

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – June 2020

We continue our more frequent issuing of our Newsletters, just to keep everyone aware of what is going on and let you know what we are planning.

Charities

As we are sure you know, our current nominated Charity is *Tenovus Cancer Care* and, in normal times, we would currently be planning for our final meeting of our fundraising year at which we would present them with a cheque for the amount of money raised by the Radyr & Morganstown Community. However, these are not normal times. We had to postpone the May Festival and it currently looks like there is little chance of holding some delayed Festival events later in the year, as we had hoped. Because only a relatively small amount of money has been raised so far for Tenovus (around £2500, mainly from local schools and last year's Christmas Tree Lighting) we have decided to retain Tenovus as our Charity for a further year. The coming year is highly unpredictable and we feel safer working with an existing local committee than starting with the next planned Charity and having a poor result. We will pass the money we have received so far for Tenovus on to them very soon.

As a result our next community supported charities will now be:

- 2020-21: Tenovus;
- 2021-22: Headway;
- 2022-23: British Heart Foundation.



Future Activities

We very much regret that we do not know when we will be able to resume our normal activities – General Meetings, Film Club, even the Christmas Lighting event. You know we have not yet held our AGM and, if and when we can hold a General Meeting, we will look to cover some of the AGM business then so that it has not been completely missed. In the meantime all Association Exec members remain in post ([see our website](#) for details). We are looking into what the RMA can do to help meet its objective, making Radyr & Morganstown a great place in which to live and work, in these unusual times.

In particular, we are looking at hosting some virtual meetings in the Autumn should it not be possible to meet physically in our usual way. We will also start the planning for Christmas Lighting but in the expectation that we may only have the lights (and trees) in Station Road – plus trees at the other three locations as usual (Windsor Gardens, Granny Park and Lychgate Gardens) which are provided by the R&MCC – and no actual ceremony.

We are, though, thinking of things we could do now, to keep everyone involved and active – and even raise some money for Tenovus. Here are some of our ideas:

- Running the (Tenovus) Festival Quiz as an on-line event.
- Ask households over the summer to make an object using recycled materials (visible from the pavement). Fun for the whole family and we could organise a walk to show them all off.
- Document a number of local walks. We are aware that many of you have discovered some nice routes over the last few months. Do tell us about them.
- Originate a fund raising exercise – such as a virtual cycle ride or a virtual walk/run to St Philbert.

Please let us know what you think about those – and also let us know if there is something else you would like us to do. How about a Treasure Hunt or a Geo-caching exercise? It needs to be fun, topical and, ideally, involve the whole family.



Photo Competitions

Thank you to all the people who responded to our two competitions. We had quite a few entries and the winning ones were awarded with bottles of wine. You can see a copy of all the second competition entries [on our website](#) and here is the one that came second.

Incidentally, we are always on the lookout for pictures of Radyr & Morganstown to put on our website. Today's pictures are tomorrow's historical interest. If you would like to explore the Gallery, [follow this link](#) and, within that, there is a section on [old Radyr & Morganstown](#). Have a browse!



Local facilities

Can we repeat the 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 (e.g. Cicchetti are now open for takeaways all week and The Radyr Tap has also opened for takeaways Wed-Sat). 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) did go up at the end of May, as promised.

Please let us know if you hear of local facilities that we should be telling others about.



The announcements made by the First Minister on Friday, 19th June concerning the opening of shops and even churches (for private worship) will bring a lot of changes. We will update the website and social media (as above) as soon as we have firm details.

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 Chain

Congratulations to the 'Chain Gang' in producing an on-line version of the Radyr Chain. If you haven't seen it, you can view and/or download a copy by following [this link](#). Interestingly, we know that around 1,500 people have downloaded the file, which is a good proportion of local households.



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).