

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – November 2016

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

**Entertainment** We have got lots of entertainment planned for you over the coming months. See the panel at the side which has got links to all the productions. The first film, to be shown in the OCR on 24<sup>th</sup> November, is a new John le Carré thriller, 'Our Kind of Traitor'. That is followed quickly by Lighthouse's production of 'Shirley Valentine' in MVH. Further details and tickets can be found at [ticketsource.co.uk/rma](http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma).

Don't forget that 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 a message to [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com) saying you would like to join the Film Club.



### Dates

<a href="#">Our Kind of Traitor</a>	24 Nov
<a href="#">Shirley Valentine (Play)</a>	8 Dec
<a href="#">Anthropoid</a>	26 Jan
<a href="#">The Girl on the Train</a>	23 Feb
<a href="#">A Streetcat named Bob</a>	23 Mar

### RADYR WOODS IS 'THRIVING' SAYS THE RHS 'Its Your Neighbourhood' campaign report

On 4<sup>th</sup> July Radyr Woods was visited by a Wales in Bloom assessor who was shown around our Community Nature Area as part of the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' scheme - effectively a Royal Horticultural Society backed 'Wales In Bloom' for woodlands. After considering factors such as community participation, environmental responsibility and gardening achievement, the Woods scored 80 points out of a possible 100. This earned a classification of 'Thriving', and was only 6 points away from 'Outstanding' - the highest of the 5 categories available. The assessor was particularly impressed with how tidy the Woods were, which she thought was a tribute to the respect shown for the woods by the local community, as well as the maintenance activity of the Friends of Radyr Woods (which includes the litter picker rota to deal with the small amount of litter that is a feature of all public spaces). As time constantly changes both the natural environment and the availability of people to look after it, the need for new volunteers is ever present. If you want to help in any way you feel able to with looking after the Radyr Woods Community Nature Area, please contact the secretary on 02920 844 090.



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to be able to report the safe arrival of Isla Anne Evans and Esmé Kathryn Evans on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Tom Evans, our Vice-Chairman, says he and his wife Beth are beyond thrilled to have the additions to their family. The girls weighed-in at a healthy 5lbs11 and 5lbs10 respectively. Tom says that mother and babies are all doing very well, but sleep is a thing of the past!



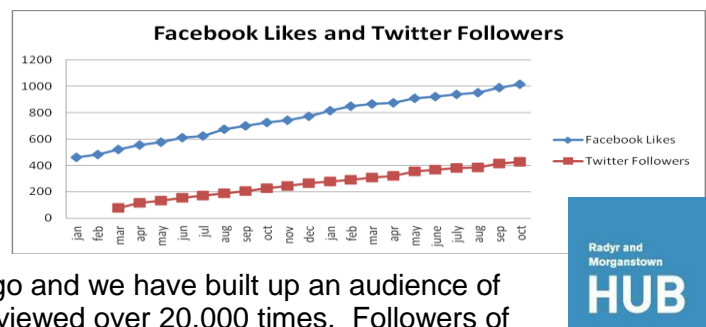
**Christmas Tree Lighting** Not very long now to this popular annual event on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. As usual, the lights on the Christmas trees in Morganstown and Lychgate Gardens will be lit at 6:00pm and in Windsor Gardens at 6:40pm. The lights will be lit in Station Road by **St John Bertie Badger**. Santa will be there in his sleigh to talk to the young children. Burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine will be available from 6:00pm. Many of the shops will be open and there will be lots of stalls selling all sorts of goodies – crafts, gifts, jewellery and much more. St John Cymru, the RMA's charity for the year, will be collecting during the evening. Come along and enjoy the festivities. Entrance is free.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

The R&M Hub following has been moving ahead at a really fast pace. Who would have thought when we launched our Facebook Page exactly three years ago we could have reached 1000 "Likes"? That means 1000 people see all of our posts about events, meetings or news items of local interest.

We launched our Twitter account 20 months ago and we have built up an audience of 425 followers. Each month now our posts are viewed over 20,000 times. Followers of both feeds are still increasing monthly; Facebook by 40% and Twitter by 85% in the last year. Don't miss out; 'like us' on Facebook and/or 'follow us' on Twitter. This is a key way to keep in touch with what is happening or going to happen in Radyr and Morganstown.

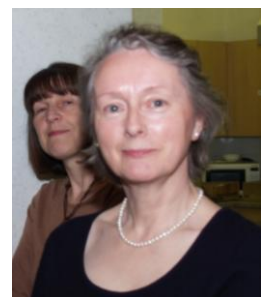


## WOULD YOU LIKE SOME ADVICE ON INVESTMENT PLANNING?

Our next meeting, on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 and also hear an update on R&M matters in general.

## FAREWELL TO HELENA FOX

We note with some sadness the departure of Helena from the post of Clerk to the R&M Community Council; she has decided to take up the equivalent post in Pentyrch Community Council. We have worked with Helena over many years and know how vital she has been to the effective operation of our Community – both generally and in the management of the Old Church Rooms. We will miss her wise council and energy and we wish her well in her new post. Here is a picture of Helena at a recent event. Behind her is the Assistant Clerk, Julie Hopkins.



## CARDIFF COUNCIL CONSULTATION

We thought you would like to know that Cardiff Council is again asking for feedback on their budget proposals for 2017/18. Apparently, they are facing a £76 million budget shortfall over the next three years. Consultation on the budget proposals is now open and will run until midnight on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. You can find all the information about the proposals at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget) and access the online questionnaire at [www.cardiff.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/budgetconsultation). **This is a matter which affects us all so we would like to encourage as many people as possible to respond.**

**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](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk)), or the Chairman, David Silver ([rmachair@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rmachair@radyr.org.uk)).