

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – January 2020

**Welcome** to our regular Newsletter. Are we allowed to say 'welcome to a new decade'? We understand that some people dispute when a decade starts! Whatever the case, we note that this is the tenth year of the Association producing these Newsletters (the first was in November 2010). Should you have the urge to look back on what we have said over the years, they are all on our website – [just follow this link](#).

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

A quick report back on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Everything, thank goodness, went as planned, although it was a bit wet during the set up. All the main trees were lit on time, with suitable carol accompaniment. Leona Vaughan did a splendid job turning on all the lights in Station Road, and Mickey Mouse even made an appearance. As ever, it was a lovely Community and Family occasion and there were a number of helpers around to make things go smoothly – thanks to all of them. If you would like to read more about the event, do have a look at the [News Item](#) we put on our website.



We need to add that, over the Christmas Period, the magnificent sum of £3200 was collected for Tenovus, our community charity for this year. Many thanks go to the two local primary schools, Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary, who between them collected £2500 at their Christmas Concerts. The rest was collected at the Christmas Lighting Event. Thanks go to all who contributed to such a worthwhile cause.

### FILM CLUB

We are extremely sorry that we had to pull out of our first showing of the year (it would have been on 25<sup>th</sup> January) due to a clash of dates and problems with the OCR Booking system. However, we are delighted to tell you that we have three films booked February – April, see below. All will be on Thursdays, as usual, in the Old Church Rooms starting at 7:30pm and tickets remain at £4. You can purchase tickets from [TicketSource](#) (where you will find full details of the films), and also from ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins (2084 2561) and Allan Cook (2084 3176). Don't forget, we now have **a supply of cushions for the chairs**.



The film's are:

#### **Downton Abbey (PG), 27<sup>th</sup> February.**



If you have loved the TV series, you will love this movie. The same characters (Maggie Smith is still there gently twisting the knife), and the move to the big screen is stunning.

#### **Judy (12A), 26<sup>th</sup> March.**



The tale of Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) in London in 1968. Renée Zellweger is reportedly superb as Judy and won a Golden Globe award for the best Performance by an Actress in a Motion Picture – Drama, and the film has been nominated for many other awards, including two Oscars.

#### **The Current War (12A), 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

If you are fan of Benedict Cumberbatch (Sherlock and much else), have heard about Thomas Edison, and like a tale of industrial tussles, this film is for you. Set in the 1880s and 1890s the film tells the true story of how America led the way to the adoption of alternating current for electricity supply, as opposed to direct current. Westinghouse and Tesla (Elon Musk stole the name) feature – a true clash of titans.



## SCAM PHONE CALLS

Can we mention those annoying phone calls? A number of our members have been receiving calls, allegedly from Amazon Prime, about an incorrect charge on your bank account – “press 1” to get a refund. If you do, you will be asked for all your bank details and lose a lot of money. Just hang up. You could report it to [actionfraud](#) but they know all about it already.

## FESTIVAL 2020

This year's event schedule is now complete with 32 events taking place between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will soon be starting to put the hard copy programme together and make the 2020 Festival website live with details of all events.

The Festival starts on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May** with a combined Fun Run/Fete based at Radyr Primary School. With the use of some school buildings, the tarmac play area, and the large playing field behind, this gives us much more space to have lots more stalls and many activities. We are already thinking about bouncy castles, slides, an infant play area, and even a mini-disco! The Fete will start at 11:00am, an hour earlier than previously, when the Fun Run (a new route this year) will be started by a celebrity chosen by Tenovus. There will be teas, coffees, bars, BBQs and a number of displays and other activities – possibly even a tug-of-war. Come early, stay late, and enjoy a great event. Please get in touch with the Secretary ([rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk)), if you would like a stall at the event.

On **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** we will be holding our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary VE day commemoration *Concert in the Parc*. As an addition to our normal event we have booked Kitty's Music who will be singing some WW2 era songs in the afternoon and we also expect to have a roving saxophone group who will be entertaining our audience between performances. They will be in 30s/40s period costume.

Dates for Festival Ambassador Auditions are being finalised and details of the role and dates will appear on the R&M Hub and our community website, [www.radyr.org.uk/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/), as soon as they are fixed.

The final programme, with details of all events, should go live on our website in February and hard copies will be delivered to every household as usual with the Radyr Chain. Plasdwyr have kindly agreed to sponsor the Festival Programme again this year which should allow more funds to go to our charity, Tenovus.

Tickets for our events will again be available locally from Little Flower Den and on line via [TicketSource](#).



## BUS ROUTE 63

Cardiff Bus are introducing a new route 62 bus going along the Llantrisant Road to Rhydlafar. Their notice says there would also be some changes to the 63 to R&M.

Basically, what they are doing is removing one 63 every hour during the daytime so we will only have two an hour instead of three, and introducing the 62 running one an hour instead. What they do not say is that Stagecoach already run the 122 along the same road and there are already four an hour. Why do we need five buses an hour along that small stretch of road? Reducing the 63 by 1/3 will mean half hourly waits and up to one hour if one does not run. From comments from residents, this is not that unusual.

It was only announced on 8<sup>th</sup> January as is being introduced on 27<sup>th</sup> January – we can only assume to give people little time to comment. For information, the new timetable can be found at [this link](#) and you might like to view or join in the discussion on our [Facebook page](#).

We also noticed that there were many bus routes around Cardiff running on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. In fact they appear to run to all populated areas, except of course R&M where there was no 63 service at all. Cardiff Bus say that it is voluntary for drivers to work those days and they only cover major routes but they still seem to manage to run everywhere else except R&M.



## 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR R&M

We are sure that most R&M residents will be aware of the recent work being done by local residents to establish a 20mph limit over much of the R&M area. Cardiff Council have just issued their proposals, which you can look at via [this link](#). The only significant area not included will be Clos Parc Radur. The proposals are open for comment and the linked document states how these can be submitted. **The closing date for responses is midnight on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January.**



## PLASDŴR

A number of people have asked us about the rather big hole that has been excavated just off the roundabout at the junction of Heol Isaf with the Llantrisant Road. We asked Plasdŵr about it and they reported that it is part of the surface water drainage solution for Redrow Parc Plymouth (part of) and Bellway Homes. It is referred to as an 'attenuation basin' within which surface water from rain events will collect on site, and be channelled via pipes towards this basin where it will be collected and discharged to the public sewer at an agreed rate. Impressive, though.



Things seem, thank goodness, to have quietened down on the traffic delays around this junction and on the Llantrisant Road. However, if you are still concerned or intrigued about what is going on, the Plasdŵr team have organised an open drop in session for the public in the New Schoolrooms on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**, which will run from 4.00pm to 6.45pm, and a second drop in session will be held at St Fagans Village Hall on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Come along and get answers to all your questions.

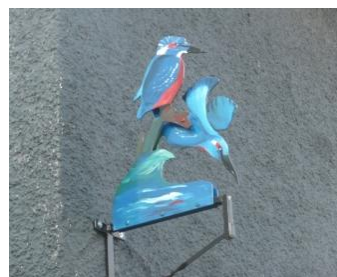
## COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION

It has been announced by the Returning Officer that there is to be an election of a Community Councillor for Morganstown Ward of the R&M Community Council on **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**. Official notices relating to this election can be seen on the [Election pages of the Cardiff Council website](#), but we are delighted to note that one of the Association's Executive Committee, Allan Cook, has opted to stand (as an individual, not representing the Association, we must add). The other contender is Michelle Lenton-Johnson. This is the first election for places on the Community Council for quite a few years and we hope that many people will take the opportunity to vote (although this is confined to people who live in Morganstown Ward). If you are not a registered voter, then applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at County Hall by 5pm on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January**.

## SPAR AND STATION ROAD

We are not (honestly) in the business of spreading rumours but does anyone really know what is going to replace Spar? People are saying that it is going to be taken by the Co-op in some way, but that remains a rumour as far as we are concerned. If anyone has the facts, please let us know and we will happily publicise them.

Whilst we were putting up the Christmas trees in Station Road at the beginning of December, we mentioned to one of our helpers the flower basket holders that were installed in 2011. Despite having lived in the area for a while, he hadn't noticed them, but was amazed when they were pointed out. For those who don't remember, they were installed as part of the refurbishment of Station Road. They were paid for by Cardiff Council but designed by local artist Keith John. They depict 'creatures of the Taff Trail'; here are pictures of just two of them. Have a look when you are next in Station Road – you will be amazed too. The flower baskets will be re-installed in May, by the way. We buy them from a nursery but they are paid for by the Community Council.



A couple of events you might like to note...

## MURDER, MYSTERY

Do you have what it takes to solve a murder? Join the Tenovus Cancer Care Committee (this year's nominated Charity) for an evening of mystery, plus a delicious supper – Morganstown Village Hall on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7:30pm. Tickets are £18 to include supper – contact 2084 2096 or 2040 1872. Make up a table!





### **LITTER PICK**

On **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> January** at 10:00am come along to the Library in Park Road and join a 'Community Litter Pick'. After the 'pick' around the local streets, refreshments will be served both to warm everyone up and there will also be a discussion about how a community group might be formed to make it a regular event. This is a really worthwhile activity – both keeping our community neat and tidy and getting a bit of exercise at the same time. All equipment (gloves, pickers etc) are provided. If you would like more information, do contact Gareth Davies, [gareth.davies@keepwalestidy.cymru](mailto:gareth.davies@keepwalestidy.cymru), or 07824 504809.

We would also like to point out that this is just one of an increasing number of events being put on by our ever-active local library. Do keep a watch on our events diary and local posters for things that might interest you.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next General Meeting of the Association is in the Old Church Rooms on **Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February** when our guest speaker will be local resident Chris Dale. He is calling his talk "**Raiders of the Past**" – how archaeological treasures ended up far from the places where they were initially discovered. War, illicit digging and dealing, and the desire of collectors to own a piece of the past have all contributed, often controversially, to the relocation of ancient artefacts. Be assured, it will not be a heavy classical treatise; "I don't do boring", says Chris and anyone who has experienced his quizzes and other entertainments that he has organised over many years will appreciate this will be no ordinary 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](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk)), or the Chairman, David Silver ([rmachair@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rmachair@radyr.org.uk)).