

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – September 2019

Welcome to our regular Newsletter.

FILM CLUB

Just to confirm the film choices for our Autumn 2019 season, we will be showing *Fisherman's Friends* (12A) on **26th September**, *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (PG) on **24th October** and *Tolkien* (PG) on **28th November**. All shows are in the Old Church Rooms on Thursdays and start at 19:30, and we have kept our ticket prices at just £4. A few details of each film are below but you can see full details (and purchase tickets) if you go to [TicketSource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Tickets are also available, as usual, from ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins (2084 2561) and Allan Cook (2084 3176).



Why come and see the films at the OCR? The kit we use (picture and sound) is first class. We choose films which you will not find on show in local cinemas. We are very local. We normally serve ice creams at affordable prices – and you are free to bring your own refreshments if you wish! And, to respond to comments that have been made about the venue, **we have just purchased a supply of cushions for the chairs.**

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



This group of ten fishermen from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties.

"A great light hearted comedy" "This is toe tapping, rib tickling, heartwarming fun"

Sir Alec Guinness' hilarious multiple personalities never fail to raise a laugh and we think it'll evoke positive memories of a classic era for British comedy. They don't make them like this any more!



The story of J.R.R. Tolkien shows how his early life experiences later inspire the budding author to write the classic fantasy novels "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings".

Christmas Tree Lighting This popular annual event, which we run jointly with the Community Council, takes place this year on **Friday 6th 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.



FESTIVAL 2020

We now know how we are going to plan next year's Festival in the light of the change of the Bank Holiday date. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, the Fun Run will be on the first Saturday followed immediately by the Fete (hopefully in the Radyr Primary School grounds) and the Concert in the Parc will be on Friday, 8th May (the moved Bank Holiday) and take the form of 'VE Day Commemoration Concert in the Parc'. The Festival Walk will move to Monday, 4th May and will be around Cowbridge, the first lunchtime concert will move from Friday to Thursday, 7th May, Tenovus will be holding a

Fashion Show on Thursday, 14th May and the Jazz Night will be on Friday, 15th May. Other events will, broadly, be as usual, with a Cookery Event, a Festival Play, a Film Night and a final Charity Concert (on Sunday, 17th May) for Tenovus. The first full planning meeting for the Festival is on Thursday, 3rd October. Do contact us (details at end of Newsletter) if you can volunteer to assist in co-ordinating Festival events or have an idea for something new.

IDEAS FOR IMPROVING R&M

A short while ago we asked you, our members, to let us know how any money that might be made available to the R&M Community via 'Section 106' (Planning Gain), or otherwise, should be spent. We had a good response and, rather than respond to every idea submitted, we summarised the ideas in a report which we sent to the R&M Community Council for amalgamation with the ideas they had accumulated. We have placed a copy of that report on the R&M Website and you can [look at it here](#). The Community Council have not yet told us about their ideas but we know that they will be submitting a prioritised list to Cardiff Council, which we do hope will be made public.

PLASDŴR AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

In our last Newsletter we were very critical of Cardiff Council for the late notification of road closures and the difficulties they were causing for the local population. We regret to say that things have not got much better with road closures still being notified, albeit not quite so late. Things came to a head on Thursday, 29th August when the badly managed installation of three-way lights at the junction of Heol Isaf and Llantrisant Road caused complete chaos. The comments on both our Facebook (Hub) and Twitter accounts were numerous and exceedingly critical (it was the biggest ever interaction on these accounts with over 12K 'hits').

We asked Plasdŵr for a meeting to make it clear that R&M residents were fed up with the on-going traffic chaos and to get their assurances that things will genuinely get better. At that meeting we pointed out to them that some people had commented on the Hub that they were so fed up with all the road works and traffic delays, for which they saw no end for years to come, that they were now selling their 'dream homes' and moving elsewhere. To be fair to Plasdŵr, they told us that they had planned their road works (which required the three-way traffic lights) to take place during the school holidays but Cardiff Council had insisted on closing the Llantrisant Road for three weeks to do drainage works. They are also hugely aware of local fury and are trying hard to minimise any disruption that can be avoided.

Katie Powis, the Community Liaison Manager for Plasdŵr, will be present at our next General Meeting on 23rd September (see below) should anyone want to raise the issue then, but we do not want it to dominate the meeting. She is happy to respond if people wish to contact her direct (07741 194199 or katie.powis@plasdwr.co.uk) and she will also be present at the next 'Drop in sessions' Plasdŵr are holding on **Wednesday, 25th September at Fairwater Leisure Centre, 4-7pm** and **Thursday, 17th October at Llandaff Parish Hall, 4-7pm**.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSULTATION

To talk a little more about Plasdŵr, we have been told about a consultation session which will take place shortly. As part of the planning agreement for Plasdŵr, a new primary school is being provided by the site developer to serve this first phase of the development, the wider area and some future housing developments that have also been planned. It is proposed that the new school will be two form entry, with two language streams, organised as one form of entry Welsh-medium (30 places per year group) and one form of entry predominantly English-medium, with significant use of Welsh (30 places per year group). That means there would be 420 primary school places in total. There will also be 48 part-time nursery places for the Welsh-medium stream and 48 part-time nursery places for the English-medium stream. The proposed changes would take effect from September 2021.

Cardiff Council would like people to know how to find out more about what is being proposed and how to express their views on it, and are therefore setting up consultation sessions. The next session is a public meeting being held in **Radyr Comprehensive School on Monday, 30th September 6:30-8.00pm**. If you can't attend that session, or would like to know more in advance, then more information is available by [following this link](#) on the Cardiff Council website.

PARC RADUR PLAY AREA

We mentioned in the last Newsletter our pleasure that a successful Crowd Funding initiative had raised sufficient money to replace and repair the equipment in the Parc Radur Play Park in Drovers Way. We also reported that the work to provide the new equipment will start once the underlying

drainage problems have been resolved. We are therefore very sad and shocked to hear at a recent meeting that that drainage work might not be completed before the middle of next year because Cardiff Council do not have enough money in this year's budget to carry it out. We sincerely hope our Council representatives will find a way of bringing this work forward to allow the new play equipment to be in place much earlier than late 2020. Local residents have put in their own money to provide a much needed facility and it is disgraceful that funds are not being made available to allow the work to proceed quickly. What sort of encouragement is that for people to contribute in future?

R&M WEBSITE

A short note to say that we have been working hard on your Community Website, <http://radyr.org.uk>, since it came under our full control. We have now changed the 'look and feel' slightly and are busy making sure all the content is fully up to date. Do have a look at it and let us know if you spot anything wrong or missing by contacting us on web-team@radyr.org.uk. We also want to make the site more vibrant but we can only achieve that if you keep us informed of what is happening in our local area. Please send any news, article or photo submissions to the above address. There will be more on this topic in the next edition of Radyr Chain.

OLD CHURCH ROOMS BOOKING SYSTEM

A quick reminder that, from 1st September, bookings for the Old Church Rooms moved to the new Community Council website where they are being managed via the Hallmaster System. If you follow [this link](#) it will take you straight to the relevant page where you can read about the system, check room availability and make bookings.

MORE ALERTS!

We know that quite a few of our members are of a certain age so can we highlight that, if you have a bus pass, **it will need to be renewed before the end of the year**. Existing passes will expire on 31st December 2019. If you want to know more about this, then look at this [Transport for Wales web page](#).

We have been in touch with the Radyr Medical Centre about flu jabs. Apparently some of the vaccines are in but the dates for the drop-in clinics have not yet been set. We will send out a message once we know when they are.

One of our members has asked us to remind those who have a hedge alongside a pavement to make sure that it is trimmed back and not blocking the pavement; this is actually an offence. This member has sent the Community Council a list of those hedges that force walkers onto the road – one on a dangerous corner – and believes it has been forwarded to Cardiff Council. The rule is if you have a hedge there are two sides to it and you must ensure that the side next to the pavement is not obstructing the pavement. You have been warned!

NEXT MEETING

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, 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.

We would, though, like to take this opportunity to say something more about Ray. We are more than sad to say that he and Marilyn have decided to leave Radyr and move near Hereford to be nearer family. He will be a great loss, not just to the

Association, where his amazing ideas and practical skills have added so much to many events, but also Radyr Woods, where he has been a driving force for over 20 years, and also the Twinning Fellowship, of which he is currently the chair. He says, though, that he will still be involved with the Jazz Group 'Cube' which will be performing again in Festival 2020. Thank you, Ray, for all the work you have done for R&M whilst you have lived here. You will be greatly missed.

Of course, that does leave a vacancy on the Association Executive. Any volunteers?

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).

