

NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – JANUARY 2021

Goodbye to 2020 and Hello to 2021

2020 is over, thank goodness. Earlier in the year we thought things couldn't get any worse, then the 'new strain' came into being and many of our plans for Christmas were thrown into chaos. We know many people who were alone at Christmas, without their families for the first time. We can only hope that whatever celebrations were held were successful – and also look for better things in 2021. In the meantime, we thought we would issue this brief Newsletter just to bring you up to speed on a few things.



Rubbish collections

As mentioned some time ago, Cardiff Council suspended garden waste (green bin) collections over the winter but promised to make a one-off collection in January for used real Christmas trees. Here is the published schedule, showing Radyr & Morganstown on **Monday, 11th January**. Don't forget that, if you have not dealt with it already, wrapping paper should not go in the green recycling sacks but in the black bin – and, as a one-off, additional black bags containing only wrapping paper will be collected from beside black bins when they are collected on **4th January**.

Early warning - there is a bigger shake up of the refuse collection schedule across Cardiff planned from 1st February but more of that in due course.

Real Christmas Tree & Garden waste collections



WEEK OF 11 TH JANUARY 2021	
Monday 11 th	Creigiau Tongwynlais St Fagans Radyr Morganstown Fairwater Pentyrch
Tuesday 12 th	Canton Llandaff Llandaff North Velindre
Wednesday 13 th	Cyncoed Pentwyn Plasnewydd
Thursday 14 th	Pontprennau Old St Mellons Trowbridge Llanrumney
Friday 15 th	Rhwbina Llanishen Lisvane

You will receive a one off collection of garden waste on the below dates in January. We will collect real Christmas trees, and any other garden waste from your green bins/garden sacks. Christmas trees will be collected from outside of your green bin. Remember to remove all decorations. Your garden waste must be out by 6am on your collection date, or it may not be collected.

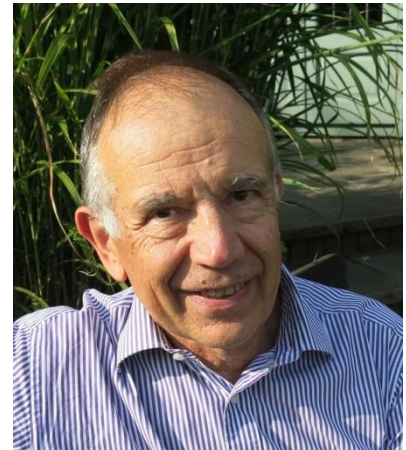
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Keep an eye on social media/website to find out when fortnightly collections will begin.

Next Association Meeting, 1st February

Last August we were delighted to welcome local Radyr resident, Emeritus Professor Ron Eccles, to talk to us about COVID-19. He told us what the virus was, and what was likely to happen. He was right.

We are doubly privileged and delighted to welcome another Radyr resident, Emeritus Professor Simon Smal, CBE, as the speaker at our next meeting (via Zoom) on **Monday, 1st February**. Professor Smal has had a most distinguished career including a period as Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Wales NHS Trust. He is therefore superbly placed to talk to us about the current virus, how it has been dealt with, and where it is going – all within the context of previous challenges such as Spanish Flu and AIDS. His talk is titled 'Epidemics, Public Health and COVID'. The meeting will also cover other local topics including thoughts on the 2021 May Festival.



The talk will start at 7:30pm and to register, [please follow this link](#).

Future RMA meetings

We have arranged for a further Association meeting on **Monday, 1st March**, again via Zoom starting at 19:30. The speaker will be Simon Bradwick, and the topic "Living Taff - Mark your spot". More details about the Living Taff project can be found in the [article on our website](#). Please put the date in your diary.

The RMA AGM is also scheduled for **Monday, 12th April 2021** and we will assess closer to the date what format this meeting will be able to take.

Burying bad news

Over the past few years we have got used to PR conscious companies burying bad news in festivals such as Christmas. That is exactly what the Royal Mail has attempted to do by telling staff on Christmas Eve of their decision to close the Gwaelod Sorting Office. This is going to be a major blow not only to R&M but to Pentyrch and Creigiau.

Can we remind you that you DON'T HAVE to collect the package from Lisvane Sorting Office - two bus or train journeys for those without a car? You can phone up and ask for it to be re-delivered at a time that is mutually convenient, or even to collect the package at Radyr Post Office. The more people who use this service the more the Royal Mail will come to regret this misjudged decision.

Submissions for the Radyr Chain

We have been asked to share a reminder that the submission deadline for articles to the February edition of our local printed newsletter, the Radyr Chain, is **Friday, 15th January**. Article submissions should be sent to Chain@radyr.org.uk - *please note this address has recently been updated and articles sent to the previously published address may not be received for inclusion.*

A quick footnote

Many thanks to Ade Currie (of Party Wales, and also on the Association's Exec Committee) for bringing Mickey and Minnie to our houses before Christmas, courtesy of the R&M Community Council. That cheered us all up...

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).