

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – July 2018

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

FESTIVAL 2018 – FINAL THOUGHTS

Following a very successful 2018 Festival (with over 30 different events and the establishment of a local fund raising group for the Alzheimer's Society Cymru), David Silver, Chair of the RMA, recently presented a cheque for £24,500 to Cheryl George, their Community Fund Raiser. This was the total raised by all groups in the community including the Festival itself, the local fundraising group and all our local schools. Three notable Festival events (the Coffee Morning, the Open Gardens and the Vintage Tea Party) each raised over £1000.

The Festival Committee had a wrap up meeting which gave event organisers an opportunity to review the events, both the highlights and disappointments, and to look forward to the next Festival which will run from Saturday 4th May until Sunday 19th May 2019.

Our charity for 2018-19 is "Action for Children" and their year as our community charity has now commenced. We will be working closely with Nina Rice, their local senior fundraiser, in planning Festival 2019.

If anyone is willing to help with events next year, or has any ideas about any new events, please contact our secretary on rma@radyr.org.uk. Our committee and helpers are not getting any younger, and we do need some new blood, so if you have some time or some new ideas please get in touch!



'THE RADYR TAP'

The new micropub in Station Road has been given Planning Permission (doors must close no later than 23:30) and a licence. Phil Newbold and Rob Maddison, from the Vale of Glamorgan Brewery, say they plan to open towards the end of August. Radyr had been without a pub since 2003 when the Radyr Arms closed and was the only area of Cardiff without one.



Phil, brewery Managing Director, grew up in Radyr so knows the area well. He hopes the The Radyr Tap will become a new community hub, and so do we. More information can be found about VOG Brewery by following this link: www.vogbrewery.co.uk/.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the fund raising committee of Radyr and the Garth in succeeding in raising £30,000 towards the National Eisteddfod to be held this year in Cardiff Bay. When they started off on the task, barely a year ago, it seemed a daunting and impossible task.

The National Eisteddfod will be held in and around the Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay between Saturday 4th and Saturday 11th of August. This year there will be no entry fee to the Field, although some competitions will be ticketed. The Arts and Crafts exhibition will be held in the Senedd. Why not visit? Parking will be difficult so we suggest you use the train – one change at Queen's Street and a shuttle to the bay every twelve minutes.



PLANNING

A quick note to say that the next Plasdŵr 'community drop in session' will be in the New School Rooms on Thursday 6th September from 4pm to 7pm. If you can't make that, there will also be one in Danescourt Primary School on Wednesday 26th September from 3pm to 7pm.

TRAFFIC DISRUPTION

Tuesday 3rd July saw the traffic deliberately disrupted through Radyr and Morganstown. A new organisation, Radyr and Morganstown Residents Group, formed in May comprising residents of Heol Isaf in Radyr and Ty Nant Road in Morganstown, parked thirty cars along the route during the morning rush hour to create a chicane. Average travel time through the two villages rose from 7-10 minutes to 15-20.



The main objective of the group is to draw attention to the fact that Cardiff County Council have introduced no traffic calming measures in Radyr and Morganstown, unlike Llandaff, Whitchurch and Pentyrch, and also that traffic sensors show that more than half the traffic is breaking the speed limit through the two villages. Later this month they will present a petition to Cardiff City Council. Amongst the things they are asking for is the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in certain areas; a proposal agreed upon by the Council but not implemented.

The disruption was undertaken under the supervision of the South Wales Police, who complimented the Group on their organisation and who took the opportunity to book four HGV drivers for breaking the weight restriction through the two villages.



HOT WEATHER AND SECURITY

The summer does seem to be continuing for a while (has your lawn gone brown?) so we are happy to repeat what we put in our last Newsletter – everyone is warned to keep windows and doors locked, especially at night. That open front door (whilst you are in the garden) may provide welcome ventilation through the house but it can also invite in some unwelcome guests...

If you would like to receive alerts such as this directly from our local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator please email d.cargill@ntlworld.com.

FUNDING FOR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Again, as mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are still actively working on how best to distribute the money transferred to us from the now-closed Radyr & Morganstown Choral Society. We recently contacted a number of people, including the schools, asking for ideas and bids for how the money might best be used within the R&M Community. You can download a copy of the letter we sent out by [following this link](#). We have suggested that this might be in support of the purchase of music, or of musical instruments, or possibly to introduce new people to music making, but that is not prescriptive. We have asked for any response to be sent to the Secretary by the end of this September. Do pass this on as necessary.

A FAREWELL TO THE RECTOR

Most members will be aware that Rev Canon Jenny Wigley retired on Sunday, 15th July after 12 years as Rector of the Parish of Radyr. The Parish organised a large party on the day to give thanks for her service to the R&M Community and we wish her all good wishes in her retirement. The appointment of a successor will take a little time (it is technically called an interregnum) whilst the Parish comes under the control of the Area Dean (Rev Michael John, who is Vicar of Pentyrch and Capel Llanilltern) and the Churchwardens.



NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Association is on Monday 24th September when Ian Flower, Managing Director of 'Engineers for Overseas Development' will talk about their work. EFOD delivers aid for needy communities in rural Africa, including water provision. As usual, as well as the talk, we are happy to talk about any matter which is of concern to our members. All that we ask is that, if possible, we have an idea in advance of topics that will be raised. Contact details below.



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).