

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – March 2019

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

### FILM CLUB

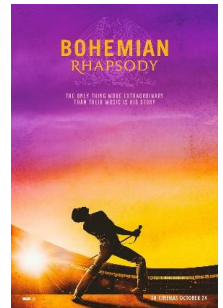
We gave you lots of information about forthcoming films in our last Newsletter and we are pleased to report that attendance has been growing. The final film in the Spring season, on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, is **Bohemian Rhapsody**. Unfortunately (for readers of this Newsletter), we are now sold out at that performance and tickets will not be available on the door. Book early for future shows!



Also as mentioned in our last Newsletter, we will be showing **The Kid (U) (and Associated Shorts)** on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** as part of the R&M Festival. Full details of the film can now be found on the Festival Website [www.rmfestival.org.uk](http://www.rmfestival.org.uk).

Please don't forget that, if you are interested in assisting with the future running of Film Club or have any comments on how you think it could improve then please get in touch with Ian Thomas by emailing him at [RadyrFilms@gmail.com](mailto:RadyrFilms@gmail.com).

Each screening is in the Old Church Rooms starting at 19:30.



### FESTIVAL 2019 - INTRO

We held our last Festival Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The main action was to check on the progress of each event, and we are pleased to report that everything is going very well. The hard copy programme has now been completed and is currently with the printer; a copy will be sent to all homes in R&M with the next edition of the Radyr Chain which will be available early in April. The programme is also now on the Festival Website [www.rmfestival.org.uk](http://www.rmfestival.org.uk) where you will find more details and pictures of all events, and information on where to buy tickets, both online and at the box office. This year, tickets will be available from "The Little Flower Den" on Heol Isaf (at the rear of 2 Station Road – used to be Spar) and we would like to thank them for supporting the Festival. Online tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma) and are already selling well.



We are pleased to report that Plasdŵr have agreed to sponsor our hard copy programme, and Redrow the Festival Website. We will apply those funds to mainly Festival activities. That enables us to free up some funds to purchase much needed new equipment – gazebos, BBQ, tables, etc – and continue mounting successful events in the Community.

As usual, a book of draw tickets will come with the Radyr Chain and the programme. All proceeds from the draw go directly to our charity, Action for Children, so please purchase as many tickets as you can – and persuade your friends to do so as well! It is all in a good cause.

We look forward to seeing you at the events and hope the weather is excellent for all those held outdoors.

### FESTIVAL 2019 – A FEW DETAILS

We know you will be getting all the details in the next Radyr Chain, but we thought we would mention a few items here, just to 'wet your appetite'!

The Festival is book-ended by two choral concerts. On Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Golf Club at 7.30pm Cantorion Creigiau Singers will give a concert from their extensive repertoire. They were so popular last year that a return visit was booked on the spot. And the closing Charity Concert, on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm in Christ Church, will be given by the Amici Choir. This will be their first visit to the Festival, although they sang at Christ Church in February this year and are part of that excellent Choir, Cantemus, who have performed at the Radyr Festival on several occasions.

Several events have a decidedly Welsh flavour. The novelist and television presenter Jon Gower will give a talk entitled 'Living through books', and the television cook and Great British Bake Off finalist Beca Lyne-Perkis will demonstrate from her latest book.



There are two Friday lunchtime concerts at the Methodist Church. The first features singers from Dennis O'Neill's Wales International Academy of Voice. English lyric Soprano Lucy Elstan, and Swedish lyric tenor Stian Økland, will sing popular classics from opera and musicals. The second involves the talented Welsh harpist Eleri Darkins, who will play works by Handel, Haydn, John Field and David Watkins, amongst others.

Will be showing two films – a new print of Charlie Chaplin's silent classic **The Kid**, with a score by Chaplin himself; "A comedy with a smile and perhaps a tear". And, on the final Saturday, a wonderfully funny film version of an Australian production of Gilbert and Sullivan's **The Pirates of Penzance**.

The Fluellen Theatre Company will also be back with another great play, **Night Must Fall** by Emlyn Williams – a classic on the edge of your seat thriller. "A thriller to knock em dead", Daily Mail.



And, **last but not least**, we would like to mention 'Open Gardens Sunday' on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Gill Evans has been running this event for a few years. It raises lots of money for the chosen charity (this year, 'Action for Children') and people love seeing other people's gardens and chatting to the owners. Not everyone has a garden as beautiful as Gill's (see right) but all gardens are of interest – no matter how small or big. There is still time for your garden to be featured in this event – either because you want to show it off or because you might like some advice as to what to do with it! Intrigued? If you are at all interested, contact the Secretary and we will put you in touch with Gill.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be our **AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30pm**. As usual, it will not be a very formal or long meeting and we will make things more palatable by offering a free drink and nibbles after the proceedings. At the meeting we will elect next year's committee. If anyone is interested in joining us (we do have vacancies) or just wants some information about what it involves, please contact the Secretary on [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk). We do not meet very frequently and your input will be hugely valuable.

*If you do not fancy being on a committee, but would like to be involved with the Festival or any of our other events, helping to set up or run a stall etc, please contact the secretary as above.*

### **SPEAKERS**

We are finalising our list of speakers for the coming year and we will be telling you who is speaking when at the AGM. We have two dates left to fill – on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> November. Have you a topic you would like to talk about or a suggestion for a particularly good speaker you have heard? If so, please get in touch. However, please note that we don't offer a fee to our speakers, only a thank-you gift.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

We thought it might be useful to quote a few dates to put in your diaries:

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 7:00pm PACT Meeting.** Old Church Rooms. Come and meet your local police officers and County Councillor to discuss local matters.

**5<sup>th</sup> April 2:00pm. Connect 8-80+** Old Church Rooms. Radyr Primary School once again invite community members and neighbours to join them to chat over tea and cake.

**5<sup>th</sup> April 5:00-6:00 pm. MP & AM Advice Surgery.** Old Church Rooms. First of a regular surgery to be held by Kevin Brennan MP or Mark Drakeford AM.

**9<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am Litter Picking Group.** Equipment and free refreshments provided. Meet at Radyr Library

**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)).