

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – September 2016

Welcome to our regular Newsletter. We've changed the format. We hope you like it.

The R&M Film Club We start our new season on Thursday 22nd September with a great 'bio-comedy', Eddie the Eagle. Tickets are still available through the usual outlets. We won our bid for new equipment from the British Film Institute so you can now see cinema quality presentations here in Radyr. Experience it yourself! The list of films we are showing is on the right. We are building a mailing list as the first stage in forming a local community run Film Club. The Club will develop to include everyone who is interested in Film, whether as a Film Buff or someone who enjoys a night out at the cinema. Join our Mailing list to keep in touch and make sure you have the dates of our shows in your diary – and, better still, join us at the movies! To sign up to our Mailing List please send us your email address and let us know if you would like to join the Film Club [click here](#).



Films and dates

Eddie the Eagle	22 Sept
L'étudiante et Monsieur Henri	27 Oct
Our Kind of Traitor	24 Nov
Death on the Somme* (Free)	13 Oct 14 Oct

* In conjunction with the R&M Local History Society and the WWI Committee. (See below)

Planning In case you haven't heard it is now definite that the old NatWest Bank site will be developed and reopened as a Co-op store – in February next year we understand. Some people have said that a Co-op will be better than the current Spar. We couldn't really comment on that but it does seem strange that the Planners think it is a good idea to have both. It doesn't feel like anyone is developing a strategy for our shopping centre, does it?

GREEN FLAG COMMUNITY AWARD FOR RADYR WOODS

In July the Friends of Radyr Woods learnt that the Radyr Woods Community Nature Area has been nationally recognised by a Green Flag Community Award.

This Award recognises high quality green spaces in the UK that are managed by voluntary community groups. The Award is part of the Green Flag Award scheme, the national standard for quality parks and green spaces and is managed by Keep Wales Tidy.

As you may know, Radyr Woods is a 14 acre site including mixed woodland, an open field, an iron age hearth (CADW ancient monument), several springs and streams, two ponds and the Hermit Wood Local Nature Reserve. It is part owned, but wholly managed by the Community Council, and for the last 30 years it has been looked after by the Friends of Radyr Woods who operate as 'Wardens', arrange a litter pick rota and maintain the paths, steps, fences and bridges that enable free access to all areas. (except the Hermit Wood at the southern end which, because of its Local Nature Reserve status, should not normally be entered). Several prominent sign boards with maps clearly indicate the various features of the whole area.

We are very pleased that the Woods have received national recognition as a high quality community green space and, as a completely voluntary group, the Friends of Radyr Woods are always seeking new residents to help maintain this amenity for the enjoyment of all. If you would like to know more you can contact the secretary of the Friends of Radyr Woods on 029 2084 4090, or come along to the next 'working party' on **Saturday 24th September**. The 'Friends' gather in the small car park at the south end of Taff Terrace at 9am or you can find them in the woods during the morning.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

One of the Association's Executive Members, Eric Blackwell, is a Youth Exchange Officer for Rotary. He reports as follows:

I have just returned from the International Youth Exchange Conference in Helsinki. There I made contact with Rotary District Youth Exchange Officers from all over the world. The officers arrange Family to Family Exchanges for students between 15 and 17 years old. The students spend up to three weeks with a family abroad and then entertain their new friends in their own home.

Other programmes cater for young people up to the age of 30.

You can read about all Rotary's programmes at

www.youthexchange.org.uk and register your interest for next summer. If you register now you are more likely to get your trip of a lifetime.

For further information, contact Eric – [Click Here](#)



Christmas Tree Lighting This popular annual event takes place this year on **Friday 2nd December**. We are planning all the usual events – lighting of trees in Morganstown, Lychgate Gardens and Windsor Park plus the main lighting of Station Road. We are now taking bookings for people and groups who would like to have a stall at the Fete in Station Road. We don't make a charge for that, but you will need to bring your own gazebo. Get in touch with the Secretary (see below) if you are interested or would just like more information.

WWI WEEKEND

After a successful weekend in June 2015 when the R&M World War 1 Committee organised a highly regarded exhibition to commemorate the Great War, they are about to hold another series of events.

Thursday 13th October 7.30pm and **Friday 14th October at 3pm**, the film **DEATH ON THE SOMME** will be shown on the big screen in the Old Church Rooms, in association with the Imperial War Museum. It is a newly restored black and white film of that conflict. **ENTRY IS FREE.**

Saturday 15th October 7.30pm Christ Church, Radyr. The Radyr & Morganstown Choral Society, orchestra and soloists present **DEATH ON THE HILLS**, a programme of choral and instrumental music by Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Respighi, Rutter and Hubert Parry to Commemorate the Great War. Tickets £5 from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr, or members of the Choral Society.

JASON MOHAMMAD TALKS TO THE RMA

On 19th September, local resident Jason Mohammad gave a great talk to the Association. He spoke about how he got into broadcasting, the lucky breaks he has on the way and the amazing people he has met. He also said how much he enjoys living in Radyr and what a fantastic community we have here! He had also told us earlier that, as he did not drink, he didn't want the usual bottle of whisky but, if we could run to it, a new Maserati would be very welcome. At the end of his talk the Secretary duly presented him with a model of a Maserati!



Next Meeting. Our next meeting, on Monday, 21st November in the OCR will feature Kwai Lee and Wayne Duffin of Chase de Vere who will be talking about Investment Planning. There are many financial issues that affect people at different times of their lives – saving for and buying a house, the cost of having children; if you have spare money how you should invest it, planning for old age, inheritance planning, etc. Come along and quiz them!

If you would like to comment on any aspect of this Newsletter or require further information, then either email the Secretary, Nick Hawkins (rma@radyr.org.uk), or the Chairman, David Silver (rmachair@radyr.org.uk).