

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

October 2021



"The Chair of the Community Council making a presentation to Maggie Roberts."

Civic Service

The only indoor event of the September Festival was a Civic Service held in Christ Church on the first Sunday of the Festival. Although numbers had to be restricted it was encouraging to see our A M, Mark Drakeford -

what a busy person he's been over the past eighteen months - and our M.P. Kevin Brennan present. A special guest at the service was Maggie Roberts, seen being given an orchid by the Chair of the Community Council. Maggie has not been well recently but has contributed enormously to the Festival and to general events in Radyr and Morganstown over the past quarter century.



COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website
Please check that they are going ahead
www.Radyr.org.uk

- Mon 11 Oct** **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI**
Old Church Rooms, Park Road.
Details to follow
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/
- Thur 21 Oct** **10:00 Tenovus Coffee Morning**
Tenovus Coffee morning
Radyr Golf Club at 10am. Tickets £3 each. Selection of stalls and tea/coffee
- please contact Rosanne Holmes on 029 2040 1872 for tickets
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/
- Mon 8 Nov** **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI**
Old Church Rooms, Park Road.
Details to follow. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/
- Sun 14 Nov** **10:45 Act of Remembrance - Radyr War Memorial**
Full details to follow.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/
- Mon 22 Nov** **RMA General Meeting**
Open to all the RMA General Meeting is an opportunity to hear from a speaker of local interest before sharing news of local matters and events. Location and speaker to be confirmed subject to COVID regulations
www.radyr.org.uk/rmassociation/meetings/
- Fri 3 Dec** **19:00 Christmas Tree lighting**
The annual turning on of the Christmas Lights in Radyr & Morganstown.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/
- Mon 13 April** **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI**
Old Church Rooms, Park Road.
Details to follow
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

R&M FRIENDS OF TENOVUS COFFEE MORNING

Thursday October 21st at 10.30 a.m.
RADYR GOLF CLUB
Stalls, Christmas Cards, Raffle.
Entry by ticket only £3.00
Contact 02920 401 872

Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours seeks a Coordinator

(Registered Charity 1195016)

This new charity has been set up to meet the needs of all who live in the villages of Radyr and Morganstown. This is an exciting opportunity for you to be involved in this new venture.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, well organised person with excellent people skills to engage with all sections of the local community, identify needs, set up new services and recruit and support volunteers.

12 hours per week - flexible working
£23,088 (pro rata) per annum

If you think this might be for you, contact The Chair of Trustees for enquiries and an application pack. E-mail: vicki.burrows@icloud.com

We are committed to equality of opportunity and welcome suitably experienced or qualified applicants from diverse backgrounds.

Closing date for applications: 31st October 2021

EXTENDED BUS SERVICE

From September 5th Cardiff Bus have extended the late night buses to and from Radyr. Buses will return hourly from Westgate Street, the last leaving Westgate Street at 23.05. The last bus into Cardiff leaves Caer Graig at 22.33.

For more information please look on their website cardiffbus.com as the timetables in the bus shelters and bus stops have not as yet been updated.

Hopefully bus services are getting back to normal and it would be a pity to lose this added service.

Help Needed...

The *Radyr Chain* has struggled to fill its pages during lockdown. Now that we are, hopefully, coming out of Covid restrictions, Secretaries of Societies and Clubs can help by sending in reports of their meetings, any particularly interesting future events and by noting their events in the online diary for the "Coming Events" section.

If you are too busy why not appoint another member of your committee to send in this information?

We are also looking for people who are able to give a few hours every two months to help with general administration. If you can help please contact The Editor Jeff Davison, 3 James Place, Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 1SQ, e-mail Chain@radyr.org.uk or davison.litho@gmail.com

The *Radyr Chain* is published at the beginning of October, December, February, April, June and August and goes to press on the 15th of the month previous.

Scout Christmas Post 2021

The Cardiff and Vale Scout Executive have decided to postpone this year's Scout Post because of the current restrictions due to Covid.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our outlets who sell stamps and the volunteers who help sort the post in the scout hall during scout post week?

I also wish to thank everyone in Radyr and Morganstown for purchasing stamps locally and supporting scouting in Radyr and Morganstown.

The Scout Executive plan to run Scout Post again in 2022. I look forward to your continued support next year.

JBT

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

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THE DECEMBER EDITION OF THE CHAIN WILL GO TO PRESS PROMPTLY ON THE 15th OF NOVEMBER. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

Radyr Cricket Club

The season at Radyr ended with an amazing Awards Ceremony held on the outfield in front of the pavilion. The photograph shows the fantastic numbers who attended and enjoyed a long evening. It was without doubt the best and most well attended of these ceremonies we've ever organised and showed the diverse nature of the membership of the club. It was wonderful to see members as young as seven years of age receiving their prizes and the sheer joy on their faces and of their parents will live long in the memory. The barbecue and bar did a roaring trade and it was a celebration of everything that is good, in this most sociable of cricket clubs.

The season was one of consolidation after the major triumphs of 2019, the last full season pre Covid. The Fourth XI were the most successful senior team and achieved promotion on the last day of the season. The captain and his players justifiably celebrated long and hard, in a side combining the youngest and oldest of the club's players. They will be extremely competitive in the higher division in 2022 and I wouldn't be at all surprised if more success followed.

It was also a season of firsts as the club embarked on a Fifth XI and at long last the Womens XI. The former was incredibly successful and gave great enjoyment to those players, again young and old, who played throughout the season. The only drawback was that their home games had to be played away from Radyr due to pitch constraints. It is something the club needs to urgently remedy and alternatives are being sought. Unfortunately cricket pitches are not ten a penny in Radyr or Morganstown but the search continues. With regards the Womens side this was more successful than the club could have imagined. In the end they finished third in the South West Womens Cricket League, the top level of women's cricket in this area. The photograph shows the team after their game at Bath, who are one of the power houses of both male and female recreational cricket. I have no doubt that this section of the club will go from strength to



strength and their fun attitude has made the clubhouse a great place to be on Saturday evenings.

The Awards Ceremony also showed off the wonderful facilities that the club enjoys. I think it is unlikely that many clubs in South Wales enjoy conjoined grounds of such quality with changing rooms to match. The sadness was of course that due to Covid restrictions it was only in the last few weeks of the season that these could be used: in fact the cricket tea, that institution of the recreational game, did not reappear until the last game of the season. The off season will see a number of areas improved, a few walls repainted and fences upgraded. The grounds have already had their annual weed and feed and throughout September and October works will conclude on tidying up the squares in preparation for 2022. Truly work never ceases at Radyr Cricket Club.

So whilst I take a few weeks to get my breath back, planning for next year begins in earnest in November. Firstly the AGM will make the

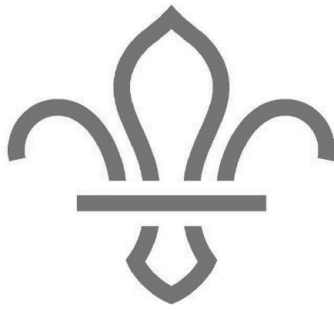
decisions that set the club's path towards 2022: this is quickly followed by the League's version, when all the playing conditions are agreed. Indoor nets will follow on shortly thereafter and some of the members will play the indoor variety of the game. Then the big moment, the arrival of the fixtures before the year end and the thought that cricket is once again just around the corner.

It only remains for me to thank our shirt sponsors, Michael Graham Young for their support, the Community Council for all their kindness and the residents of Radyr and Morganstown who always help the club enormously. Should anyone wish to become part of Radyr Cricket Club, in any capacity, at any age, either boy or girl, from player to groundsman, from sponsor to scorer, please do not hesitate to contact me on christopherhitchings@btinternet.com and I can assure you, you won't regret it.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

Scouts

1st Radyr Cardiff West



Calling All Adventurers...

Your local Scout group needs you
In-person Scout meetings have now returned, but your local area needs new adventurers of all ages to join the movement.

Across the pandemic, communities have shown the power of support and togetherness within the UK. No matter the obstacle, the Scouting movement aims to give tools to the youth to become better- and well-rounded citizens. In a powerful way, they have continued to be a persevering force for positive change over the past year.

As we enter a new phase of life post-pandemic, Scout groups across South Wales are more determined than ever to give the youth tools to become the best versions of themselves going into adult life.

Brilliantly, Scouts have managed to participate in meetings over Zoom, allowing old connections with friends to thrive whilst new ones develop. Despite the trials and setbacks of the pandemic, Scouts have raised over £1m for commendable causes.

Without the amazing collective of volunteers that offered support during this time, much of this great work wouldn't have been delivered. Importantly, volunteers have come together to take a little time out of their day to make a positive difference. Scouters across the UK can all agree that the support of volunteers has made a challenging time a whole lot brighter.

Unfortunately, in Radyr, one of the Beaver (6-8 years old) colonies had to close last year due to a shortfall of volunteer leaders. The impact of this means simply that both youth and adults have missed out on a range of experiences, life-changing memories and opportunities to develop.

In May, the Scouts launched the #Goodforyou campaign detailing fantastic stories, anecdotes and skills they've learnt whilst being a part of the collective. This campaign is still in the works to call on communities like ours to volunteer and make a vital contribution to the new future ahead of us! As Bear Grylls said, developing tomorrow's youth is the most fulfilling thing to do; making friends, creating relationships and just simply volunteering is #Goodforyou.

1st Radyr Scout Group's headquarters is on Heol Isaf and a fantastic place to make new memories at the heart of the community. The group welcomes volunteers and Scouters of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

1st Radyr Scout Group needs volunteers across all of their sections - Beavers, Cubs and Scouts - to keep the group thriving. Not only does the organisation commit to the Scouters, but it also uplifts volunteers that help make these hopeful changes happen. With a policy of openness and encouragement, volunteering in the Scouts is flexible and worthwhile. As well as this, the opportunity to volunteer with the Scouts is a 2-way street - you get what you put in. This can be the smallest of contributions or outstanding acts of service. Regardless, the opportunity to give some time to something outside of yourself is an incredibly rewarding thing to do. With amazing opportunities for development and the chance to participate in much-needed community involvement, all training is provided, and friendly faces are ready to give a helping hand.

For more information, please visit: www.scouts.org.uk or contact 1st Radyr's Group Scout Leader via their website: www.radyrscouts.org.uk

By Olivia Riggon

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Talking Rubbish!

Please take your Litter Home



Keep Wales Tidy estimate that 25% of all litter in Wales has been dropped from moving vehicles. Our experience of collecting 90 bags of litter since we started in June supports this, with our main roads being particularly bad, as expected. Main items are plastic bottles, drinks cans and take away food cartons. Please, please do not throw your stubs from your car or van - take it home or drop it into the next bin you pass.

Cardiff Council is now using CCTV to monitor littering as well as a traffic flows so don't risk a £100 fine. The driver is responsible even if the passenger throws the litter !!

We also want to thank the Community Council for their massive grant support for our work which will enable us to equip even more people with litter pickers and hi-vis gilets so they can pick safely and regularly.



Becca and Peter
Co founders of R & M Litter
Pickers
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From The Rectory



Dear Reader,

In this past year our community has been blessed by the creativity of both adults and children. When lockdown restrictions meant we could only leave our homes to exercise or purchase essential goods and we had the time to pause and gaze at the world around us what did you see?

On the wall outside Windsor Gardens I noticed a wicker heart filled with flowers for Mothering Sunday. This year on Valentine's Day red roses and carnations were hung for the enjoyment of passers. Painted stones were balanced on walls and rainbows appeared in windows and on pavements reminding us to stop and give thanks for our amazing NHS. In the doorway of the Methodist church puppet scenes offered messages of love and hope. In November tea lights appeared in Windsor Gardens reminding us that our Hindu friends were celebrating Diwali.

Last week as my family celebrated Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) a painting mysteriously appeared in Windsor Gardens. The delicate leaves and red pomegranates (containing seeds representing the 613 commandments) carefully painted in a circle around a Shofar horn between the words "happiness" and "hapusrwydd" probably got passers by wondering. On the same day my cousin, who like me is a second generation immigrant, wrote on her FaceBook page

There comes a time in your life when you have to choose to turn the page, write another book or simply close it. At the beginning of this Jewish New Year I wish all my friends and family the ability to move forward with whatever they hold in their hearts. May the future

be filled with fulfilment, contentment and rain with blessings. Shana Tova dear ones.

If you, the reader, are one of the unknown florists, artists, or puppeteers "thank you" and please continue to bless us all with your beautiful and creative offerings.

Whether you attend church regularly, have given up church going or have never been to church but are burdened with feelings of loss and grief I'd like to invite you to a Service of Commemoration (All Souls) at 4pm on 31st October at Christ Church when we will remember our loved ones who have died, whether recently, during the pandemic, or long ago. You will have the opportunity to light a candle and remember through words, and music and silence. On 4th November at 2pm we are launching a new group for all who feel the loneliness of bereavement. "Good Grief!" will meet each Thursday in Christ Church for a cuppa and conversation. If you need a listening ear as so many of us do at the moment then do join us.

I hope and pray that the church will rain down blessings on you just as those anonymous and creative artists have been a blessing to me. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you need pastoral support at any time.

With my love and prayers
Vicki X

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Llantrisant Road Junction

David Cargill has collected a petition of nearly 500 signatures pointing out the difficulty of seeing traffic coming down the road from Llantrisant at the badly angled slip road joining Heol Isaf to the Llantrisant Road.

Richard Lloyd Jones of Heol Isaf made a similar point in a letter pointing out that it was almost impossible to get out of the slip road safely without entering the bus lane to the Planning, Transport and

Environment Department of Cardiff County Council. He received the following reply;

Bus Lane Enforcement

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the above. We are sorry to hear of the difficulties you have been experiencing.

We note your comments and as with all new schemes there will be a Road Safety Audit when we have Police Road Casualty statistics that cover the period of one year after the full opening of the scheme. It will also involve a visual inspection to see if there is any evidence of non-injury collisions (skid marks, kerb strikes, vehicle debris etc.) and any concerns such as yours.

Regarding having traffic signals at the end of the slip road, this would have been considered at the early design stage and we presume it would have been deemed un-necessary. Two factors is that at busy times, the effect of the nearby main junction will provide ample opportunities for vehicles to join from the slip road, and at other times the signals would generally delay traffic unnecessarily.

Finally, we would assure you that if you have to enter the bus lane to avoid a collision, you would not be penalised, not only because that would not be for the purpose of travelling in it, but also because it would be set aside on appeal.

We trust that the above is of assistance. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Council on the details provided below.

Yours faithfully,

TRO Team.

By the time this edition of The Chain reaches your doorstep there will have been a meeting between our County Councillor, Rod McKerlich and some of our Community Councillors with Cardiff City officials to discuss the matter. We will inform you of any outcome in the next edition.

The Chain is informed that one outcome of such a review could be a traffic light at the end of the slip road, which could lead to tailbacks on Heol Isaf at peak periods.

Clwb Rygbi Pentyrch Rugby Football Club

Penuel Road, Pentyrch. CF15 9QJ
www.pentyrch.rfc.wales

Introduction: I think this is the first occasion the club has inserted information in the 'Radyr Chain' so thanks to the publishers for allowing us to do so. We hope the information will not only be relevant to existing residents of Radyr and Morganstown but also to the new ones who have recently moved to the new homes being built on and near Llantrisant Road. We hope you have settled into your new home and are enjoying living in your new community.

The playing of rugby: We have 15 teams at the club. There are 10 Mini and Junior (M&J) teams from under 7 to under 16, a youth team, two senior teams and a ladies touch rugby team. We have also recently started a 'walking rugby' group – a great way of keeping fit in the outdoors. The senior and youth sides have already returned to play competitive rugby post lock-down and the M&J and ladies teams will re-commence shortly. Please visit our website (see above) for more information.

The clubhouse has a lounge, a large club room, which can be sectioned into two individual rooms, and a newly erected pergola. We cater for children and adult parties, wedding receptions, meetings (including corporate events), keep fit, pilates and slimming world, to name but a few. The club is open every day of the week. Please refer to our website for opening times.

Gym: We operate our own gym which is open to club members, players and the local community. You need to be a full member (£32) of the club to become a gym member. The **annual** cost of gym membership is a further £50.

Club Manager: By the time you read this article the club will hopefully have appointed a new club manager. We are very excited about this new senior appointment which gives us the opportunity of improving our customer service and business performance.

Bonfire Night is an event not to be

missed. This year it will be held on Friday, 5th November. Please visit our website nearer the time for the start time. Entry is £10 per family (2 adults & 2 children), £5 for adults and £3 for children. Burgers and hot dogs will be available from the BBQ and we will also sell sweets and drinks, including hot chocolate, tea and coffee.

Membership: You don't need to be a club member to socialise in the club but becoming a member does offer various benefits, including reduced prices on alcoholic beverages. Our membership year begins on 1st September so this is an ideal time to join. We hope to welcome you in the near future.

Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group

The last two years have been a very challenging time for our Fundraising Group. However, through your generosity in donating your broken and unwanted gold we recently raised £500 for the society. We are still collecting jewellery and gold and silver items that you no longer require. If you would like to join us in this fundraising effort, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Pat on 2084 3843 or Gaynor on 2084 3069.

All charities have suffered greatly during the pandemic. If you shop online at Amazon, one way you can help us, at no cost to yourself, is to make your purchase through Amazon Smile. It has the same goods and deals as Amazon but with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to your chosen charity. Just visit smile.amazon.co.uk, sign in with the same account you use for Amazon, select the Alzheimer's Society as your chosen charity and start shopping.

We are hoping to organise some events in the near future and will give more information in the next issue of the Radyr Chain. In the meantime, we are very grateful for your continued support.

Thank you

Concert in the Parc



We were delighted to once again be able to hold this event and it was lovely to see so many people come out and join us. We were treated to some fantastic performances from Molly Taylor, Regular Mexican, Wolfmoon, The Radyrcals & Cardiff Morris Dancers. It was such a treat to see the community back out together and enjoying live music. Talking of treats the beer, which is kindly donated by The Radyr Tap, was delicious and it was no surprise to see it sell out. Our trusty BBQ team kept the tasty burgers & hot dogs coming until they also sold out shortly before the end. All-in-all a thoroughly enjoyably afternoon and I hope that some good funds will have been raised for our nominated charity – Tenovus Cancer Care. The friends of Tenovus Cancer Care team lent their support throughout the event not only running their stall but helping with collecting donations, staffing the BBQ, event set up and take down – thank you. Thanks, to Nick Cook for arranging the performers (and performing!). Finally, a massive thank you to the small but incredibly hard-working team that make this event possible. The generosity you display with both your time and effort is inspiring.

See centre pages for photos of the concert.

Autumn Festival 2021 ~ Fete and Dog Show



The weather was kind and the crowds turned out for the Fete and Dog Show.

Stalls, bar and barbecue were set up around the play area at Lychgate Gardens.

Tractors from the South Wales area arrived for their annual competition which was won by Jeff Webb of Peterstone with his 1952 Ferguson T20.

The Punch and Judy Show attracted a large group of young children and their parents for part of the afternoon.

Burgers and soft drinks were very popular with most of the stock selling out by the end of the day. At

2pm the dogs were organized by Val Allen for the Dog Show, which had a large entry for the 12 classes.



The judge, Laura Morgan had the difficult task of selecting winners and her daughter Lily was given the job of handing out the rosettes.

The dogs were extraordinarily well behaved and hardly a bark was heard – lots of licking and cuddling up.

Proceeds were donated to Tenovus

Another good community event in aid of our 2021 charity – Tenovus Cancer Care, who were there with a stall and all the helpers were dressed in their tee shirts. It is thanks to the Executive members of the Association and the Tenovus committee for the success of this event.



The Concert in The Parc



Thank You - 1st Radyr Scout Group

On a very miserable Sunday morning recently I was overwhelmed by a delivery from Kieran Richards, Radyr Scout Group GSL and Cub Scout Leader Mandy Beadle of a beautifully handcrafted personalised gift from 1st Radyr Scout Group thanking me for my service to the Scout Group as I have recently stepped down from duties. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the Scout Group for not only this beautiful gift, but more importantly I would like to thank Radyr Scout Group for the most amazing 17 years. October 2004 myself, Julie Sakkas and Nicky Thomas opened the doors to 12 excited beavers, but not only did I open the doors to 12 Beavers I opened the door to my own personal journey! I have met and made friends with some fantastic people both young and old and have had the opportunity to take part and witness the most wonderful and exciting adventures. I have always considered myself in a very privileged position not only witnessing my own children achieving personal goals but also witnessing beavers, cubs and scouts achieving their own personal goals whether it was their first night away from their parents or touching a boa constrictor!!

Thank you 1st Radyr Scout Group for 17 years of amazing times and amazing memories.

Ruth Goddard (Simba!)



An Outstanding Achievement



During the pandemic 11-year-old Amber rose to the challenge of using technology to achieve a Second in her Eisteddfod Singing Class and, studying with the Glamorgan Music School, obtain a Grade 2 in Vocals. Unable to enter any Surf Life Saving competitions this year due to COVID restrictions, Amber practised on the beach and poolside when conditions allowed the return to sport participation. At Bryn Deri's end of year presentations in July Amber was awarded "The Bryn Deri Primary School outstanding achievement in sport".

Congratulations and best wishes to Amber, and her fellow year pupils, as they move onto the next stage of their educational journey. Family thanks go to Mrs Claire Davies, head teacher, and all her staff at Bryn Deri for their support and guidance since 2010 as Amber joins her two older siblings at Radyr Comp.

Kathy Beach



Well Done Lydia



Lydia is the first Rainbow in Radyr to gain the Rainbow Gold Award, since it was introduced in 2019.

Having gained all six Theme Awards and completing a final challenge, which included writing this poem, Lydia was presented with her Gold Award, a very special achievement and the highest award girls can gain in Rainbows.

Lydia has now moved up to Brownies and is looking forward to gaining many more badges.

Lydia's poem:

*Rainbows is the best thing ever,
It is lots of fun in the sun.
Badges galore, it's the final door,
We search and search for the key,
And then you realise it's inside of me.
It's at the end of Rainbows fun,
You've had lots and lots of Rainbows fun.
Say goodbye with a cheery smile
It's time to start my Brownie journey!*

Lydia Forbes September 2021

Transport For Wales...

Transport for Wales (TfW) held an open drop in session at Morganstown Village Hall on Wednesday the 8th of September. Unfortunately, the attendance was disappointing, largely due to poor publicity on the part of TfW. TfW had brought a top team to the event both from their own staff and from the contractors.

What became clear is that TfW and their contractors have hardened up considerably on the plans they had in the spring.

(i) They propose to start work in Morganstown before the end of the year, about six months later than previously planned.

(ii) They will build two compounds either side of the road leading to Gelynis Farm. The one will hold materials and equipment for the electrification of the valleys line. This will be smaller than originally planned because they will also be using the Rhys Davies site in Taffs Well. It will not involve the loss or reorientation of the sports pitch nor the loss of the skateboard park; but the changing rooms will be demolished and TfW are in discussion about their replacement. The second site will be for the building of the bridge over the railway line. The site for the electrification of the Valleys Lines will be in use until the end of 2023.

(iii) Work on the electrification will be largely at night and will involve 60 to 80 staff although it will be a 24 hour operation. Work on the building of the bridge will be a daytime undertaking. The staff will come to the site in a crew van (subject to Covid Guidelines.)

(iv) All HGV vehicles will enter both sites via the lane past Pugh's garden centre. TfW will have a "virtual and live traffic system" in place. All HGV's will have to enter the site from the A470 thus avoiding Morganstown Village. HGV drivers will have to book a time slot ensuring that deliveries are staggered. While they talk of

relatively few HGV vehicles to the electrification compound they made no suggestion as to how many vehicles will be needed for the bridge building site, especially in the phase when they are building the ramps up to the bridge to a height of 34.3 feet above the railway line.

(v) No HGV vehicles will use the lane leading to Gelynis Farm but cars and vans will need access via the lane during daylight hours.

(vi) Cardiff City Planning Department have given permission for the building of the bridge subject to conditions which are yet to be agreed. The bridge will not meet Government standards as to the steepness of the inclines leading to the bridge. A particular worry for wheelchair users and those pushing prams and pushchairs. An interesting footnote was that once footpaths (pavements) are taken into consideration the road across the bridge will not be wide enough for two cars to pass. Something that the Community had fought for.

(vii) While permission has been given for the building of the bridge no agreement has been reached as to the re-routing of the right of way across the railway line. This might give residents an opportunity to object once more to the steepness of approaches to the bridge. The current road to Gelynis is on the flat. The re-routing of the right of way will be considered by a different department of the County Council.

(viii) The section of the Valleys Line between the motorway and Taffs Well station will not require overhead cables and we assume will not need pile driving in this section. The new tram/trains will be partly electrically and partly battery powered. This was developed to avoid having to raise about sixty bridges over the valleys network.

(ix) TfW are anxious to stress that both compounds will be "temporary" and that they will ensure that "our people are considerate to our neighbours".

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Magic Slice

A friend gave me this delicious, crunchy cake/biscuit recipe.

250g crushed digestive biscuits
175g melted butter
1 packet dark chocolate chips
1 cup desiccated coconut
1 cup mixed dried fruit
1/2 cup sunflower seeds
1/2 cup flaked almonds
395g tin condensed milk

Line a tin approx. 30 x 20 cm. (approx)

Heat oven at 170 C, Gas 3

Add biscuits to melted butter in large pan/bowl

Press biscuits into tin

Sprinkle on top in layers, choc.chips, coconut, dried fruit, sunflower seeds + almonds

Pour tin of condensed milk over top

Bake approx 25 mins. until golden brown

Leave to cool in tin, then cut into squares

A.M.P.

History Society

The first two talks of the autumn season will be on Zoom and links will be sent out to members.

Thursday October 14th at 7.30
THE LOST HOUSE OF CARDIFF

Matthew Williams, Curator Emeritus of Cardiff Castle will talk about his latest book on the Lost Houses of Cardiff.

Thursday 11th November at 7.30
Speaker to be confirmed.

The Committee are hoping to be able to return to meetings in the Old Church Rooms in the New Year and are planning a post Christmas dinner or lunch.



“Happy Jack”

by John Godber

This play, with a cast of two actors, tells the story of Jack and Liz, John Godber’s grandparents. The actors not only narrate, giving background information to the audience, but who then become Jack and Liz.

The play was originally written two years before the catastrophic fall of the mining industry in 1984, there are a few poignant moments, that show how miners and their families at the time had no idea of what was ahead. It is full of Yorkshire, love, pathos, comedy and humour. The arguments between each other and others are a joy to watch!

We see them reminisce about singing stars, trips to Blackpool, to the cinema, wedding photos and their first meeting - all captured in the quick witted, thoughtful words of the script.

Radyr Drama Society will be performing this play in Morganstown Village Hall 26th and 27th of November, curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets are available via Ticketsource - search Radyr Drama.

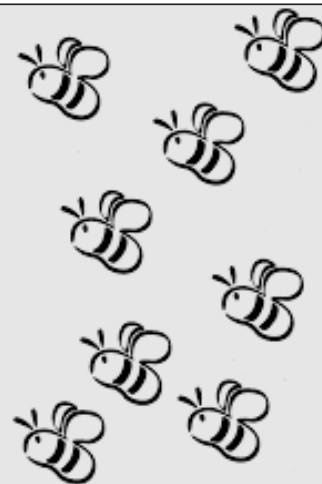
After the pandemic, we all need to get out again, so come and join us for a night of laughter.



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Smart Winner

The winner of the first prize from the R&M Association Festival raffle, in aid of Tenovus Cancer Care, was both surprised and delighted to receive a smart TV and congratulations from Rosanne Holmes, Chair of the R&M Friends of Tenovus. “I’ve never won anything before” she said as the box was handed over. She is a deserving person having worked in the health care sector and supported Tenovus Cancer Care for some years.



Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Cerddor a chyfansoddwr sy'n adnabyddus yng Nghymru ac yn rhyngwladol oedd gwetai ein cyfarfod agoriadol ar nos Fercher 8 Medi. Magwyd Robot Arwyn ar aelwyd gerddorol yn Nhal-y-sarn, Dyffryn Nantlle. Dechreuodd gyfansoddi wedi iddo gael gitâr, ac astudiodd am radd mewn Cerddoriaeth yma yn y Brifysgol yng Nghaerdydd. Yna, gan ei fod hefyd wrth ei fodd yn darllen llyfrau Cymraeg a Saesneg, aeth ymlaen i gymhwyso'n llyfrgellydd a pharhau i fwynhau cerddoriaeth yn ei oriau hamdden. Dechreuodd yn ei waith llyfrgellyddol yng Nghlwyd, a dal ati wedyn yn y Sir Ddinbych newydd.

Bellach, ers iddo ymddeol bum mlynedd yn ôl, mae cerddoriaeth yn llenwi ei fyd, a hynny er llawenydd i ni sydd wedi mwynhau ffrwyth ei ddawn dros y blynyddoedd, ac yntau'n aelod o driawd Trisgell ac yn arweinydd Côr Rhuthun.

Cawsom hanes cefndir amrywiol nifer o'i ganeuon, a diddorol oedd clywed ein gwr gwadd yn esbonio mai geiriau effeithiol sy'n ysbrydoli'r gerddoriaeth. Cyfeiriodd at y pleser a gafodd o gydweithio gyda Hywel Gwynfryn, wrth gyfansoddi'r gerddoriaeth ar gyfer geiriau'r gân adnabyddus 'Anfonaf Angel'. Soniodd hefyd am y sioe gerdd 'Hwn yw fy Mrawd', ac am y geiriau gan Mererid Hopwood adeg Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Y Bae yn 2018. Cyfansoddodd yn ogystal i eiriau gan y Prifardd Robin Llwyd ab Owain a'r diweddar Derec Williams, Cwmni Theatr Maldwyn, ymhlith eraill. Clywsom fod cryno ddisg newydd wedi ymddangos a bod nifer o'r caneuon a ganodd i ni ar y noson i'w clywed ar y ddisgen honno, dan y teitl *Caneuon Robot Arwyn: Dal y Freuddwyd*, y trydydd casgliad.

Rhannwyd â ni ar y noson ganeuon gwefreiddiol yn y cywair llawen a dwys. Roedd ambell gân yn llawn gobraith am yfory, ac yn 'Wedi Dwlu' roedd yr hiwmor yn denu

gwên a chwerthin.

Uchafbwynt ei yrfa hyd yma, o bosib, yw ei record *Benedictus* sydd wedi cyrraedd miloedd lawer ar draws y byd. Roedd y stori a rannodd am sut y bu'n agos i gymryd y comisiwn yn ysgafn yn dweud cyfrolau am ei natur ddiymhongar.

Cyn i'r awr dros Zoom ddod i ben, cafwyd cyfle i holi cwestiynau. Diolchwyd i Robot Arwyn am rannu o'i amser a'i ddawn gyda ni, a dymunwyd yn dda iddo ef a Chôr Rhuthun wrth iddyn nhw gynllunio yn awr i ail ddechrau ymarfer gyda'i gilydd. Noson i'w thrysori yn y cof.

Ar 3 Tachwedd 2021, bydd Carys Huws – yn wreiddiol o Ffynnon Taf a chyn ddisgybl yn Ysgol Plasmawr – yn rhannu â ni ei hanes ym myd ffotograffiaeth a ffilm a'i phrofiad o fyw yn ninas Berlin.

Radyr Festival Overview...

The second part of this year's Festival has taken place from the 11th to the 26th September. Due to Coronavirus restrictions we ran an online Festival in May and had planned to hold a more normal Festival in September. However, with the very late removal of many restrictions, and the continued requirement to risk assess all events to show how we would minimise risk of exposure and spread of the virus, it became impossible to run many of the indoor events. Concerts and Plays where the audience sit in rows alongside one another were not possible and any reduction in the audience size with social distancing made events financially not viable, especially as we were trying to raise funds for Tenovus Cancer Care.

We did manage to hold a number of enjoyable events. The Festival started with the Summer Show, which was last held in 1996. The number of attendees could have been larger, but it was enjoyed by all those who came. The middle

weekend saw the first combined Fete and Dog Show in Lychgate Gardens. This was a great success with many locals attending. People certainly ate their fair share of burgers and hot dogs as usual and there were more entries of dogs than in previous years. As usual a number of tractors South Glamorgan Vintage Tractors put on a display.

The library held several story time events in both English and Welsh both weeks.

Saturday 25th saw the Concert in the Parc. There were performances by local bands and an appearance by Cardiff Morris, the first time Morris Dancing has been included. The event was as well attended as usual with over 400 people coming along. The organisers arranged it perfectly and the beer and BBQ both sold out just before the last songs were played.

On 26th Sunday Tenovus Cancer Care held their local walk followed by an afternoon tea to help raise further funds. The Festival Draw took place during the tea.

Overall it was a limited but very successful Festival and we hope that there will be a normal Festival again next May. The main success of the Festival was that residents of R&M managed to get back together again after a long break due to lockdown.

Thanks go to all our organisers and helpers who are all local volunteers.

Anyone who wishes to join us in planning the next Festival or helping with the events please contact us at events@radyr.org.uk

David Silver

Chair RMA and Festival Committee





Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Life goes on and we continue to work on behalf of the community!

Transport for Wales will soon be setting up its works compounds in Morganstown. One to enable it to electrify a stretch of the Valleys Lines - and one to enable it to build a new bridge over the railway, to replace the level crossing (which will be too dangerous to use, when the frequency of trains increases from 2023 onwards). We await TfW's traffic plan for these works (intended to ensure safe moment of HGV traffic and minimising disruption to nearby residents and businesses).

We are discussing with Morganstown residents their opposition to the diversion of the public right of way, to divert the existing footpath (which crosses the level crossing) to follow the road to be built over the new bridge. This will include a fairly lengthy climb up a fairly steep gradient to a height similar to the Radyr Station footbridge. Should we argue for a footbridge with a lift to be built, in addition to the new road-bridge? Let us know what you think!

In the meantime, TfW continues to discuss - with ourselves, the Radyr Rangers and Cardiff Council - building a new clubhouse for the Rangers. The first step will be to demolish the existing facility and replace it with a temporary building. This will make room for the new vehicle track across the Mound Field to the compounds. Planning permission will then be sought for a permanent structure which, we hope, will provide good accommodation for the Rangers and be suitable for wider community use.

Our interest in improving Windsor Gardens and the Station Road area continues. To this end, we have published two online surveys to seek out residents' views about the possibilities. These can range from

'do nothing' to 'please improve everything'! What do you think should be done? Use the QR codes below to access the survey - or you can get paper copies from our clerk.

We welcome Michelle Lenton-Johnson as a new councillor, following the departure of Helen Lloyd Jones. Michelle will bring her great enthusiasm for our community to her work - and has already attended many Community Council meetings, with observer status. We also welcome Susan Ryall as our new observer and Young Persons Champion. We look forward to working with Michelle and Susan as we develop our work.

We now have another vacancy on the Council, following the departure of Cllr Webster (who has moved away). If you are interested in this role, please contact our clerk.

I had the honour and pleasure of attending the official opening of Cardiff Corinthian's new stand at the Radyr Cricket Club ground on 25 September. The Community Council awarded a grant towards the development - which looks very smart indeed, with seats in the Corinthian's colours. As an added bonus, the new stand (with its security shutters) has helped reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour witnessed at the site in recent years.

I was also pleased to meet with representatives of our local litter-picking group at our Civic Service reception on 12 September. The Council was more than happy to provide them with a grant to support the purchase of litter-picking equipment. I'm sure that we can all agree that they do excellent work. The Radyr Scouts have also benefited from a grant towards improvements at the Scout Hall.

Readers will be aware of the

mindless and thuggish behaviour of vandals who destroyed trees and more in Bute Park. Why anyone would take a chain-saw to chop down a new cherry-tree plantation - and break open a manhole cover protecting electrical equipment to set a fire at its base is completely beyond me. Our response has been to offer to sponsor a replacement tree on behalf of Radyr and Morganstown residents. And we are very proud to do so.

We continue to develop our proposals for a new Community Plan. More to follow about that!

Here are the survey QR codes:



That's all for now. Stay safe - and on we go to the autumn and beyond!

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones
Chair - Radyr and Morganstown
Community Council - October 2021

Send your comments to
clerk@radyr.wales.

NB: A Welsh language version of this report is available on our website (under 'Our work' / 'The Chair's Blog').

Christmas Tree Lighting

Will take place on
Friday 3rd December

More details will appear in the
next Radyr Chain
and on the websites

Autumn Festival 2021

Summer Show

After 23 years, the Summer Show was held again in Morganstown Village Hall. The Association team set up the hall ready for the entries of vegetables, flowers, cakes, craft, photography and children's work in cooking, art and craft.

The number of entries was disappointing, despite publicity of the event some weeks before. The late return of pupils to school after the holidays made it difficult for the schools to organize and prepare in the short time before the Show. They did, however, provide a reminder of the event to parents. Only a few images were submitted despite all the new superb i.phone technology.

We would like to thank our judges – Jim Goodwin, Nick Carter, Phillipa Hallinan, Caroline Williams, Dave Hardman and Windsor Fortt (digital images).

There were a number of prize winners and they are listed below –

VEGETABLES CLASS
Spinks Challenge Cup
Terry Fitzgerald

FLOWERS CLASS
Colin Pugh Shield
Jan Sewell

CULINARY CLASS
Memory Lane Cup
Mary Pearce

CRAFT CLASS
Pearl Assurance Cup
Ruth Jackson

PHOTOGRAPHIC
Imaging 2000 Shield
Windsor Fortt
Digital Images

CHILDREN'S SECTION WINNERS
Sophie Clarke, Branwen Day
and Jenn Forbes

The charity – Tenovus Cancer Care committee were in attendance along with two members of St John Ambulance. Thanks to the Morganstown Village Hall

committee and to the afternoon visitors for their support of this event.

There are discussions going on for a similar event next year following a review of the categories to meet current changes in personal hobbies and interests.

