

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – May 2020

We continue our more frequent issuing of our Newsletters, just to keep everyone aware of what is going on. Boris Johnson is due to address the nation on Sunday, possibly giving details of how we can all start to move forward – although this may be slightly different in Wales. We sincerely hope we can start to live normally soon.

VE celebrations

Just at the moment it is sometimes difficult for some of us to remember what day it is. But we do know that tomorrow is a bank holiday and we would have been having a special VE75 version of our Concert in the Parc, almost the midpoint of the May Festival. We remain gutted that everything has had to be cancelled or, hopefully, postponed. We know that a number of you are organising special events to mark the occasion anyway (do keep safe) and we hope those go well – and take some photos (see next). However, there is a serious side to the celebration and you may like to know that Rev'd Vicki Burrows has recorded a [short \(20 minute\) service](#) to mark the day. **If you start watching it at 10:40 you can join in with the two minute silence being organised by the Royal British Legion at 11:00.**

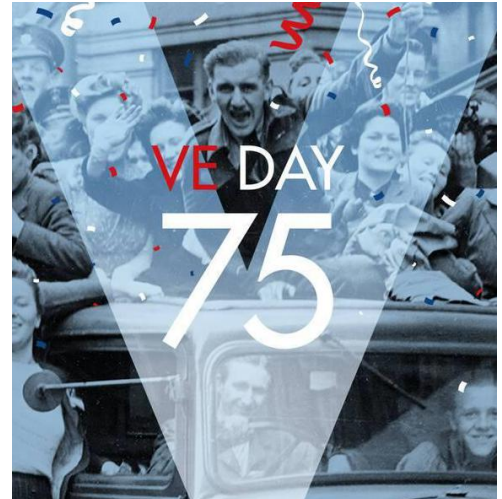


Photo Competitions

We hope you are still taking photos under our latest challenge '**how we spent the lockdown**'. The VE celebrations do, of course, come under that heading so tomorrow may give a number of photo opportunities. Incidentally, the photos should be sent to photos@radyr.org.uk, and not the email address quoted in our last message (to do with green bin collection). That had the address as 'radyr.or.uk', which was just a silly typo. Many apologies! **However, if you have sent some photos to that email address, they may have disappeared into the ether.** Please send them to us again. We will be closing the competition on 20th May.

Life carries on

Congratulations to Bryn Deri School, who have been 'carrying on regardless' by having a virtual VE Festival as part of their work at home. Entries for the art and poetry competitions have been received from all classes and they have just been putting up poems and art on the school gates – go and have a look at the entries if you are having a walk in the area. There will also be a virtual choir tomorrow jointly with Radyr Primary.



Local facilities

Again a reminder to keep a watch on our website, www.radyr.org.uk, where we have put headline information on matters of interest, **including which shops are open, providing deliveries, etc.** This is changing constantly (Cicchetti are now open for takeaways Tues-Sat, for instance) and things may change again after Sunday's announcement. We also put regular updates on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts where we can tell you immediately about important news. The hanging baskets (paid for by the R&MCC) will be going up at the end of May, which will be good. Here is a picture from a previous year.



Community Help and Support

Don't forget that Community has a group of local volunteers, ready, willing and able to help anyone who needs it. If you think Community can assist you then either e-mail Community-Help@radyr.org.uk or phone **07513 187 930** and volunteer coordinators will work to match volunteers with requests.

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Radyr and Morganstown



Radyr Chain

The current proposal is to produce an electronic version of the June edition of Radyr Chain. If you have any interesting stories, photographs, observations, or anything else you think would be of interest, please send them [via email to Allan Cook](#). There will naturally be a focus on what people have been doing during the lockdown, notably to help others, but any other topic will be welcome.

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).

Two more VE75 pictures:

