

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – MAY 2021

**Welcome** to our (with apologies) slightly less-than-regular Newsletter. The last year or so has been an extraordinary period in the history of Radyr & Morganstown, the Association itself, and, of course, the whole country. At this moment, with Covid vaccinations continuing apace, better weather apparently now here and lock downs being eased, 'normality' seems to be returning. We would like to be able to report that all doors are being thrown open, all our meetings will be in person, and we know precisely what we will be doing and how we will be operating for the rest of the year. But we can't. Please bear with us as we tell you about our plans and other matters.

### **May & September Festivals**

Did you miss the May Festival, which we ran from 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May? As mentioned before, most of the events were on line and were reasonably well attended. If you did miss them, then one of the benefits of Zoom is that we were able to record some of the events, so you can do a catch-up by going to the [RMA YouTube Channel](#). There is a full write-up of the Festival on our [Festival Website](#), where you will see the excellent news that, despite all the difficulties, we still managed to raise over £2200 for our current charity, Tenovus Cancer Care (further donations always welcome, just follow the link on the website).



We are now turning our attention to our next Festival, which will run from 11<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September. We will keep you informed as things progress but we are excited at the reintroduction (subject to the lifting of Covid restrictions), after a gap of many years, of an 'Autumn Show' (on 11<sup>th</sup> September) featuring produce/crafts/cakes etc. Keen gardeners, allotment holders and cooks take note! It is our intention to produce a brochure for this Festival which will go out to everyone, as usual, in Radyr Chain. There will also be a prize draw. This will be the last event in support of Tenovus Cancer Care and it would be great to be able to present them with a big cheque.

Incidentally, our next sponsored charity will be [Headway Cardiff](#) and you can read about what they do in the highlighted link. Their first event will be the annual Christmas Tree lighting event which we will hold around Station Road on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **Use our local facilities**

A short, and probably non-essential, snippet to say that, as far as we are aware, all local shops, facilities and restaurants/cafes etc are now open again and able to service customers inside, albeit with some limitations. Most of them have had a pretty torrid time over the last year and even when outside service became permitted, the weather has been awful. So, if you have things to buy, want to have a drink or a meal, do try to make them as busy as you can. There is [a list of food and drink outlets](#) on our main website. We are very fortunate that all have survived intact over the period.

### **Community Council AGM**

We congratulate Cllr Huw Jones on being re-elected for a third term as Chair of the R&M Community Council at their recent AGM. We were sorry to learn that Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones has now stood down from the Council as she has done wonderful work, sometimes alongside us, on Schools Liaison, Radyr Woods, and many other areas. We are sure she will be missed.

As a result of Helen's departure, there is now a vacancy on the Council. If you are interested joining them, or even finding out more about what they do, then we have put [a relevant News Item](#) on our website.



## **Association AGM**

We should, of course, mention our own AGM, which we held, on Zoom, on 12<sup>th</sup> April. The Association officers remained unchanged (with David Silver as Chair) but we were sad to lose Bob Roberts from the Executive Committee. As we noted in the AGM minutes, Bob was a founder member of the Association (back in 1987) and had served solidly for 34 years, mainly as Treasurer. However, increasing ill health has forced him to stand down but we will miss his wise counsel and often twinkle in his eye. We decided, deservedly to appoint him as a Vice-President in perpetuity, and you will see that his name has been added to our name banner at the top of hits Newsletter.

We were, though, delighted to welcome a new member to the Executive – Moy Lewis. Moy has supported us practically for quite some time in setting up and taking down gazebos, Christmas Trees, BBQs, etc so we are delighted that he has decided to join us in planning future events and activities. Welcome aboard!

(We do still have vacancies on our Executive Committee, incidentally. If you think you would enjoy being involved in making a difference, do get in touch.)

## **Next Association Meeting, 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Our next General Meeting is on **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> June** starting at 7:30pm. 'Reading the runes', we are fairly reconciled to it again being on Zoom (as opposed to holding it in the Old Church Rooms), mainly because we would be so limited in allowable attendance. We are delighted that local resident, Ian Ogden, has agreed to talk about **LionAid** a charity that is confronting Africa's lion crisis. Intrigued? We will be putting out more details nearer the time and certainly letting you know if an OCR venue has become possible. But put the date in your diary now as Ian is a great speaker, is widely travelled and has an important story to tell.



We will, of course, have all the usual items bring you up to date with local matters.

## **Future RMA meetings**

We have an excellent speaker lined up for the following General Meeting, on 16<sup>th</sup> August (surely, by then, we will be in the OCR?). It is another local resident, Ruth Marks. Ruth is Chief Executive of Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA), the national membership body for voluntary organisations in Wales. She will be talking around the themes of 'charities at the heart of our community' and 'volunteering makes a world of difference'; both excellent subjects. Again, more information later.

After August, we have meeting dates scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022. We haven't fixed speakers for those dates yet, so do let us know if you can suggest someone – or have a theme you would like us to cover. We do have thoughts ourselves but input from others is always welcome.

## **More Llantrisant Road Roadworks**

The team from Plasdŵr have posted an [update on these works](#) on the Plasdŵr website as the contractors will begin on the roadway in earnest from 1<sup>st</sup> June. The work includes the removal of Clos Parc Radur's roundabout, a 4-way signal junction and widening of the road at this point for new pedestrian walkways, bus and cycle lanes. Plasdŵr estimate that this work will be complete by Summer 2022.

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