

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – August 2020

This Newsletter is both an update and a brochure for the Mini-Autumn Festival starting on 18th September.

General Meetings

We were delighted to welcome Emeritus Professor Ron Eccles as the speaker at our very first General Meeting held via Zoom on 10th August. You should have seen the minutes of the meeting we sent out after the meeting (and they are also available [on our website](#) if you missed them). Also, because this was a Zoom meeting, we were able to record Ron's talk. You can access that recording via the News item [on our website](#).



We were very encouraged by the response to our first Zoom session – the recording has already been viewed over 100 times. As it seems likely that we will be unable to hold physical meetings for some time we are now planning further meetings via Zoom, with the first on 5th October, starting at 7:30pm. The speaker at that meeting will be Jamie Grundy (left), who will be talking about his book '90 Minutes of Freedom'. Jamie, who only recently moved from Radyr, may be best known to us as a main driver towards the establishment of 'The Radyr Tap'. He has run numerous community projects and has worked with serving prisoners on several projects in

all six of the Welsh male prisons. His book is about the only prisoner football team in Wales in HMP Prescoed. It was a year-long project that he says taught him a great deal about writing, being an author and the world of self-publishing.

Local Shops and Christmas

Throughout the pandemic we have aimed to keep everyone informed about which shops are open via the Top Box on our website. In case you haven't noticed, most shops are now trading almost normally and we are very grateful for those that were able to keep open for the whole time. They provided an essential service for the period when people were either isolating or could not travel far, and coped magnificently with the difficult circumstances – sometimes not always respected by customers. We thank them all for their efforts. As things are still not quite 100%, if you want to know the current state of our local traders, visit the [website directory](#) which we are keeping up to date as information comes in.

We have a scheduled date for our Christmas Lighting – 4th December – but we can't yet say exactly what will be happening. We will be putting up the trees in Station Road as usual and the R&M Community Council is arranging for the erection of the three main trees (in Windsor Gardens, Lychgate Gardens and Morganstown) and the festoons across Station Road. As it again seems unlikely that significant social gathering will be permitted by December, we are not currently planning on stalls, BBQ, Father Christmas etc in Station Road. However, if circumstances do change, we will be able to put on a limited event at quite short notice.

Bus Timetable

Cardiff Bus have issued a new timetable for the 62/63 from 1st September – [see here for details](#). (Note that, following representations, we understand the schedule will change with the 8.13 bus leaving at 8am because pupils could not get to Radyr Comprehensive School by the starting time.)

Mini Festival

Plans for our 'mini-Autumn Festival' are now firm and overleaf you will find the brochure. Do join in with as many events and competitions as you can, and have fun – whilst keeping safe.

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).



Autumn Festival for Radyr & Morganstown
18th – 27th September 2020
(in support of Tenovus Cancer Care)



Pre- Festival event: 13th September at 2:00pm.

Tenovus walk. A sponsored 'social distancing walk' of 4-5 miles around Radyr and Rhydlafer, starting and finishing at 11 Park Road, Radyr. Entry fee £5, with refreshments at the end of the walk. For sponsorship forms and more details, ring 029 2040 1872 or email fotradyr@gmail.com

Festival events:

Throughout the Festival

Activity Trail. Follow a trail to discover interesting facts about Radyr & Morganstown. Download the map [from our website](#) (available from 18th September). Free entry

Festival Story times Download videos of stories for youngsters [from our website](#) (available from 18th September).

Evenings from 18th September

Mickey, Minnie, Elsa and friends will be visiting Radyr & Morganstown again. Please do take photos, cheer and wave from your windows and door steps as they tour the area but please don't approach them and remember to keep your social distance. As their appearance is dependent on the weather, the exact schedule and routes will be posted [on our website](#) throughout the Festival week.

Saturday & Sunday, 19th and 20th September

Local walk to see the Junk Challenge entries (see below). Download the route [from our website](#) (available 18th September). Free entry

Thursday, 24th September, 7.30pm.

Tenovus Quiz (via Zoom). Tickets £5 from Rosanne Holmes 029 2040 1872. Please form teams of eight. Help will be given to form teams if needed.

Saturday, 26th September, 10-11.30am

Festival Afternoon Tea Workshop via Zoom. Learn how to make and bake a variety of delicious items for tea. Book via: <https://cook-stars-cardiff-north-and-west.class4kids.co.uk>
£10 per household.

Saturday, 26th September, 4.45-6.15pm

Family Cook Along via Zoom. Learn how to make Teriyaki Chicken Noodles and a Vanilla & Chocolate Cheesecake Book via: <https://cook-stars-cardiff-north-and-west.class4kids.co.uk>
£10 per household.

Sunday, 27th September, 7.30pm

Audio-Visual evening via Zoom. See photos and videos of past Festivals and hear the results of the Festival Competitions. Log-on details will be on our [website](#) and [Facebook pages](#). Free entry

Competitions

Garden Photo Competition

A digital photo competition of local gardens and features. See [our website](#) for details. The images should be sent to photos@radyr.org.uk by midnight on **Friday 18th September**.

Junk Challenge

Construct an item from Junk (e.g. paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, metal, fabric) on one of three themes – Wildlife, a favourite book, or transport. See [our website](#) for details.
All entries need to be in place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th September.

Video Competition

Create your video – a maximum of 60 seconds each. We are looking for short videos with imagination and fun that are suitable for the whole family to watch, based on the same themes as the Junk Competition. See [our website](#) for details.
Entry forms need to be submitted by midnight on Thursday 24th September.