

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – September 2018

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

The R&M Film Club

Our new season starts with “**Mary Shelley**” on our regular fourth Thursday in the month, 27th September. It is a romantic period-drama set in 1814 during the Regency period. The film is about Mary’s first love and her romantic relationship with the married poet Percy Shelley that was complicated by her stepsister Claire. This episode in her life was the inspiration for Mary to write “Frankenstein”.

In October we have another French language film with English subtitles - **La Belle et La Bête**

(Beauty and the Beast). It is a re-rendered (now in high definition) version of Jean Cocteau’s classic 1946 film. The story is of a gentle-hearted beast in love with a simple and beautiful girl. She is drawn to the repellent but strangely fascinating Beast, who tests her fidelity by giving her a key, telling her that if she doesn’t return it to him by a specific time, he will die of grief. She is unable to return the key on time, but it is revealed that the Beast is the genuinely handsome one. A simple tale of tragic love that turns into a surreal vision of death, desire, and beauty. A treat not to be missed on Thursday 25th October.

The November film is a light-hearted comedy starring Donald Sutherland and Helen Mirren in “**The Leisure Seeker**”. The Leisure Seeker is a ‘recreational vehicle’ or what we would call a ‘motor home’. John and Ella Spencer take one last road trip from Boston to the Hemingway House in the Florida Keys before old age and infirmity can catch up with them. Put the date in your diary – 22nd November.

All the films will be shown in The Old Church Rooms starting at 7.30pm. You can get tickets (£4) locally at Ener chi, from Nick Hawkins and Allan Cook, or online at [TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk).

WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATION

This year, of course, marks the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI. The R&M WWI Committee have been organising events for the last four years and major things are planned for the commemoration of the end of the war in 1918. We understand that a special edition of Radyr Chain will be produced shortly giving full information, but here is a quick foretaste of what is to come; it just so happens that Remembrance Sunday this year actually falls on 11th November.

Remembrance Sunday Road Closure.

The attention of members is drawn to the closure of roads in central Radyr on Sunday 11th November to facilitate the Remembrance Day parade and service at the War Memorial. Heol Isaf from Christ Church to Station Road and Windsor Road and Kings Road from Taff Terrace will be closed from 10.15 to 11.15. Station Road from its junction with Windsor Crescent will be closed for 15 minutes from 10.15 to 10.30. A further closure of about 15 minutes will take place at around 12.15 as the parade returns.

All residents are welcome to attend this evocative event, both in Heol Isaf, where the focus is on a minute’s silence at 11:00, and the following service in Christ Church.



Films and dates

Mary Shelley	27 Sept
Beauty and the Beast	25 Oct
Oh! What a Lovely War*	8 Nov
The Leisure Seeker	22 Nov

* In conjunction with the R&M WWI Committee (see below)



Remembering the Peace.

After commemorating four years of the First World War it will be a pleasure to celebrate the Peace. Elaborate preparations are being planned by the Community Council and the WWI Committee to celebrate the event. The days leading up to 11th November will see a showing of the film Oh! What a Lovely War, with an all star cast including Maggie Smith and Laurence Olivier; a tea in the Methodist Church; a dinner in the Golf Club; and a concert on the Saturday evening, featuring the Radyr Comprehensive School Choir, the City of Cardiff Melingriffith Brass Band and soloists.

Many knitters in Radyr have been working tirelessly to produce poppies which will be laid out around the War Memorial and will cascade down from Christ Church tower. Those who took part in the Great War will be given individual recognition in an exhibition in Windsor Road Park.

Finally all primary schoolchildren will be given a commemorative mug. These will be distributed through the two primary schools. **If you have a child of Primary School age who doesn't go to school in Radyr, please contact the Clerk to the Community Council at clerk@radyr.wales**



Christmas Tree Lighting This popular annual event, which we run jointly with the Community Council, takes place this year on **Friday 7th 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.

STATION ROAD INCREASINGLY A SOCIAL CENTRE

Talking about the lighting ceremony in Station Road prompts us to mention two new places to eat and drink. We mentioned in the last Newsletter that 'The Radyr Tap' had received planning permission and may even be open by the time you read this Newsletter. We should also have mentioned 'Slice' who opened a little while ago where the old sandwich shop used to be. 'Slice' has set itself up as primarily a coffee and cakes outlet and splendid work has been done to create a nice garden atmosphere. We are pleased that these enterprises are opening and, together with Cicchetti, are providing a good social centre for R&M. We believe all will be open during the Christmas lighting ceremony.

COMMUNITY CHARITY 2019/20

Although we are just starting work on Festival 2019 we are starting to look for our community charity for 2019/20 (the Charity year starts in July). All charities are worthwhile causes but we specifically look for a charity who are local, have a local group or have local representatives or connections. There also has to be some degree to which the Association can identify with the charity. They also need to have:

- a. Good publicity capability
- b. 'Notables' available on tap to open the Fete, switch on Xmas lights etc
- c. Ability to field senior personnel at Association events
- d. Be able to find prizes for the Festival Draw
- e. Willingness to be pro-active with bucket collections and raffle ticket selling
- f. Ability to be present at related events, including the Christmas Lighting ceremony
- g. Have the ability to own and run at least one event during May Festival

If you have a charity you wish us to consider please contact Nick Hawkins, the RMA secretary, on rma@radyr.org.uk

FUNDING FOR MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

A reminder that we are looking for bids for spending the money that was given to us by the now-closed Radyr & Morganstown Choral Society. Details of scheme are set out in [this letter](#). Bids need to be with the Secretary by the end of September.



SPEEDING, TRAFFIC AND PLANNING

We note with pleasure that the Community Council have agreed to set up a Road Safety Advisory Subcommittee. The Subcommittee, its terms of reference, work tasks and membership are being formed and will meet soon. This, along with the welcome introduction of 20mph zones around our primary schools, shows that action is at last being taken to try to get things under control.

Having said that, we look with increasing dismay and alarm at the further despoliation of all the countryside on our boundaries. Where once there were fields and hedgerows we now see vast areas just laid bare. We note the pretty visionary pictures put forward by Plasdŵr and we hope – for their and our sakes – that the emerging wider community is as harmonious as is made out. In the meantime, we are all having to suffer the dirt, traffic delays, and inconvenience of a major development; and it will go on for years.

Even more alarmingly, at the last meeting of the North West Cardiff Group (of which the Association is a member), it was reported that the latest map of the proposed South Wales Metro no longer shows a line between Fairwater and Creigiau. This is the line that was planned to go through Plasdŵr. Does that mean that Plasdŵr will never be served by a rail line and all future traffic must inevitably be by road? Questions are being asked.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Visit to Nantgarw. The History Society are planning a visit to the National Museum Stores at Nantgarw. Like most Museums, what is on show in their galleries is only the tip of the iceberg. The National Museum has everything from lampposts to lifeboats – including a fine collection of old cars and buses and railway memorabilia.

The visit is on **Thursday, 20th September** at 2pm, will last about one hour, and is free. If you are interested in coming please contact Allan Cook on 029 2084 3176

GLASS RECYCLING COLLECTION

We were interested in reading the following announcement on the Noticeboard of the R&M Website:

A new scheme for separate recycling of glass is being trialled at some addresses in Radyr from mid-October. Click [here](#) and enter your details. If yours is one of the addresses affected, a message on a coloured background will appear.

The scheme has generated a few comments on the Forum on the Website. If you would like to follow, or contribute to, the discussion, then you can access it directly [here](#).

SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION

We know that a lot of our readers are of a certain age so can we mention that free flu jabs are available to over-65s at Radyr Medical Centre? There are drop-in clinics from 4:00-6:15pm on **17, 19, 24 & 26 September**, or you can phone 029 2084 2767 for an appointment.

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.



We would also like to mention that the following General meeting will be on **19th November**, when our President, Kevin Brennan MP, will be talking to us about the refurbishment of the Palace of Westminster. That will be another fascinating talk so please make sure the date is in your diary.

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).