

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – OCTOBER 2020

General Meetings

We were delighted to welcome Jamie Grundy as the speaker at our General Meeting held via Zoom on 5th October, when he spoke about his book '90 Minutes of Freedom'. 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 Jamie's talk. You can also access that recording [on our website](#). His book is about the only prisoner football team in Wales in HMP Prescoed and he highlighted the plight of the team who had been refused permission to rejoin Gwent Central League after many years. Being Jamie, he had started a petition to overturn this ruling and we are delighted to report that, just recently, the appeal has been successful and the team has been readmitted to the League.



Our next meeting, again via Zoom, will be on Monday, 16th November, starting at 7:30pm. The speakers at that meeting will be Kelsey Barcenilla and Ceri Taylor, both from Transport for Wales. We know many people are wondering about the Metro, what it means for Cardiff, and what it means for our Community. TFW are currently working on Metro, with the latest phase of the project concerning the Treherbert, Aberdare and Merthyr railway lines upwards from Radyr Station. Their presentation will discuss what the Metro is, show designs of the new fleet, improvements to accessibility and how it's improving the local environment. The agenda, including the Zoom link, will be sent out nearer the time



Kelsey

Ceri

Mini Autumn Festival and May Festival 2021

We hoped you enjoyed our first foray into running a 'Covid-compliant' set of events for R&M. Take up wasn't quite as much as we had hoped, but a lot of things were going on at the time, including the reopening of the schools, which did interrupt people getting involved. Nevertheless, we know people enjoyed the Mini-Festival and you can have a look at the list of prize winners on our [Competition Winners](#) page.

We did, though, learn a lot about how to put on and promote events in the current pandemic environment. We are sufficiently confident that we can run a May Festival next year, even though that means having plans for a Festival both with and without restrictions – an interesting challenge! We have therefore scheduled a first Festival Planning Committee for Monday, 9th November. If anyone has any ideas about new events that we might put in the schedule, do get in touch. The nominated Charity, Tenovus Cancer Care, remains the same, of course.

Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Lighting

We have put these two items together because both will be impacted by the pandemic and we are involved. Remembrance Sunday, on 8th November, will be just inside the whole-Wales lockdown period just announced. There will be a short service at the War Memorial in Heol Isaf conducted by Reverend Vicki Burrows from Christ Church and Reverend Judith Holliman from the Methodist Church. **Please do not attend this service** as we are involved in streaming it live so you can see it in your own homes. We will publish the link details shortly. The service will involve the laying of a wreath, and further wreaths should be laid at intervals through the rest of the day on behalf of the usual organisations – either before 10:30 or after 11:15. A photo will be taken of each event and made into a montage which will go on the Community website. Although door-to-door poppy collections and availability at some other outlets has been suspended this year, it has been arranged that poppies for Remembrance week will be available to purchase from Radyr Co-op and McColl's in station Road, as usual during the next two weeks.

The Christmas lighting ceremony will take place on 4th December with the lights being switched on in both Station Road and on the trees in Lychgate Gardens, Morganstown Granny Park and Windsor Gardens. Again, people are asked not to attend the various switch-ons and the main switch-on in Station Road, which we hope will be done by Councillor Rod McKerlich (and who, we understand, will have been elected Lord Mayor Cardiff just before) will also be streamed live. We will be putting up the trees above the shops in Station Road and the Community Council are organising the other aspects; look out for publicity on what is being arranged. It is most unlikely there will be any stalls in Station Road and, regrettably, no Santa. However, there is talk that Santa will appear in a sleigh touring some of the local roads.

Wales 2-week lockdown

As this is being written the announcement has come out that Wales will be in 'lockdown' from 6pm on Friday, 23rd October to at least Monday, 9th November. We don't know exactly which shops etc will be open but it will be similar to the last lockdown where restaurants will revert to take-always and 'non-essential' outlets closed. If we hear of anything out of the ordinary, we will post it on our website. Churches will be closed, apart from for weddings and funerals. Perhaps the only good news for some people is that the Wales lockdown trumps the current Cardiff one. That means it will again be legal for people to visit Tesco and Sainsbury's up the A470 and at Culverhouse Cross. If you did that now you might be fined.

Bus Timetable

You may not be aware that Cardiff Bus have just extended the last two evening journeys from Danescourt to Radyr and with one extra evening journey from Radyr to the city centre from Monday to Saturday. On Mondays to Saturdays, the additional buses will run at 19:05 & 20:05 from the city centre to Radyr/Morganstown and at 20:43 from Morganstown/Radyr to the city centre. [Here is a link to the new 63 timetable.](#)

Roadworks on Heol Isaf

We remain a little confused about the schedule of closures of Heol Isaf occasioned by the installation of the new pedestrian crossings. Please keep a look [on our website](#) and link to our [Facebook page](#) where we aim to put the latest information. We believe Heol Isaf will be closed on 25th October.

Green Bins

You will undoubtedly be aware that Cardiff Council have now suspended all green bin collections and, apart from one collection (at a date to be advised) in January – essentially to collect Christmas trees – the next collection will be in March. We are writing to complain about this and you may also like to add your weight by [signing this petition](#) asking for this decision to be rescinded.

Spar in Station Road

A quick snippet (as many people have been wondering), we have been told that the Co-Op will be taking over the old Spar shop in Station Road. We understand work will start there in January. We have not heard exactly what will be where on the extended site but we will let you know as soon as we know.

Ellis Jenkins

We would like to end on a sad note. You will have read in the latest Radyr Chain of the very sad and far too early death of Ellis Jenkins, who was the Association's Treasurer for a period. He was a quiet, lovely and thoughtful man and we all miss him. He died as a consequence of Motor Neurone Disease and the only terrible, but slightly comforting, thought is that it took him quickly. Our thoughts are with his wife, Colleen, and his family. (The Motor Neurone Disease Association was our nominated Charity in 2009.)



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