

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – July 2019

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

FESTIVAL 2019

At the final Festival Committee meeting a review was carried out of the events held during this year's Festival 2019. Most events were very successful but a few less so. We will make some changes to next year's Festival (see below) to improve things.

At the end of the review meeting, David Silver, presented a cheque to Nina Rice of *Action for Children* for £12,000, the amount raised by the R&M Community during their year as our Charity.



David making the presentation



2019 Festival Committee

FESTIVAL 2020

Our plans for Festival 2020 were going really well! Our charity for the coming year, *Tenovus*, had started planning events, as had the RMA. Then we heard the news that the UK Government had changed the date of the Bank Holiday and, instead of the traditional Monday May Bank holiday, we were going to have a 'Bank Holiday Friday' on 8th May instead (to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day). Nice to give us some notice! At least we were not being forced into reprinting calendars as has happened to some companies.

Anyway, this has forced some changes to events on our programme. We have decided to start the Festival on Saturday, 2nd May with the Fun Run. This will then lead directly into the prize giving and we will hold the Festival Fete in the grounds of Radyr Primary School (weather permitting). This should lead to a seamless event with Children, Young People, Parents, Grandparents and Carers all being around at the same time as well as giving us a lot more space for stalls etc. This means there will be no parade this year, but we are looking towards a revamped parade in 2021.

The other big change will be on Friday, 8th May itself. We usually hold the Concert in the Parc on the middle Saturday of the Festival but next year we intend to bring it forward a day and hold a '*VE Day Commemoration Concert in the Parc*'. We will have all the usual orchestras, choirs and bands but we plan to get some performers to lead some community singing of WW2 songs, and we will probably extend the event a bit. Hopefully, with support and some funding from the Community Council, we will be able to put this event on jointly with them. Parc Radur is behind Christ Church so we will be able to hear the special bell ringing and participate in the National Toast which is due to take place at 3pm.

Our regular Friday lunchtime concert will be rescheduled to another day.

More details on the Festival and other changes will be included in the next Newsletter

NEW CHARITIES

We always like to get ahead of ourselves and, as mentioned in previous Newsletters, we have been thinking about the Charities we would like to work with following *Tenovus*, our Charity for 19/20. We are therefore delighted to announce that we have resolved to adopt the '*British Heart Foundation*' for 20/21 and '*Headway (Cardiff and South East Wales)*' for 21/22. Most will have heard about the BHF and the work it does in raising awareness of heart and circulatory disease and you will be able to learn a bit more about this topic on 18th November when Dr Barry McDonnell (of Cardiff Metropolitan University) will be talking to us about Cardiovascular Health. You probably know less about *Headway*, which is a small (but still important) charity currently based at Rookwood Hospital, which supports people with acquired brain injury and their families with their emotional and social wellbeing. Both are very worthy charities and you will be hearing much more about their activities over the next couple of years. Incidentally, if anyone is interested in working with either charity even at this early stage, we will be happy to pass on details to the organisers. They are always looking out for more volunteers.

CROWD FUNDING

As mentioned at our last General Meeting, we were very happy to support the Crowd Funding initiative organised by Jamie Grundy to provide additional funding to replace and repair the equipment in the Radyr Park Play Park in Drovers Way. The target was to raise £2500 and £2645 was collected. Well done to all those who contributed. Again as reported at the last meeting, we understand the work to provide the new equipment will start once the underlying drainage problems have been resolved.



ROAD CLOSURES

We have been dutifully publishing on our Website, Facebook and Twitter accounts the details of road closures about to be made in the local area, the most significant being the three-week closure of the Llantrisant Road starting on 22nd July. To put it mildly, the comments made on Facebook and Twitter have been numerous and highly critical of Cardiff Council – and, in our opinion, justifiably so. To be fair, the road works are all necessary but would it not have been sensible (or even polite) to have provided up-front briefing to the local communities, even if the precise dates were not determined? To be given just a couple of days' notice that critical roads (like the one at Ynys Bridge) will be closed (and, incidentally, for that one not to have defined a diversion scheme), borders on ludicrous.

To be frank, we have no confidence that Cardiff Council are really on top of any aspect of local planning now. What a shower.

If you haven't seen the (very pertinent) [comments on these topics](#) on 'The Hub', follow the link.

THE COMPLETE COMMUNICATION PACKAGE FOR THE R&M COMMUNITY

As suggested above, effective communication (both inwards and outwards) is key to the operation of any organisation, project or community. Having taken over the Community Website on 1st June, we think we now have the complete communication package for our local community. It consists of:

The R&M community website - www.radyr.org.uk with 21,000 page views a month. This includes a News section, notices, an RMA section, an events diary and a clubs and societies section.

The R&M Festival website - www.rmfestival.org.uk with full details of events and photos from our annual May Festival. It also has a section on previous Festivals

And, on social media, the **Radyr and Morgantown Hub**

[@RadyrAndMorgantownHub](#) on Facebook with 1800 Followers and 20,000 views a month

[@RMHub](#) on Twitter with 1000 Followers and 35,000 views a month

That's 76,000 views each month of the information we publish.

If you run local community events or have some interesting local news and want us to promote it, then just contact us on events@radyr.org.uk. Providing a poster for events is even better (**and we can put them up on the Station Road Noticeboard**) though not essential. Our aim is to make R&M a great place to live and work and, as we say, we believe communication is at the heart of this.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Talking about communication prompts us to remind people that there is currently a vacancy on the R&M Community Council and they are seeking to co-opt a new member. You can find out more about this by following [this link](#).

FILM CLUB

After a busy spring term culminating with our "Children in Action" special for the May Festival, our Film Club is currently finalising the film choices for our Autumn 2019 season. The full programme will be shared with Film Club members shortly. We do, however, have the dates for your diary, each showing starts at 19:30:



- Thursday 26th September
- Thursday 24th October
- Thursday 28th November

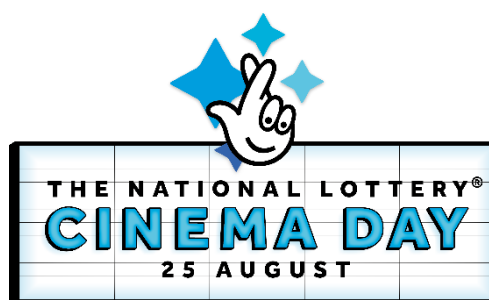
To be the first to know, [join the Film Club Mailing List](#). It costs nothing and ensures you will be the first to hear about our next screenings.

National Lottery Cinema Day is back in 2019! – and this time we are in it

Every time you play the National Lottery you are supporting UK film production, exhibition and innovation, as well as community projects across the country. To say thank you, venues nationwide – including **RMA Film Club** – are inviting you to see a **FREE** film on Sunday, 25th August with your ticket from Saturday 24th August's Lotto.

You can reserve your free adult cinema ticket from Wednesday 21st August at cinemaday.co.uk and our film choice for the day will be published in the usual places shortly. See cinemaday.co.uk for full details including terms and conditions of the offer.

If you don't want to take your chances you'll still be able to book paid tickets for the day in advance at <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma> or on the door as usual.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE?

If you have a bit of time to spare and would like to acquire the ability to play a social game, Radyr Library have asked to tell you that they are starting new course on 19th September. It is a 12-week *Introduction to Bridge* and will be held on Thursday mornings 10-12. The whole course will cost £72. For further information, contact Rachel Oliver, 07827 928810 or racheloliver1@live.co.uk.

NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Association is on **Monday, 23rd September** when one of our Executive Committee, Raymond Rivron (on the right of the picture), will be talking to us about the history of Radyr Woods. It will be a fascinating talk.

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).