the police and Community Councillor. All welcome 7.00pm
- 21 Tenovus Charity Bag Collection. A Tenovus van will be parked at the Guide Centre Car Park from 12.30 pm - 2 pm . Your donations of saleable items of clothing,books, shoes, bags and bric a brac will go directly for sale in the Charity's shops. Your support will be very much appreciated. Please Tel 20842096 with any queries 12.30pm

June

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- 6 French Visitors arrive. The French visitors from our Twin village of St.Philbert De Grand Lieu will arrive at OCR approx 6pm for the weekend 6.00pm

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Mon 14 April

7.30pm - Evening service & Address, St John

Tues 15 April

7.30pm - Evening service & Address, St Catwg Pentyrch

Wed 16 April

9.30am - Holy Eucharist, St John
7.30pm - Evening Service & Address, St Michael, Tongwynlais

Maundy Thursday 17 April

9.30am - Holy Eucharist, St John
7.30pm - Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
8pm-10pm - Vigil, St John

Good Friday 18 April

10.00am - Family Service, Christ Church
2.00pm - At the foot of the Cross Christ Church

Easter Eve 19 April

6.00pm - Easter Vigil, St John

Easter Sunday 20 April

8.00am - Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
9.15am - Holy Eucharist, St John
11.00am - Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
6.00pm - Holy Eucharist, Christ Church

THIS IS A COPY OF A LETTER SENT TO THE O&CD, CARDIFF BUS:

Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Radyr & Morganstown Partnership & Community Trust (PACT) great dismay was expressed regarding the changes in bus services to the Morganstown and Ffordd-y-Berllan areas. As chairman, I was asked to write to you setting out the main concerns. The residents in these areas would find it difficult to access local services in Radyr, e.g. the medical and dental practices and the shopping area. In particular, the more elderly residents would be at the greatest disadvantage.

Councillor R. McKerlich has kindly let me read the letter sent to him by Mr. Gareth Stevens setting out the reasons for the changes. I would also like to thank you for our recent conversation about these issues.

I wonder if you would consider allowing one of the two Number 63 buses that come into Radyr each hour to follow the established route travelling to Ffordd-y-Berllan, turning for the return journey at the Ynys Bridge roundabout. Furthermore, if one of these services could interdigitate with the timetables of the Number 66 bus routes, it would be more advantageous and provide one bus an hour to these areas. I would think that such a proposition would be a reasonable compromise and would not incur significant costs as the distance is so short. Such a service would also serve the two trading estates at the Ynys Bridge roundabout area.

I look forward to your reply.
Yours faithfully, Ralph Vaughan

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by May 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion.

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Here is our take on the event;

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of George Thomas Hospice Care, the major provider of specialist palliative care to those suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in Cardiff and the Vale, we are asking amateur bakers from across South Wales to bake cakes and sell them to raise money for the charity.

It is hoped that hundreds of people will bake cakes and take them into work, school, etc and sell them to friends, family and colleagues to raise money for GTHC.

To add a bit of spice to the day, bakers can also enter their cakes into a competition and win fantastic prizes.

Top Welsh chef and cookery teacher, Angela Gray will judge the cakes and decide who the Bake-a-Cake Day Champion is. The winner will receive a day's Cookery Course at the superb Llanerch Vineyard cookery school with Angela worth £165. Second place will win a Skill-builder course and third will receive a Lunch-Club for two people.

Bakers don't have to enter the competition, but if they do, they have to bring a slice or a cupcake to GTHC on Tuesday 13th May by 12 noon.

So, come on, get your aprons on and get baking for charity. As a further incentive, every person taking part will go into a free prize draw to win another full day's Cookery Course at Llanerch Vineyard, which has again been given very generously by Angela.

Can you come up with a new recipe?

Online, you can find some really unusual concoctions, such as chilli carrot cake, strawberry orange muffins and margarita cupcakes with tequila lime, but can you come up with something different? A classic of the future?

Bake-a-Cake for GTHC is a fun way to raise money for a wonderful charity and it is hoped that supporters will send in lots of fun photos and recipes for our website.

To register and get your full information pack and cake sale form, please call GTHC on 029 2052 4150 or go to www.gthc.org.uk

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN WI'S CELEBRATION OF YOUTH

Our March meeting was dedicated to the recognition and celebration of achievements of young people. Traditionally we have links with both our local primary schools, presenting millennium cups to the winners of each year's creative writing competition at the school's St. David's Day celebrations. This year the winner from Radyr Primary School was Jemma Lai who was present to receive her cup. The winner from Bryn Deri Primary was Callum Dyer who was unable to be present but whose older brother, Aaron, read the poem for us and received the award on behalf of his brother. Both students received book tokens to the value of £25.00 each.

2014 marks the first year of our WI presenting an award to a student from Radyr Comprehensive for outstanding work within the school and wider community. The first recipient of this new award was Kieran Richards who was unable to be present owing to previous commitments. The award was received for him by the Director of Sixth Form, Dr. John Roe. He gave us a list of Kieran's activities and achievements. He is Head Boy, House Captain, a pupil governor, conductor of the school orchestra, a clarinettist in the Radyr Parish Music Group orchestra, a Scout leader and holder of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. He has been offered a place to read Medicine at Exeter. It's hardly surprising that he was unavailable to attend a WI meeting! However, we all congratulate him and wish him well. The new award, a handsome table sculpture in Welsh slate, will stay permanently in school and Kieran, like the primary children, will receive a book token.

The award presentations were followed by an interesting talk by Sarah Delf, a sixth form student at Ysgol Glyntaf. Sarah is a member of Girls Brigade and spent time in Kosovo in 2012 with the charity 'Smile', helping children in the school holidays. She pointed out that though the children did go to a school, it lacked equipment for enriching areas of the curriculum such as creative and sporting activities. Sarah's photographs showed the children's enjoyment of art and craft and outdoor excursions into very beautiful countryside. Sarah must be the youngest 'Speaker' we have had and her contribution was enjoyable and especially relevant at a meeting where we were celebrating the younger generations' achievements. This section

of the evening ended with 'special' refreshments, Welsh cakes and Bara Brith and a 'special' raffle and a beautiful flower arrangement by Marion John.

Back in February, a very successful lunch club outing took place at the Beechwood restaurant and on 26th February, we joined our link group Institutes for the annual St. David's Day walk from Cardiff Bay to Morganstown Village Hall where members of Treforgan WI provided a very good lunch.

As spring progresses, the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes is holding a Spring Federation walk through the Vale of Glamorgan and a guided city walk in Bath. In May, the annual Council Meeting will be held in Port Talbot where the guest speaker will be Iolo Williams.

In our own community we are rapidly approaching Radyr Festival and this year it is our Institute's turn to provide May Day teas on Monday, 5th May. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

All our special interest groups are well into their programmes. For information on all our activities visit our website or come to the Old Church Rooms as a visitor on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm. Visitors and potential new members are always welcome.

Our email address is mailto:radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com
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RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Venue: The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm

Membership Fee: £20.00

Lunch: £6.50. *Talk only:* £2.00

Summer Programme 2014

1 April: Norfolk Island – Hell in Paradise
Jeanne Harvey

8 April: Trip – Blenheim Palace

15-22 April: Easter

29 April: From WI to Mastermind
Sally Mabey

6 May: Trip – Woodchester Mansion

13 May: Life as an Evacuee
Rowland Potter

20 May: Trip – Hay on Wye & Elan Valley

Next Term begins on 7 October, 2014

Telephone Number 2084 2461 or 20552610

Radyr Scout Group

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others. Lately, we have been working towards our Community Challenge badge and have started maintaining and cleaning up Dan-y-Bryn Woods. It was really fun because we got to use tools that we would not normally be allowed to at home like hedge cutters, shears, secateurs and penknives.

We are going on a winter scout camp soon and it is something big and exciting to look forward to. There will be challenges ahead of us but we're Scouts so bring it on! We play all sort of random games like the 'baby food game' which is great fun. You have to close your eyes and you have a 50/50 chance of ending up eating chocolate or baby food!

Other recent activities include going on the very scary Llandaff Ghost Walk, which was awesome! The guy who led the group was brilliant and told us about the 'woman in white', which was terrifying! I didn't sleep that night!

The highlight of the year was being involved in the Remembrance Day Parade in Radyr. We had to wear our smartest full uniform and had to practice marching for a few weeks before. We also got to speak to a Royal Navy Lieutenant, which was a great experience.

Scouts is a great group to belong to and I would recommend it to everyone. Even my Dad can't wait to volunteer to help sometimes!

Oliver Thorne

NEWS FROM RADYR LIBRARY

Radyr library's knitting and crochet group continues to produce beautiful work, some of which will be on show at their next charity coffee morning on Monday, 7th April. Proceeds will go to Pont, a charity which raises funds for hospital equipment in Mbale, Uganda. So come along between 10 and 12.30 to have a coffee and a cake, buy from our sale table or take part of the raffle.

The library will be taking part in the Radyr Festival again this year. Our under 5s rhyme and storytimes on Tuesday, 6th May will have a sports theme, while the ones on Tuesday, 13th May will include rhymes, songs and fun plus a rather special visitor, Bookstart Bear. On both days the rhyme and storytimes are at 10.15 and 2.15.

Our Welsh language Amser Stori on Wednesday, 7th May will have a sports connection too, with more stories, rhymes and a craft activity. This will start at 10.30.

On Wednesday, 14th May at 3.45pm we will be holding an after-school indoor sports event. However, because of limited space, booking will be essential. So make

sure you give us a ring or call in to the library to book your place.

Our monthly children's book group is about to start on Fridays. Places will be limited and readers will need to book. Please get in touch with the library for further details.

Many people have been enjoying researching their family history using the library's access to Ancestry and Find my Past. Both of these sites are subscription sites but can be used free of charge at any of Cardiff libraries, a huge saving. Both sites include military sources, so for those of you looking into relatives who were involved in the First World War, for example, this is the place to start.

New books continue to arrive at the library several times a week and always attract a lot of interest. Many are on the display stand near the entrance and as the display is constantly changing it is always worth looking there first for new ideas. Alternatively the "Who else writes like this" button on the library website, listed under e-reference, gives details of authors who write in a similar style.

We will be looking forward to the reading challenge again this summer. Look out for further details in the next Radyr Chain. We are hoping to get more children than ever before joining in and also more adults having a go at our adult challenge. Ask at the library for details in July.

Wishing you all a happy Easter break,
Anne, Jen and Caroline at Radyr library.
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PENTYRCH ART GROUP

...will be holding their Annual Exhibition at Pentyrch Village Hall on Sunday, 18th May, 2014. The exhibition is open from 10.00am until 6.00pm and admission is free. Free refreshments will also be served.

There is ample free parking and good disabled access at the Hall.

Festival 2014

Wednesday 7th May at 7.30 pm
The Resistable Rise of Arturo Ui

Fluellen presents Brecht's bitingly funny satire on the rise of Hitler
Morganstown Village Hall
Tickets £9, £8 (concessions)
£5 (students)
from Festival Box Office
Licensed Bar

Friday 9th May at 1 pm
Lunch Time Concert

The Wales Academy of Voice (director
Dennis O'Neill CBE)
Caroline Carraghers (mezzo) and
Matthew Durkan (baritone)
Radyr Methodist Church
Tickets £5, £4 (concessions)
£3 (students)
from Festival Box Office

Tuesday 13th May at 7.30 pm
Film Night

Philomena, starring Judi Dench and
Steve Coogan
Old Church Rooms
Tickets £4 from Festival Box Office
Licensed Bar

Wednesday 14th May at 7.30 pm
Reminiscences of Childhood

Lighthouse Theatre, Swansea, presents
this tribute to Dylan Thomas in his
centenary year
Morganstown Village Hall
Tickets £8, £7 (concessions)
£4 (students)
From Festival Box Office
Licensed Bar

Thursday 15th May at 1.00 pm
Lunchtime Concert

A piano recital by rising star
Paul Israel, to include
Beethoven's Appassionata Sonata
Radyr Methodist Church
Tickets £5, £4 (concessions)
£3 (students)
from Festival Box Office

For tickets:
Apply to the Festival Box Office,
Vintage Gem, Station Road, Radyr,
Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or
Allan Cook 2084 3176

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

This year the May Festival will present two of their ever popular lunchtime concerts. Once again we have been lucky enough to secure the services of two young singers from the Wales International Academy of Voice. The Academy was founded by world famous Welsh tenor, Dennis O'Neill to put a final shine on singers destined for the top of their profession.



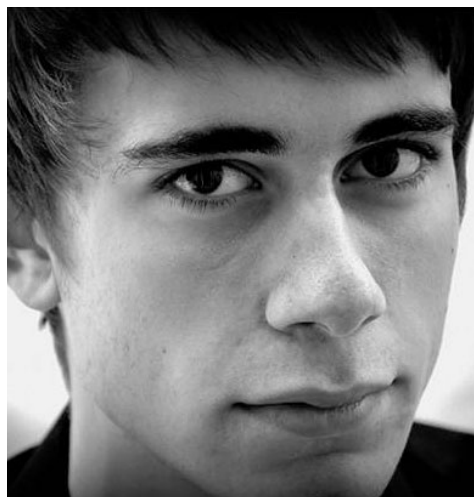
Last year the Wales Academy concert was called Southern Stars because the two singers came from Australia and New Zealand. This year the singers are considerably more local, in fact both are British. Baritone Mathew Durkan comes from Derby and graduated at the Birmingham Conservatoire where he swept the board in song prizes. He is also winner of the John Ireland Singing Prize and came second in the prestigious Mario Lanza Opera prize. He was Birmingham Symphony Chorus scholar and has recorded choruses from major choral works with the CBSO under Andris Nelsons. He has also worked with Riccardo Chailly and Jac van Steen and is an artist on the English National Opera's Opera Works scheme. Recent engagements have included Agamemnon in Gluck's Iphigenia in Aulis for the Birmingham Festival, Mozart's Coronation Mass, Handel's Messiah and Bach's Easter Oratorio.

Caroline Carraghers is a high lyric mezzo soprano. She has recorded extensively for Chandos and broadcast for the BBC under the baton of the late Sir Richard Hickox. Caroline has sung the parts of Carmen (Bizet), Olga in Tchaikovsky's Queen of Spades, Suzuki in Madam Butterfly (Puccini), Rose Maybud in Ruddigore and the title role in Iolanthe (Gilbert and Sullivan), Rosalinde in Die Fledermaus (Strauss) and the widow in Lehar's Merry Widow.



Paul Israel.

For the first time in its history the Festival is excited to be presenting a solo piano recital. Paul comes from Bristol where he gained a first class honours degree in music. He went on to study at the Royal Welsh College where he was awarded a



distinction in piano performance and swept the board in prizes with the Jacobson Recital Prize, the John Roberts Award and the University Concerto Prize.

Paul is now developing an extensive career as a recitalist on the concert circuit both at home and abroad. He has appeared the length and breadth of the country appearing in London, Manchester, Bristol and Cardiff and more locally, at three major Welsh Festivals, Llandaff, Llaneilo Fawr and Machynlleth. Amongst other works will be Beethoven's ever popular Appassionata Sonata.

Both recitals take place at the Methodist Church at 1pm. The Wales Academy concert is on Friday, 9th May and the Paul Israel concert on Thursday, 15th May. Tickets £5.00. (£4.00 concessions) £3.00 students from The Festival Box Office, Vintage Gem, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 and Allan Cook 2084 3176.

THE PHANTOM IN RADYR



Welsh born singer Peter Karrie, best known for his portrayal of the Phantom in the west end production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera, will make two appearances at this year's Festival.

Firstly when he opens the Festival on the first Saturday, 3rd May, at the Old Church Rooms at 12 noon; then when he appears in his own show Peter Karrie and Friends at Morganstown Village Hall on the last Saturday of the Festival, Saturday, 17th May at 7.30pm.

As well as playing the part of the Phantom in the west end, Peter has played it all over the world, in Toronto, Vancouver, Singapore and Hong Kong and has twice been nominated as the world's favourite Phantom by the Phantom of the Opera Appreciation Society.

As well as appearing in The Phantom he has appeared in such musicals as Les Miserables (three times), Annie, Fagin in Oliver, Tevye in Fiddler on the Roof and he recently appeared in the Mal Pope Musical, Amazing Grace.

Peter has had his own television series on the BBC and has recently recorded an album, Suddenly Alone. He has appeared with John Owen Jones and Nic Greenshields in The Three Phantoms.

His show, "Peter Karrie and Friends" will be in Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 17th May. It will involve Peter and his accompanist going through many of the songs that have been so important in his life and a few friends, young and old, will drop in to help him on his way. Tickets £10. from the Festival Box Office, Vintage Gem, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook 2084 3176.

RADYR CRICKET CLUB



In recent years, Radyr Cricket Club has gone from strength to strength and is now one of the most vibrant and dynamic clubs in the whole of Cardiff and The Vale.

We now have more than 150 children playing cricket at the club. We have eight junior teams playing in the Cardiff and Vale Junior League, four Senior sides and a Sunday side that has been set up to help our youngsters make a successful transition from Junior to Senior cricket.

In our younger age groups, children have great fun learning basic cricket skills and playing small-sided games. Our older children enjoy developing their skills and playing league matches. We are proud of our success, having won league titles in many age groups. We have also developed talented players to go on and represent their county and their country.

Two years ago, we also successfully set up a new Girls Section. With over twenty five girls training with the club, we have a girls team playing in the League and five of our girls have gone on to represent Wales. We are one of the few clubs to have girls-specific training for those new to cricket (in years 5 to 8) and we are looking for new girls to join us.

Two years ago, we built a new state-of-the-art outdoor net complex which together with our wonderful pitches, are the envy of many. We also achieved 'Clubmark' accreditation.

The club is proud of its achievements but we are equally proud of our culture. We have a friendly, family atmosphere that encourages everyone to try their best and to enjoy the wonderful game of cricket.

We welcome new members in our Youth Section and in our Senior section. We also welcome anyone from the local community who would like to get involved in helping in any way, whether it be with the grounds, the bar, the administration or the coaching. Last year, our very own Tony Butlin was recognised with a prestigious award from Cricket Wales for his 'work behind the scenes' at Radyr Cricket Club.

Outdoor training starts week commencing 28th April at the club. Training nights are as follows:

Under 7's Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm (Year 2) Girls and Boys mixed session

Under 9's Friday 6.30-7.30pm Girls and Boys mixed session

Under 11's Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm (Years 5 & 6)

Under 13's Thursday 6.30-8.00pm (Years 7 & 8)

Under 15's Monday 6.30-8.00pm (Years 9 & 10)

Also Girls training (for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8) on Tuesday 6.30-7.30pm

Seniors Wednesday 6.30-8.00pm

If you are interested in joining us, please come along to register week commencing 28th April in the clubhouse.

For further information please contact:

Bethan Devonald (Youth Secretary)
029 2089 1299

bethan.devonald@bdl-europe.com or
Tony Butlin (Coach) 029 2084 2467
tonybutlin@btinternet.com

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For further information

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Salmon en crouete with pea puree

A good dish to prepare for Easter weekend, especially if you buy a salmon on offer. When you purchase the salmon, ask the fishmonger to bone it and leave in two fillets. For approximately six servings use one salmon plus recipe. For more servings, use both fillets plus recipe and sandwich the puree in centre.

3 cups frozen peas
1 tbs each chopped mint and parley
200g crème fraiche
Finely grated zest 1 lemon
4 spring onions finely chopped
2 x 375g blocks puff pastry thawed
Plain flour to dust
800g (1lb 12oz) or more fresh salmon (pin boned)
1 beaten egg

Oven 180C/Gas 4
Cook peas in boiling, salted water and drain.
Combine mint and parsley with crème fraiche and season.
Place 2 tbs in processor with peas, lemon zest, onions and pulse.
Keep remaining crème fraiche cold until serving.
Roll out one block pastry on floured board until slightly larger than salmon.
Place on sheet of baking paper.
Pile pea puree down centre, spread to size of salmon.
Season salmon, place on top of puree.
Roll out remaining pastry to 3-4mm thickness, larger than salmon and lay pastry on top of salmon.
Fold in four sides and seal to enclose salmon.
Any remaining pastry can be used to decorate.
Turn package over on to baking tray.
Using a small knife, score the top in criss-cross pattern.
Do not cut all the way through.
Brush with beaten egg.
Place in fridge while oven is heating.
Bake for 25 minutes until golden (if you have sandwiched the salmon, cook longer. Rest for two minutes.
Serve with herbed crème fraiche or more pea puree.
Delicious with salad and lemon roast potatoes. A.M.P.

SPRING TERM AT BRYN DERI PRIMARY



After the long winter days and endless rain, the spring term has brought us some opportunities to get out and about with our learning at Bryn Deri. The whole school have been participating in The Big Pedal 2014 by cycling or scooting to school every day – including our parents. The improved weather really has brought everybody out. Some children even managed to arrive at 8.00am for orchestra with bags packed for everything they needed for the day and a cake for the Eisteddfod Bake Off – now that's what I call committed!



For this year's Eisteddfod Bake Off competition we had the pleasure of judging (tasting was essential), several Welsh cakes, Bara Brith, banana cakes, fairy cakes, rice crispy cakes ... the list went on as did the tasting! I have to say we have some very talented bakers – Mary Berry would have been proud! Proceeds from this event were donated to Marie Curie and Oxfam. The winners for each class were announced at the Eisteddfod which we celebrated on 7th March.

This year's Eisteddfod celebrated all things Welsh. We were treated to Welsh folk dancing from Dosbarth 5, Welsh traditional songs from each class, poetry recitation from each class and a wonderful display of art work, handwriting and poetry from all our children. The day concluded with the Chairing of the Bard Ceremony where this year's Bard, Callum Dyer, was presented with his winning cup from Mrs. Smith of the Radyr & Morganstown Women's Institute. The ceremony included a flower dance by girls in Dosbarth 3 to celebrate this prestigious award.

One World Week 2014

The children at Bryn Deri were given the opportunity to celebrate diversity in our local and global community. One World Week was ideal time to reflect on the



different cultures and religions around the world. In the final week of January we recognised and reflected on important festivals – Tu B'Shevat on 26th (Jewish), Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th and the Prophet Muhammad's birthday on 29th (Islam). We ended the

week by celebrating Chinese New Year. I have to say that the children had a wonderful week full of opportunities to learn new languages, cook food from around the world, perform dance, sing and create beautiful artworks. They have listened to stories from around the world and had an opportunity to realise that our actions can impact on our global neighbours. Thank you to all our families and friends who came to school to share their culture and heritage.

World Book Day

We all had a fabulous time on World Book Day by dressing as our favourite characters and bringing our books to school to share. There were lots of fun literacy learning activities for the children to explore throughout the day. Every class had an opportunity to visit Radyr Library as part of National Storytelling Week and Year 6 visited the National Museum of Wales where they listen to authors and illustrators reading from their books. They had an opportunity to buy signed copies of books. All in all they were truly inspired to have a love of books.



Special Something

A young lady in Y4 has shown courage to achieve her goal. Charlotte has had her hair cut and donated her hair to the Little Princess Charity who provide wigs and money to support children undergoing necessary treatment for cancer. This is not an easy goal for a little girl with beautiful long blond ringlets!! But it was a worthwhile sacrifice as she says: "My hair will grow again!" The big day was Sunday, 23rd February. She has raised £2000. by this single act of



kindness and we are all very proud of her. If you would still like to donate follow the link at Just giving www.justgiving.com/Jayne-May

Community Spirit

Dosbarth 4 and Dosbarth 6 have been extremely fortunate in being given the opportunity to work with CITERinst from Cardiff University. The children were introduced to stem cell science by Professor Sloan and his colleagues. They investigated the contribution maggots can make to cell regeneration (maggot racing was extremely popular), researched a range of cells and created their own and looked closely at the main organs of the body with a life size game of operation! The children were asked to submit their ideas for scientific advances for the future and cell model creations. Congratulations to Archie and Caitlin who were selected to win a giant neuron each from CITERinst and congratulated on their innovative ideas. Look out world – we have some scientists of the future heading your way!

Congratulations to our year 6 girls, Zoe who has been chosen as this year's Festival Queen and her attendants Sophie and Pola. Well done to all those who attended the auditions and went the extra mile to support our community. We are extremely proud of you all.

This month all children have had a visit from PC Julia, our community police officer, who works alongside our teaching staff to deliver important messages about keeping safe. If you would like to find out more please follow @SchoolBeat on twitter or visit SchoolBeat.org. Dosbarth 2 and Dosbarth 5 also had an informative visit from our local Fire Service to raise awareness about fire safety.

Congratulations to our dancers from Dosbarth 6 who performed at The Sherman Theatre in March as part of the Schools@ Dance Association Evening of Movement and Dance. The children were expertly trained by Mrs. Lowri Istance who gave of her time freely to provide the children with this opportunity. We would all like to say a huge thank you! It was a wonderful evening which was enjoyed by staff, family and friends who were filled with pride. As you can see from the photographs ... it was a night to remember!





Your Essential Spring Gardening Guide!

Spring has finally sprung, and it's a true joy to see the garden begin to awaken after the long, cold winter months. It's also one of the busiest seasons in the garden - so we've quizzed our in-house experts to bring you your essential guide to Spring gardening no matter what your garden size, style or experience!

Try This!

Colin The Gardener's Top Tips For Spring...



Protect new spring shoots from slugs! Arguably the simplest, cleanest way to banish slimy friends is chemical warfare. Slug and snail killer is a fail-safe option, and I recommend the pet-friendly 'Growing Success Snail & Slug Killer' (available now at Pugh's), which is harmless to both pets and surrounding greenery. Copper tape and garlic-infused spray are also great organic alternatives to chemical warfare.

Plant onions, shallots and potatoes – we've got a huge selection now in stock!

Mow the lawn fortnightly – but only ever reduce the length of the grass by a third to avoid scalping the lawn .

Collect rainwater and investigate ways in which your garden can best recycle water for irrigation – we've got a huge selection of water butts now in stock which are perfect for this.

Lift and divide overcrowded crops of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs.

Want to maximise the impact of your spring bulbs next year? Apply high potash liquid feed around the clumps to boost your buds.

Fast growing French or English marigolds (now in stock at Pugh's) are ideal for companion planting with your vegetables – and when planted in a greenhouse will also prevent whitefly

When sowing carrots, try planting spring onions or chives (we've got a huge selection now in stock) in between the rows to keep carrot flies at bay when thinning.

Now is the time to get working on your herb garden – and we've got a host of herbs, from parsley and thyme to lavender and rosemary – that will add plenty of colour and aroma to both your garden and your culinary efforts from just £1.49 per pot.

Seedy Business

Now is the perfect time to get seed sowing indoors...



Sowing seeds indoors is a great way of started off tender plants earlier in the season to allow them plenty of time to grow and bulk up before being planted in the garden or vegetable plot once the weather warms up. As Colin the gardener explains;

"Many vegetables, including tomatoes and runner beans, can be started off indoors, and will in fact benefit from the longer growing season that this method provides. Annual bedding plants, such as sweet peas, marigolds and sunflowers can also be started off indoors to create spectacular flower displays for the summer.

"Some tender perennials, such as cannas and begonias, can also be sown from seed indoors, but patience is necessary as these specimens can take up to two years to reach flowering size! However, these perennials will live indefinitely, so a slow start will certainly pay off in the long run!

"With a heated greenhouse, or enough space and light in the home, some varieties, such as radishes and sweet peas, can be sown indoors as early as January, though most flowers and crops can be started between February and May for planting out later in the season once the risk of frost as passed."

Pugh's has a huge selection of seeds in stock - along with all the tools, accessories and further advice needed to get you started on your propagating journey this Spring - so why not pay us a visit today and get sowing?!

Ten years of www.radyr.org.uk

The Radyr & Morganstown website is about to celebrate its 10th birthday!

Back in October 2003 a 'transitional committee' chaired by Steve Jones was established "to agree and implement an attractive and user-friendly design for the Radyr & Morganstown Community website that will appeal to village organisations and be intuitively obvious to use, even by naïve users".

The new site was duly launched 1 April, 2004, thanks to the technical efforts of Robin Williams. Six years later, the current site was launched with technical support from a nearby company – Dark Green Media.

What does the site do for us?

The answer is in the advertisement which has appeared at the foot of every page in the *Radyr Chain* for the past five years. (Have you ever noticed it?) We aim to respond to local needs in every possible way, not only to provide information but also to create an opportunity for everyone to participate.

How are people using the site?

www.radyr.org.uk gets around 300 visits every day and we know that people typically look at around four pages and stay with the site for a few minutes. Most of these users are simply looking for information, but some choose to be more actively involved. More than five hundred of you have registered on the site and can add your own events to the diary and participate in the Soapbox.

Who are these people who use a Soapbox?

Most likely, they are your friends and neighbours. During the last year, nearly 400 of them have logged on and had something to say. A few people have had rather a lot to say: three users have posted more than 100 comments! Some of the threads (conversations) are essentially light-hearted, but many of them deal with matters which are really important to the people concerned or even to the Community as a whole.

Who runs the website?

The daily business of the site is looked after by members of the Web Team, a group of local residents. You can see who they are if you click the 'Contact Web Team' tab at the top of the home page. The Community Council supports the site financially. One or more Councillors are members of the web team, as is the Clerk.

How can the site be improved?

We are continuously working to improve the content of the site, its appearance and its accessibility. Just recently we have

introduced technology which makes it much easier to use on hand-held devices like phones and tablet computers. Development is best when it is done in response to public demand and we're always grateful to hear from people who have suggestions for doing things better. Look out for improvements in the Directory quite soon, for instance.

The real key to improvement is your participation. If you're an organizer for an event or an activity (non-commercial, we don't do ads), then please get in touch and make sure that we have the details. Better still, ask us to create a page for you and take ownership for yourself, as a number of local organisations have done.

Let's transform the site all over again in the next ten years!

RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At last some dry weather, some warmth and improved light to inspire you to pick up your spade and fork, get outside in the garden, tackle those jobs started in the Autumn but never finished, generally tidy up and prepare the ground. And how quickly the garden responds, daffodils and hellebores and putting on a glorious display, the magnolias are about to flower and tulips are starting to show as are many of the perennials. Even with all the work to be done you can get further inspiration when you come along to a Gardening Club meeting, listen to interesting speakers and exchange ideas, thoughts (and sometimes plants) with other like minded people.

The second half of our 2013/14 winter programme continued on Wednesday, 12th February with a fascinating talk by Jean Reader, who is chairman of the Welsh Historic Gardens Trust, on "Women in Welsh Gardens in the 18th and 19th Centuries". She traced the history of many "gardens" of large houses in Wales and the influence and responsibilities of the wife of the landowner in the development and running of both the kitchen and ornamental gardens a number of which can still be seen today. This was followed in March with a talk by Robert Evans of Pheasant Acre Nurseries on "Gladioli for Gardens". Robert discussed the origins and breeding of Gladioli and went on to talk about their cultivation and care in the domestic garden which he illustrated with slides of the many varieties available through the garden centres and some varieties which are still undergoing trials.

Our programme concludes in April:

9th April – "Tresco and the Scillies" with Sue Duffield. Sue is a member of the Gardening Club and very much involved with the Cowbridge Physic Garden; she visits the Scillies regularly and her talk will introduce the many gardens and wide range of plants growing on the Scilly Isles. The meeting will be preceded with a short AGM.

Apart from visits which have been arranged for May and July we will be starting our

2014/15 winter programme on Wednesday, 10th September. Details will be published on the Radyr website once the programme is finalised.

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December) with illustrated talks and demonstrations. Some speakers bring examples of the plants they talk about and others bring plants for sale.

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. You don't have to know the Latin names of plants or have green fingers to come to a meeting; few of our members would claim to be experts. We just 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 Church Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website (www.radyr.org.uk) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

FOR SALE

Used GARRARD SP25 Mark IV stereo turntable. Operates at 78, 45 & 33.3 rpm in wooden case with Perspex lid. £20

Mint condition ION plug and play USB stereo turntable for copying records to computer. Plays at 45 & 33 rpm.

Has input for stereo tapedeck. Latest Audacity software downloadable from the net. Still in original box. £40

SKY Digibox, model DRX 550, standard definition with remote. £10

EPSON LQ850 24pin dot matrix printer, needs ribbon. £10

12 unused white plastic video cassette cases. £5

4 ACROW props, hardly used. £10 each

Location Morganstown -
Tel: 07802 763491

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Garden open on:

Saturday 10th May, and

Sunday 11th May

From 10am to 4pm

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Tickets £4.00 including
refreshments

Plant sales etc available

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

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In January we celebrated the end of an arrangement between R&MCC and Cardiff Council to buy the Old Church Rooms. In 1987 the building was put up for sale by the Diocesan Board of Finance. After a great deal of campaigning, hard work and some opposition, its sale to the Community Council was agreed for £180,250. That was a huge sum at the time. The purchase led to the formation of the Radyr & Morganstown Community Association (now the RMA) to work with R&MCC to manage the building and the two organizations continue to do that today.

We were delighted to host an event that brought together some of the key people who helped save the OCR for the community as well as many others who have worked for the building since then and continue to do so. The building is

managed by a group of volunteers who give up a great deal of their time. Whether they are unblocking drains, mending door bells or planning for its future, the OCR could not function without them.

As many of you know, the Local Development Plan is something we take very seriously and are fighting hard to improve for the benefit of existing and new residents of NW Cardiff. The current consultation is on Alternative Sites. These sites are proposed changes that people other than Cardiff Council are suggesting – many from developers. We are working on our response and will submit one from R&MCC as well as be party to a joint response from our NW Cardiff Group whose members are us, Pentyrch and St Fagans Community Councils the Llandaff Society and Danescourt Community Association.

Together we represent some 24,000 residents so we expect our submissions to be taken seriously. We have met with the Cardiff Civic Society and continue to be very interested in their call for the NW of Cardiff to be developed more as a garden city or suburb. We have met with Mark Drakeford AM who is very supportive of the NW Cardiff Group and our joint approach to the LDP. We are arranging a meeting with Roger Lewis, the Chairman of the new SE Wales City Regional Board to discuss these issues.

Helena Fox

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NEW FILM CLUB

The Odeon or Multiplex comes to Radyr. Not quite but we're working on it. For some time the Old Church Rooms has been equipped with a large screen and high quality sound equipment, good enough to show film to a very high standard.

The Radyr and Morganstown Association have become Associates of Moviola, the largest rural cinema circuit in the UK with over 200 outlets. This means that we can show films, sent out by approved distributors, soon after their first release and long before they become available on DVD. These have proved to be extremely successful in most areas, the nearest to us being in Llancafarn.

To try out the system we will be showing the multi-award winning film *Philomena* starring Judi Dench and Steve Cogan as part of the May Festival on Tuesday, 13th May at 7.30pm. Come early and enjoy the licensed bar and meet friends. Ticket at £4. are available from the Festival Box Office, Vintage Gem, Station Road, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or Nick Hawkins 2084 2561.

From the autumn we will be showing films on a regular basis, initially monthly, to see what kind of demand there is for film in Radyr and Morganstown. If the example of Llancafarn's Community Cinema is

anything to judge by it will be a roaring success. So book your tickets early and don't rely on getting in at the door.

Philomena starring Judi Dench and Steve Cogan is based on a true story. Martin Sixsmith, a one time Labour adviser, has just lost his job and is contemplating starting work on a book on Russian history. At a party he is approached by the daughter of *Philomena Lee*, whose son, Anthony, was adopted fifty years earlier. *Philomena*, born into a Catholic Irish family became pregnant outside marriage, probably the greatest sin conceivable in 1950's Catholic Ireland. She was sent to a nunnery to have the child and Anthony was given up for adoption without her consent. *Philomena* was forced to work in one of the notorious Catholic laundries to pay off the cost of the birth and to expiate her sin. *Philomena* has been finding it difficult to find her lost son and no wonder, the nuns are reported to have burnt the records. At first Martin Sixsmith also finds difficulties until a breakthrough leads him to America and a family who have christened their son Michael. This is the firm of that incredible journey.



MORGANSTOWN MOTTE

After many delays, it is time to move on with the development of Morganstown Motte. A Friends group is to be formed and a meeting will be held at the Old Church Rooms on Monday, 14th April at 7.30pm. If you are interested in what is going to happen to the Motte and the Mound field, come along and express your views.

OPEN DAY. An open day with guides on hand to explain the Motte will be held on Monday, 5th May, the May Day Bank Holiday, between 10am and 1pm weather permitting. Come along and have a look around!

THE PASSING OF ONE OF OUR ELDERLY AND POPULAR RESIDENTS

Danny Laverty a well known traveller on what was the 33 bus, passed away in hospital on the 25th February.

He had resided at Willowbrook Nursing Home, St. Mellons prior to his admittance to hospital.

He was a sociable gentleman who had a word with everyone. He was 90 years of age.

News from Radyr Primary School

The planning is over and the building works have finally started at Radyr Primary School. The work will be completed over three phases with phase one seeing the refurbishment of the school foyer, administration area and staff room, phase two the development of a new music and multimedia room and phase three, the extension of an existing classroom which will (in around 12 weeks' time) house our new nursery children (seen pictured below on a bear hunt in our nature trail).

Alongside the building works, our Foundation Phase area has seen a facelift incorporating a range of artwork to create a small town theme which will be used to enhance a variety of learning activities through our continuous and enhanced provision.

Our Year 2 pupils graduated from the Kerbcraft Road Safety Scheme at the start of term, having learnt a variety of tips and tricks to ensure they stay safe near roads. The children were presented with certificates and goodie bags by Road Safety Officer Mrs Warnock. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Mrs Van Koningsveld, Mr Ashwell and Mr Coley for their support during the course.

In other news, we were delighted to welcome 2012 Olympic Bronze Medalist Katrina Bryant into our morning Judo session. Katrina, who used to train with Ysgol Judo Coach Steve, was very impressed with our youngsters positive attitude during the session and rumour has it we will be seeing her again in the not so distant future.

At the end of the Spring Half Term, we enjoyed a fabulous day of creativity as we announced the winners of our Eisteddfod competitions. We were delighted with the amount of entries for each category and would like to pass on our thanks and congratulations to all for such a high standard of entries. The judges job was a very hard one indeed and we were delighted to welcome Megan, president of the WI who presented Jemma (Y6) with the Millennium Cup as winner of our Y6 poetry competition 2014. Megan also attended a presentation the Women's Institute Presentation Evening at the Church Rooms to formally receive the award. Jemma was also accompanied by Anil (also Y6) following an invite from Radyr Comprehensive to receive awards for their Eisteddfod Poetry entries which had also been shortlisted for the Radyr Cluster Competition. Anil received a highly commended award in the cluster competition and Jemma was judged second place overall.

Finally, the children came to school on the 6th May wearing a variety of costumes (book characters and fruits and vegetables)

as we combined Fair Trade Fortnight with World Book Day. During National Book Week, our children enjoyed story telling at Radyr Library and during World Book Day, staff and pupils shared their favourite stories.



2012 Olympic Bronze Medalist Katrina Bryant with our own Ysgol Judo Club and coach Steve



Artists developing our Foundation Phase Area



Our nursery children ready to go on a bear hunt around our nature trail

Dear Editor,

It's an absolute delight to see that the parents/grandparents of the children of Radyr Primary School are obeying the highway code at last by not parking on double yellow lines on the crossroads of Windsor Avenue/Park Road. It's a shame that it took a few of them to be fined by the police for this offence.

I would now like to appeal to them to be a little more considerate of the local residents by not blocking driveways when taking their children to and from school.

*Congratulations to the police.
Resident of Windsor Avenue*

RADYR LAWN TENNIS CLUB

There has never been a better time to join Radyr Lawn Tennis Club as we look forward to celebrating our centenary this year.

For 100 years, people have enjoyed everything the tennis club has to offer and the facilities, coaching and social calendar this year are arguably the best we've ever had. With seven floodlit courts, including three all-weather courts, plenty of individual and group coaching suitable for all standards and a busy calendar with special charity tournaments, a centenary ball at Cardiff City Stadium and annual competitions and events, it's the perfect time for any budding Andy Murrays to take advantage of what this friendly club has to offer.

Coach Drew Lumb offers classes to children and adults of any ability, from aged 3 upwards, including Rusty Rackets Wed 7-8pm, Sat 1-2pm. This is a session for those people starting out or for people that haven't played for many years. You are taken through the basics of the game including the basic technique and how to score. Cost £5, Age 14+

There is also Steady Eddies Wed 8-9pm. This is a session similar to Rusty Rackets, just a little more advanced with the technique and introducing some tactics on top of the scoring system. Cost £5. Age 14+ and every Friday from 10am-12noon there is a coffee morning. This is a social session with a coffee break and biscuits midway. It also includes some coaching tips and social play (playing a couple of sets). Cost £5. Age 14+

Drew also runs weekly clinics on a Saturday, concentrating on different aspects of the game. Junior night is every Monday, ladies night is on a Tuesday and Men's Night is every Thursday. There is also plenty of social tennis on offer and there really is no better way to enjoy the summer than feasting on our famous teas every Saturday at 4.30pm after an afternoon of tennis.

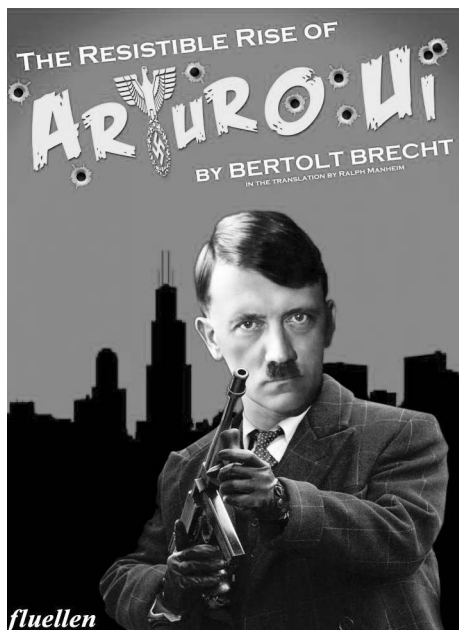
We will be kicking off the season with opening day on 5th April followed by a charity tournament on Sunday, 13th April, where all proceeds will go to Latch. We also look forward to marking our 100th year with a Dinner/Dance at the Cardiff City Stadium. Tickets are currently on sale for the event and more details on our website, which also gives details of how to join and is constantly updated with news and photos. (www.radyrtennis.co.uk)

You can also find out what's going on by liking our Facebook page and following on Twitter @radyrtennis.

If you are tempted to join a fun, friendly club that is right on your doorstep, please don't hesitate to give our membership secretary Lynda a call on 07563 750 542 or email info@radyrtennis.co.uk

~ FESTIVAL THEATRE ~

This year the Festival is particularly well blessed with theatre, Fluellen, an old friend of the Festival, will bring their new production of Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*.



Many of you will remember such fine productions as *The Odd Couple*, *Under Milk Wood*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and last year's show, *The Late Marilyn Monroe*. But whereas last year's play was a one woman show, this year's play will involve a large cast.

Bertolt Brecht is one of the most influential dramatists of the twentieth century. He became influenced by the Berlin political cabaret of the 1920's and wrote many cabaret songs with the composer Kurt Weill. Brecht's opposition to Fascism led to his sudden departure from Germany. He wrote his brilliantly funny satire on the rise of Hitler, *Arturo Ui*, in three weeks while waiting for an American Visa, an idea copied by Charlie Chaplin in his 1940 film *The Great Dictator*. *Arturo Ui* is a fictional thirties Chicago gangster intent on taking over the cauliflower trade in that city. All the characters in the play have exact counterparts in real life, *Ui* is Hitler, *Ernesto Roma* is Ernst Rohm and *Govola* is Goebbels. *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* was revived at the Chichester Festival Theatre in 2013 and transferred to the Duchess Theatre in London with Henry Goodman in the title part. Goodman has been nominated for an Olivier Award as best actor for *Ui*.

REMINISCENCES OF CHILDHOOD

Most people will be aware by now that 2014 is the centenary of the birth of Dylan Thomas. Swansea based Lighthouse Theatre Company will be bringing their version of Thomas's *Reminiscences of Childhood* to the Festival. The critics have been particularly enthusiastic about this production which won an award at the

Edinburgh Festival and Adrian Metcalfe's performance in particular. Theatre Wales Website said "Metcalfe has the ability to make Thomas's poetry crystal clear ... an enthusiastic audience was buzzing as they left ... wonderful". "A gem of a show" *The Scotsman*. "Dylan Thomas has never seemed so alive". *The Independent*.



Lighthouse Theatre tour extensively and have recently returned from touring "She Stoops to Conquer" in South America. Also appearing are Sonia Beck with Rob Marshall at the piano. It is directed by Joe Harmston who has directed over eighty productions in the west end and on tour including Timothy West and Prunella Scales in Pinter's *The Birthday Party*.

Both productions can be seen at Morganstown Village Hall. *Arturo Ui* on Wednesday, 7th May at 7.30, tickets £9.00. (£8.00 concessions) £5. students. *Reminiscences of Childhood* on Wednesday 14th May at 7.30pm. tickets £8.00. (£7.00 concessions) £4.00 students.

Tickets can be obtained from the Festival Box Office, Vintage Gem, Station Road, Radyr; Allan Cook 2084 3176 or Nick Hawkins 2084 2561.

JIM PARC NEST

Does dim angen cyflwyno'r cyn archdderwydd T. James Jones i bobl Radur. Mae Jim Parc Nest, ei enw barddol wrth gwrs, a Manon, wedi byw yn y pentre ers rhai blynyddoedd bellach.

Dim angen dweud mwy 'chwaith, na bod Jim wedi cytuno i drafod ei addasiad Newydd o DAN Y WENALLT gan Dylan Thomas fel rhan o Wyl Radur a Phentrepoeth. Eleni yw canmlwyddiant geni Dylan Thomas, ac mae union drigain mlynedd ers y perfformiad cyntaf o *Under Milk Wood*.

Gellir clywed Jim yn Hen Ysgoldy'r Eglwys (Old Church Rooms) ar nos Fawrth Mai 6ed am 8.00 y.h. Tocynnau a rhagor o fanylion gan Allan Cook 2084 3176.



VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

The History Society has announced a very full programme for 2014. Visits will include the Newport Ship (Thursday, 1st May), the Houses of Parliament (Friday, 13th June) and the newly restored Llanelli Houses, finalist in the Griff Rhys Jones series Restoration (Thursday, 18th September).

Talks will be given by the National Museum's Numismatist, Edward Besly on Coins in History in Wales (10th April), *The Lives of Lady Rhondda*, a leading suffragette and colleague of Lloyd George in WW1 (9th October) by Professor Angela John and *Eccentric! Dr. William Price of Llantrisant* (6th November) by Dean Powell.

Evening talks take place on Thursdays in the Old Church Rooms at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Visits cost from £2. to £17. for the visit and coach to the Houses of Parliament.

For details and bookings phone Allan Cook, 2084 3176. Again, all are welcome.



THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

Any amateur light-operatic company which has been in existence for nearly thirty years and has performed 28 different musical works in that time is going to have a problem to find anything they haven't done before that is work doing, or is within their scope. Radyr Parish Music Group was faced with this problem and decided to give *Thoroughly Modern Millie* a go. I wish they could have found another vehicle for their talents.

I had never seen Millie before and knew nothing about it apart from the famous *Everything today is thoroughly modern ... This is Nineteen Twenty Two!* song so I went to the Music Group's performance at the Bishop of Llandaff High school venue with an open mind. Now, one is quite prepared for musicals to have creaky plots but both the plot and the libretto of *Millie*, though obviously meant to be amusingly tongue-in-cheek, came across to me as simply daft and lacking in wit. I concluded that the show both in film and theatre form, must have relied for its impact on big, spectacular dance scenes (for which there are many opportunities) which no amateur company could be expected to reproduce, especially one with a noticeably mature chorus. OK, so I didn't like the choice of show, but I expect many did. Let's move on.

The orchestra, composed predominantly of students from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, gave a confident and energetic rendering of the Overture, under the baton of Ben Pinnow, the show's Musical Director. Unfortunately, they remained so uniformly confident and energetic throughout the show that despite the principals being equipped with radio-mikes, all too often they were drowned out by the orchestra. Had the musicians been able to tone themselves down during individual performer's numbers, one would have had nothing but praise for them.

When the curtains opened one was presented – as one has come to expect – with a superb set designed by Raymond Rivron, which he followed up with excellent props and an extremely ingenious and effective transition to the jail scene.

Before I comment on individual performances, particular mention must also be made of the costumes, both of principals and the chorus. They were terrific. I lost track of how many costume changes there were, but each ensemble scene was dazzlingly dressed. Angela Dart, Sandra Green and Sally Angel, who were responsible for "Wardrobe", should have come on for a special bow.

As well as being beautifully dressed, the set pieces involving the whole cast were skilfully directed by the show's Director, Jane Taberner: too many amateur choruses tend to stand lifelessly on stage until their turn to sing arrives. Not so the experienced Radyr chorus. They know how to respond to the action and how to fade into the background when necessary whilst still staying in character. One did however feel the stage was over populated during the typewriting scene and wondered how the Sincere Trust Insurance Company could turn a profit with so many staff clustered around so few documents.

Turning to the principals, it is pleasing to be able to say that there wasn't a weak link amongst them. Luisa Davey was charming in the title role. She moved well, had bags of personality and a most expressive face. She could afford to slow her speech down a bit, especially when having to compete with an overloud orchestra. The same was true of Patrick Steed, who played Jimmy Smith with great verve and panache. Full marks to him for the good-humoured way he got himself off stage when left stranded at one point on the night I attended. Hannah Williams, who has a sweet voice, made the most of the rather one-dimensional role of Miss Dorothy Brown and she and Gareth Hurman (playing Mr. Trevor Graydon) brought the show to life in the *I'm Falling in Love With Someone* number. Gareth Hurman not only has an acceptable voice but he's an excellent actor and mover too. I loved Sarah Jones's performance when she was assuming a Chinese accent and character, but she tended to over-cook the part a little when she was being her American self. Linda Cleak did full justice to her two big numbers as the famous nightclub vocalist Muzzy van Hossmere and Drew Heusch and Phil Groves kept us amused in the non-easy-to-play roles of Ching Ho and Bun Foo. Anne-Marie Phillips was convincing in the role of Miss Flannery, the hatchet woman of the Sincere Trust Insurance Company. Nor must we fail to mention the seven Priscilla girls on whose capable shoulders – or legs rather – fell the main burden of the dance numbers. It was not their fault that seven tap-dancing girls cannot adequately replace what were meant to be big, large-cast modern dance numbers.

To sum up, the Radyr Parish Music Group has a great team here. I don't think that *Thoroughly Modern Millie* gave them the best chance to show off their talents to full advantage; I look forward to seeing what they make of *Pirates of Penzance* next year.

Graham Pearce

Rotary in Radyr



January and February have been busy months. After our successful "Poems and Pints" night in early January, we had a number of very interesting guests giving talks to the club. Allan Cook, from BBC Wales, came to tell us of his career in producing soaps (the television kind!), in particular his work on "Pobol Y Cwm". We celebrated Burns Night, with a special evening complete with Haggis for those so inclined.

In February, we were delighted to have a visit from Nick Hawkins, chair of the Radyr and Morganstown Association, to tell us about its origins and activities. This was very interesting, especially those of our members who are not residents of Radyr.

Also in February, we welcomed our newest member, Angela Lodge. Angela has been a visitor to our club for the last few months and we are delighted to make it official. Angela is pictured here with President Liz (on the right). Liz can be seen wearing a Rotary crocus. The crocus is the official symbol of the Rotary campaign to End Polio Now and proceeds from sales help to fund the fight for eradication.



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, 22nd March – "60s Night" with live band at the New Schoolrooms, Tickets £15.00

Tuesday 1st April – Speaker Chris Dale on "Pompeii"

New Members Welcome

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