

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – NOVEMBER 2020

### ***This Year***

It's been a very strange year, hasn't it? All those plans we made for 2020 have largely gone by the board and we have been working out what to do in their place. We first heard about 'Covid-19' in January/February, got involved with the initiative to provide support for the vulnerable, and made contingency plans for our forthcoming events. However, we never thought there would be no AGM (we are holding that over to next year now), no May Festival (but we did do a Mini-Autumn one), and no face to face meetings. As we reported in the last Newsletter, we have started looking at the shape of next year's May Festival but we are not in a position to share any details just yet. We read in the press that the imminent vaccination programme may bring us back to normality 'by Easter', which would be in time for a proper May Festival, but can we plan on that basis?

Nevertheless, we will continue pushing on as best we can to keep you informed and entertained.

### ***TFW and The Metro***

Our General Meeting on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, was very well attended (over 60) despite being on Zoom. That was because of the concern being expressed by local residents over the major work that will be conducted in around the Mound Field and Gelynis Farm over the next few years. You will have seen the report of the meeting in the draft minutes sent out last week but, for further background, TFW have provided us with a copy of the [presentation they gave](#). They also provided a copy of the [draft site plan](#). Do have a look at those documents to read in conjunction with the minutes. We also asked TFW where we could find more information about the Metro. They said they were working on a more comprehensive area of the website which will cover Radyr in specific detail but, for now, they suggested the following links: <https://trc.cymru/south-wales-metro> and <https://trc.cymru/metro-faqs>.



### ***Christmas Lighting, 4<sup>th</sup> December***

We said in the last Newsletter that we would give you some more information on the Christmas events. The Community Council have invested more money this year in Christmas lighting and festive happenings, including a competition for the best decorated house in R&M. You can read about what is happening [on this page](#) and on [the R&MCC website](#). The switching-on of the Station Road lights by the then Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Rod McKerlich, will be broadcast live starting around 6:45pm on 4<sup>th</sup> December. See [the above page](#) for details of precise timings, but you may like to take note of the actual [YouTube link](#) that will go live on the evening. As we have said before, please do not attend this ceremony yourself to allow us to keep those involved at a safe social distance.



Many people will also be interested in Radyr Christmas church services, which include the very popular Christingle and Nativity services as well as services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Sadly, Covid-19 has brought severe restrictions but all services will be going ahead, some on-line. [Details of Radyr Parish services are here](#) and those for the [Methodist Church are here](#).

**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](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk)), or the Chairman, David Silver ([rmachair@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rmachair@radyr.org.uk)).

**Finally**, as this is our last Newsletter before Christmas, the RMA Executive would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very happy forthcoming Festive Season and a successful New Year. It must be better than 2020!