

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – April 2020

We normally publish this Newsletter every two months but these are not normal times. We thought it might just be useful to remind everyone where we are, where you can get information, and invite you to give us some feedback.

Helpful Numbers

Sue Baskerville of Radyr Library has asked us to share the following useful numbers for people in the community:

Meals on Wheels	20 537080
Benefit Advice	20 871071
Independent Living Services	20 234234 (Wide range of information, advice and support for elderly and disabled)
Cardiff Family Advice and Support	03000 133133 (Information, advice and assistance for children, young people and their families)
Housing Options	20 570750 (If you are homeless or under threat of becoming homeless)
Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	20 536490 (If you think a child is at risk, not being looked after properly or you have concerns about their welfare)
Independent Age	0800 319 6789

Please tell us if you know of other numbers which might be of use to others and we will feature them on our website etc.

Rubbish Collections

In case you got caught out with the collection on Monday, can we remind everyone that black bins and green recycling sacks will now be collected every week and the contents of food caddies should be included in the black bins. Food caddies will **not** be collected. You might also like to know that green recycling sacks are available from the Co-op in Station Road.

Can you help?

A community group is aiming to coordinate a list of people willing to help others during the virus pandemic period and meet local needs. The group already has over 100 volunteers registered as well as links to existing local groups and support services. To read about the scheme, and register your willingness to help, [please follow this link](#).

Community
Radyr and Morganstown



The Co-op, McColls and the Chemist in Station Road still have stocks of the original postcards which you can use to alert households that may be at risk that there is help available. If you are aware of a specific need near you that you cannot help with yourself please send an email to Community-Help@radyr.org.uk and our volunteer coordinators will work to match volunteers to requests. Alternatively, **Rev'd Vicki Burrows is willing to act as phone contact point for anyone who needs help or is confused at this time.** She can be found on 029 2084 2417 or 07515 965781.

Local facilities

We have set up our website, www.radyr.org.uk, to provide headline information on matters of interest, including which shops are open, providing deliveries, etc. *If anyone knows of local shops or facilities that are providing useful services, please let us know and we will add them to the list.* We are aware there is quite a bit of confusion over where items can be purchased so this is an opportunity to keep everyone up to date. And, apart from looking at our website from time to time, please register with our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts where we can tell you immediately about important news.

Radyr Chain

We have assisted in the distribution of the latest edition of Radyr Chain, primarily because of the important message it contains on the front page concerning the Coronavirus situation. It also confirms

the sad news of the postponement of the May Festival. If you did not get a copy, or would like to show the contents to someone else, we have arranged for this edition to be placed immediately [on our website](#). And, if you want to while away a little time, you can even browse editions back to 2009!

Keeping the children amused

A member of our Executive Committee runs a company called 'Party Wales'. He was going to provide all the bouncy castles and similar entertainment at the Fete at the beginning of the May Festival. He has, however, come up with a lovely idea. He says:

Hello people of Radyr, I've been thinking over the past week of how difficult it must be for families with little ones during this time to keep them entertained and thinking what I could do to spread a little joy. Then a thought hit me... I could do my daily exercise of walking the village in some of my mascot outfits. So, I want to bring to your attention that in the coming evenings we will be in a street near you (in-line with public health advice).



We will be bringing Mickey Mouse this evening (1st April) to the following streets from 6pm - Fisher Hill Way, Junction Terrace and De Clare Drive and surrounding streets.

All we ask you to do is get the kids to make a Disney poster (during the day) to say that they want a wave from us. We will announce what mascot will be out each day so they can get creative (and be kept busy). Please feel free to take photos, cheer and wave from your windows or door steps, but please do not approach us. This is to bring a little cheer to the kids (and big kids) in lockdown.

We will put the schedule on the Hub and on the website. **Please send us** (to rma@radyr.org.uk) **any good photos and we will make up a gallery.**

Stay safe, wash your hands and look out for some Disney magic!

Finally, if you would like to support a very worthwhile cause raising funds for the staff at the Heath Hospital, then please [follow this link](#).

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).