



## Hanging Baskets

Raymond Rivron, the R&M Association executive member responsible for Station Road, taking delivery of the hanging baskets from Robb Ford of St Mellon's Nursery.

Also present were members of the R&M Association and the Community Council who have jointly funded the baskets.



"Models in the WI fashion show". Article on page 9.



## Radyr Library

Since arriving at Radyr Library at the start of 2016, nothing has impressed me more than the sense of community and fellowship which pervades throughout Radyr and Morganstown and the surrounding area.

This feeling has reached its zenith with the Radyr & Morganstown Festival. An event put on for the community by the community so that all who live or visit the area can experience a varied and exciting time.

This year the two weeks of the festival have the theme of Roald Dahl and many events have been devised to cater for all tastes and ages.

Radyr Library has once again embraced the festival with great enthusiasm. We have held two



Roald Dahl themed rhyme time and story times in Welsh and English. The staff have created a wonderful '*peach*' from '*rubbish*' helped by our Duke of Edinburgh students, Oliver Shenton and Elin Crotty. I have been privileged to be asked to help judge the Children's Literary Competition and to have

taken part in the celebrations on the 30th April at the newly renovated Church Rooms with an information stall advertising all that the library can offer.

Naturally, as a library it would not be appropriate to miss out one of the most celebrated and influential

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# RADYR CHAIN



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## Festival 2016

The Festival Queen, Erin Desmond, her two attendants, Katie Houston and Gracie Rodriquez with Connie Fisher at the Velindre Pop Orchestra Concert in Christ Church on the last Sunday of the Festival.

Funds for Velindre have been raised by the Association and a number of organisations in the village with a target donation close on £10,000

## *A Patagonian adventure*

On 22nd November 2015, I and 49 others set off from the Village Hotel, Cardiff on our adventure to Patagonia. We had some celebrities in tow (Rhod Gilbert, James Dean Bradfield, Shane Williams and Derek Brockway) in order to raise as much money for Velindre Cancer Centre as possible. 40 hours later after 3 flights, numerous transfers and a lot of hanging around, we arrived in the beautiful town of Esquel. Although very tired and in need of a decent meal, we were full of anticipation of what lay ahead. We needn't have worried about the food situation as from day one, we

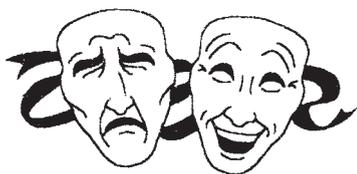
were fed as much steak and empanadas (Argentinian pasties) as we could manage. Although concerned about our waist lines at first, it turned out we needed all the energy we could get for the harrowing 5 day trek that lay ahead.

Before embarking on our trek, we were given an incredible opportunity to meet the Rifleros (horsemen) of Chubut, who were actual descendants of the first Welsh people to settle in Patagonia.



We joined them in a celebration of the day the first settlers arrived 150 years ago on 24th November. This involved eating a lot more meat with a traditional "asado" (barbecue). *... continued on page 5*

## COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website [www.Radyr.org.uk](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

**Sat 11 June** 10:30 RC Cardiff West Charity Cake and Coffee Morning, Methodist Hall  
Drop in Price: £3.00 for coffee/tea and a cake. £2.50 concessions.

Contact: Gaynor Davies

**Mon 13 June** 19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI  
The speaker tonight will be talking about and showing "Hats over the Years". Followed by tea and biscuits and chat. Contact Ginny Jenkins, tel: 029 20843500

**Tue 14 June** 19:30 RDS Play Reading  
Radyr Drama Society play reading at Christchurch School Rooms at 7-30 pm. All are welcome.

**Wed 15 June** 09:00 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. Visit to Coughton Court & Garden nr Alcester. We still have places available on the coach, if you are interested in joining us and for further details/booking please contact: Richard Gregory tel : 029 20842084 email : richardjgregory@btopenworld.com

**Thur 16 June** 10:30 NSPCC coffee morning  
In aid of NSPCC. To be held at Radyr Golf Club. Jewellery, cake stall, tombola, raffle. Tickets £2  
Tel: 02920842478

**Mon 20 June** 19:30 R&M ASSOCIATION MEETING - OLD CHURCH ROOMS  
Graham Pugh will be talking about the history of Pugh's Garden Centre and then holding a mini 'Gardeners' Question Time'. Also a report on the outcome of the recent May Festival. All welcome. No charge. Contact Nick Hawkins, 2084 2561 for further information.

**Thur 23 June** 19:30 RDS Play Reading  
Radyr Drama Society play reading at Christchurch School Rooms at 7-30 pm. All are welcome.

**Sun 26 June** 14:00 Tenovus Annual Walk and Strawberry Tea. Sponsored Walk from Cardiff Castle to Christchurch, Radyr  
Free Strawberry Tea for all walkers.

For sponsor forms and further details if needed please ring 20842096. Strawberry Tea for non walkers at 3.15 pm  
For tickets please ring 20842887

**Thur 30 June** 08:15 Radyr History Society  
A coach trip to St Mary's Warwick, reputedly the finest memorial chapel in England, followed by lunch in Warwick and an afternoon visit to Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan gardens. All are welcome. For details contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176

**Sat 2 July** 13:00 Nature's Apothecary - Aromatherapy 'Make Your Own' Workshop. Learn how to pick oils using your intuition and new found knowledge of the properties of these powerful oils. Learn how to make your own products and natural concoctions... Visit the below link for more info...  
[www.thelifebuddy.guru/aromatherapy-workshop](http://www.thelifebuddy.guru/aromatherapy-workshop).

**Thur 7 July** 19:30 Radyr Drama Society A.G.M.  
Radyr Drama Society A.G.M. at Christchurch schoolrooms at 7.30p.m. New members very welcome.

**Mon 11 July** 19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI Meeting. The talk tonight will be about the life of an Edwardian Maid.  
Contact Ginny Jenkins, tel: 029 20843500

**Tue 16 Aug** 19:00 P.A.C.T. Old Church Rooms - Come and meet your local police and Community Councillor to discuss local issues - All welcome

## Trespass and Damage

My name is Charlotte Llewellyn. I live at Cefnolstyn Farm, Pentyrch and I am hoping that you can include something in your community newspaper to remind people that although close to Cardiff, they are living in a rural area. I know it is only a few irresponsible people that need addressing and indeed, I have received great support from some locals.

The problem ... The land that adjoins Cwm Farm estate in Morganstown is used to graze sheep and cattle. This is a commercial business and our livelihood. A shockproof fence was erected to ensure that the livestock remain on the farmland. The footpaths that cross the land are or I should say were clearly marked. Some individuals want to walk and take their dogs where they please. However, once off the footpath they are trespassing and could be prosecuted. These people have come armed with wire cutters and cut the fence to allow entry for them and their

dogs. This is criminal damage and the incident has been reported to the police. The sheep quickly find the gaps and are then loose to roam the estate and any gardens not fenced off. Cutting the fence weakens the whole integrity of the fence and the cattle are then also able to get out.

The second problem is with cyclists – there is no green lane or bridleway across our land. So any cyclist is trespassing. A large section of the fence was flattened to allow bikes easy access. Again, criminal damage. And of course the livestock.

The effected fence lines is at the extreme edge of our farmland and it is not possible to do a daily check and nor should we have to if people acted respectfully to our business and livelihood. We are after all trying to put food on their table! Fencing materials are expensive and we have spent two days repairing the fence. There is no compensation available to pay for the costs or our time.

I said earlier that the footpath was clearly marked. The signpost has been pulled up and was placed across the flattened fence. I have reported this to Cardiff Council, taxpayers money being spent to repair vandalism.

We also have a littering problem – plastic and glass bottles and cans mainly. And not all dog walkers are responsible and fail to clean up after their dogs. Dog fouling spreads diseases that can kill farm livestock.

Dogs and livestock do not mix. Every year we have sheep killed by dogs. Dogs should always be kept on leads if walking through sheep. Farm land is not a public park and dogs (like their owners) should be kept on the footpath not allowed to run and roam freely. Livestock is intimidated even if they are not in the same field. Cattle will chase a dog if they consider it to be a threat. If cattle start to chase a dog that is on the lead, let it go. A dog can usually escape; a person could be trampled. Fields with cattle in are best avoided by dog walkers.

Aside from that I would like to thank some of your residents who took the trouble to contact me when our sheep were out to let me know and who have subsequently kept me informed about the state of the fences and one ewe who we inadvertently fenced out ..(!) I am pleased to say she and her lambs are now back.

Thanks for your support.

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by July 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion.

The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.

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## A Patagonian adventure ... from front cover

I'm not sure who was more excited: us or them when they got to meet Shane Williams!

The teacher in me couldn't resist having a peek in the first school ever built in Trevelin in 1902 and I even managed to have a conversation in Welsh with one of the teachers from the new school there (Ysgol y Cwm). She very kindly agreed to keep in touch so that the children from my school can practice their Welsh through contacting her children.

After all the celebrations, full of steak and the odd glass of Malbec, we set off to climb Craig Goch: the mountain that was summited by the Welsh settlers 150 years ago. This would have been challenging enough even without a belly full of beef and the sun beating down on our backs! We all made it to the top where we stood amongst Welsh and Argentinian flags and sang our national anthem: a very moving experience on top of a mountain in South America.

It was time to put the festivities behind us and concentrate on the real reason we were there: the challenging 4 remaining days of trekking, carrying all our own kit, across the Lake District of Patagonia to raise money for such a worthy cause. Day 1 brought us an undulating terrain along the valley floor, with the Andes rising above us. It ended with a steep incline and our first taste of snow (not our last!) before arriving at Jakob Hut. The accommodation was basic but cosy. We certainly couldn't complain about the cold as it was 2 to a mattress with 30 to a room! Ear plugs certainly came in handy at this point...

Day 2 we all donned our gaiters to continue our trek through the snow. 12 hours of trekking ensued with everyone trying (and failing) to stay on two feet. We eventually started to descend into the valley again, delayering as we went, and started to dry off as the temperature rose. This didn't last long as we soon had to don our wetsuit boots to complete 4(!) river crossings. Luckily no one was swept away (although someone almost lost their boots!) and we made it to our accommodation for the night: Hotel Tronador, Pampa Linda. After the previous night's sleep this felt like

luxury with hot showers and clean sheets.

Day 3 started off with some very sore legs as we made our way through the forest to Paso de las Nubes (Place of the Clouds). The terrain was very challenging as we scrambled over roots, logs and man-made bridges. We then started to ascend again until we reached a treacherous ridge with more snow (there were lots of disappearing feet at this point). We were then greeted at the top with a view that took my breath away: inside toilets and dorms that slept only 8 people! And of course the incredible sight of the waterfalls and Frias glacier.

Our final day took us back down through the valley past incredible views of waterfalls and avalanches. We then continued the trek through a sub-tropical rainforest with green parrots and chacaos flying overhead. It became quite boggy at times and it took all our concentration to avoid the tree roots underfoot. Eventually we reached the river Frias and completed the last leg of the journey to the stunning destination of Lago Frias.

A short wait here for the boat back to Bariloche gave us all chance to reflect on our own reasons for doing the trek, and the memories of friends, loved ones and harder times that kept us all going. This challenge didn't compare to some of the challenges cancer patients have to go through on a daily basis. It was revealed at our celebration dinner that the whole group had raised £500,000 for Velindre Cancer Centre. I was glad that the £6789.39 I had raised had gone part of the way towards providing specialist nurses and equipment and generally making life more comfortable for patients in Velindre.

I would like to end by saying a huge thank you to anyone who has helped me reach this target either by donating or coming to the events I have hosted. I couldn't have done it without your support.

**Nicola Densley**



## Radyr, Morganstown and District Gardening Club

With the weather at last beginning to warm up, plants are starting to grow, spring bulbs of daffodils and tulips have provided a lovely display but now there is a lot to be done in the garden to plant the summer annuals, tidy the perennials and keep weeds and slugs at bay; the light evenings are providing a chance to keep on top of things and hopefully we will be able to enjoy a colourful summer display. Let us hope we have a settled summer.

Our 2015/16 programme concluded on 13th April with our AGM and was followed by an illustrated talk by Richard Williams of Neath Port Talbot College on "Snowdrops". He had proposed to talk about "Auriculas" but the gremlins struck losing his pictures. However, despite snowdrop time having passed, he gave us a very informative and well illustrated talk discussing the various species of snowdrops and their origins. He then went on to discuss planting requirements and methods of propagation.

We recommence evening meetings on Wednesday, 14th September and details will be published through the Chain and the Radyr website.

In the meantime, we have our summer visit, which this year is on Wednesday, 15th June to Coughton Court and Gardens, a National Trust property near Alcester.

Coughton Court is a Tudor house which is still lived in by the Throckmorton family whose history goes back to 1409. The house is set in extensive gardens including a walled garden, lake, knot garden, vegetable garden, orchard and bog garden. Within the estate there are two churches which can also be visited. There are still places available on the coach and anyone interested in joining us should contact Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

Our evening meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December).

Visitors and new members will be made very welcome. We share an interest in gardens, plants and generally growing things. So come along – you will be very welcome.

All meetings (apart from visits) are at the New School Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

# Radyr Drama Society



## *Barefoot in the Park*

MORGANSTOWN VILLAGE  
HALL, 22 APRIL 2016

Neil Simon's comedy involved a squabbling couple – Corrie and Paul Bratte – newlyweds in the process of moving into a miserable fifth floor apartment with no heating and a broken skylight. They were opposites; Paul, safe and sensible, Corrie a spontaneous romantic. As they encountered crazy neighbours and entertained Corrie's mother, Ethel, the differences between the couple reached a crisis point, with Corrie denouncing Paul as a "stuffed shirt" who's unwilling to experience such joys as walking barefoot in the park in winter.

The production was a delight. Hannah Bragg's portrayal of Corrie sparkled. In the first act, she used the single prop of a stepladder to great effect. The telephone man (Fraser Smith-Jones) was the first to illustrate the downside of a fifth

floor apartment – arriving suitably breathless on set. Paul Bratte (Mike Gelder) had the more difficult part in having to portray a range of emotions from newlywed lover through exasperated husband to being hopelessly drunk; utterly convincing throughout. Pauline Watson was lovely as Corrie's well-meaning mother and Neil Davies brought a depth of character into the part of the unsettling neighbour, Victor Velasco.

Gill Evans is a most gifted Director. She introduces those touches which bring a production to life. The pace and timing of the action were perfect – essential to the string of one-liners. Gill's direction was complemented by the set built by Raymond Rivron and Dave Burgess. I liked the window looking out on New York (allowing sight of Mr. Velasco edging along the parapet) and the sprinkling of snow from that broken skylight. The lighting, by Dave Burgess, was subtle and appropriate.

But I must mention the 'Delivery Man' (Ian Ogden). He came on in the first act, breathless, of course, said not a word but stole that part of the show. For (very old) followers of R&M dramatic endeavours, it was a true 'Richard Vanner moment'.

Congratulations to all.

## TREFORGAN WI

As usual the Treforgan WI ladies have had a busy couple of months. We have been out enjoying the spring sunshine. Groups have visited Brecon and Tyntesfield House. Those on the trip to Tyntesfield enjoyed a beautiful day exploring the gardens and especially enjoyed seeing the mistletoe in the trees. Some members even decided to get the most from their National Trust membership and dropped in on Clevedon House on the way home.

Our regular monthly and group meetings continue. We have enjoyed a demonstration from Fruitylicious and those that had a go carried their creations home with pride. Our President attended the Wales WI conference and of course we all raised a glass of fizz to The Queen on her birthday.

Locally we were out and about at the Radyr Festival. The proceeds from our bottle stall have been donated to the festival charity, Velindre. Thank you to all who took part.

Treforgan WI meets at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month at Morganstown Village Hall. Visitors welcome. For more information, look us up on Facebook. In June we will be hearing about the charity Salt Peter and its work in Uganda and in July, about Arthur's shop in Taffs Well, the inspiration for "Open All Hours".



### Saturday 2nd July and Sunday 3rd July 2016

Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm Sun 11.00am – 5.00pm

Tickets - £6. per person for a weekend pass. These can be purchased on the day from Pentyrch Village Hall (CF15 9QR). Accompanied children are free.

N.B. No dogs – except guide dogs.

- Ample parking
- Delicious homemade light refreshments served all day in the village hall
  - Courtesy minibus to access all the gardens around the village
- Large plant sale

More information can be found on our website :  
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### GWENYNEN GWENT

Fydd Cwmni Cwm Ni o Gaerffili yn ymweld a Radur ar Nos Lun 25ed o Fehefin gyda comedi newydd gan Ben Jones "Gwenynen Gwent, Ddy Miwsical" ar y ffordd i'r Feni.

Mae'r comedi yn dilyn helyntion gweision Llanover wrth ceisio paratoi adloniant ar gyfer ymweliad y Frenhiness Fictoria a Llanover. Mae'r Frenhiness yn deall ddim gair o'r Gymraeg, ar gweision ddim yn rhi hapus yn y Saesneg. Sefyllfa sy'n creu digon o hwyl a sbri.

Gwelir "Gwenynen Gwent" yn Ysgoldy Eglwys Crist, Radur, am 7.30 y.h. ar Nos Lun 25ed o Fehefin. Tocynnau gan Allan Cook 20843176 neu wrth y drws.

# News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

MAY, 2016.

Our April meeting took the form of a fashion show. By common consensus, this was a most enjoyable event. Samantha B, known as Sam, has a wonderful dress shop in Ewenny near Bridgend which stocks a vast variety of clothes and fashion items. Seven WI members had a wonderful time sashaying down the hall in true catwalk style. The models were Ginny Jenkins, Jan Doody, Babs Hanson, Anne Marie Phillips, Liz Bryant, Alison Hanson and Judy Billington. They all enjoyed showing off a variety of Sam's fashions which ranged from smart casual to formal "Mother of the Bride" outfits.

As well as providing a wonderful evening's entertainment, Sam, very generously, donated her fee to our choice of charity so a cheque has been sent to Velindre Hospital which is the official Festival charity for 2016.

Several WI members have since visited the shop in Ewenny and have been impressed. One comment worth noting is that there is a great choice of elegant clothes in larger sizes!

As I write, the annual Radyr Festival is drawing to a close. It was our Institute's turn to provide the afternoon tea at the Crowning Ceremony and Maypole dancing display. The weather throughout the day was atrocious and so, not for the first time in the Festival's history, the event moved indoors to the Old Church Rooms where the sale of tea and cakes raised £150. for the Festival charity. Needless to say, there were more than enough cakes of great variety and quality. Thanks go to all our expert bakers and those who helped "serve and clear" on the day.

Our May meeting was our AGM at which our present committee agreed to continue for another year and our President, Enid Brooker, was re-elected. Pam Dinem was present as the Glamorgan Federation representative. She congratulated the committee on the way the

Institute was run and the Treasurer, Frankie O'Brien on the presentation of the accounts. As institute members, we are grateful to the Officers and members of the committee who have worked so hard throughout the last year. Speaking as a "retired" committee member and past President, I recognize that a busy institute does not run itself. Ours is a big institute and yes, it is hard work, but it's a wonderful way of making friends and being involved in the community.

The AGM is also the meeting when the Resolutions to be debated and discussed at the National AGM are presented and voted on a local level. The outcomes of this process will be reported on in a later report.

As the next Chain report will not be submitted until mid-July, I am listing the proposed activities for later in the summer. July looks like being a very busy month:

Wednesday, 6th July. Glamorgan Federation Summer Walk which is a coastal walk from Bracelet Bay, Mumbles.

Thursday, 14th July, Chepstow Race Day.

There is also a possibility of a visit to Highgrove Gardens in August, should there be enough people who are interested.

Meanwhile, our walking group meets weekly at 10am on Thursdays at the Monument. Our two book groups, two genealogy groups and our craft group meet monthly.

For more information on future meetings and activities our email address is <mailto:radyrmorganstownwi@yahoo.com>

Or contact our President, Enid Brooker on 029 2084 3412. L.J.H.

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## RADYR PARISH MUSIC GROUP

On Saturday, 7th May, as a contribution to the Radyr & Morganstown Festival, RPMG staged its annual concert. We adopted the Festival's Roald Dahl theme and presented a programme of music linked, sometimes rather tenuously, with the multi-faceted author. The programme was enthusiastically assembled and led by Diane Wright, new to RPMG, but as ever we were ably accompanied by Leigh Bracegirdle. Star of the evening was 11 year old Beth Bradfield, who sang two numbers from the popular stage show 'Matilda'.

On the 30th June we will be holding our Annual General Meeting which all are welcome to attend but of course only Members are permitted to vote.

Plans are in hand for our next production, 'The Goldoliers' which we will be presenting at Bishop of Llandaff School during February Half Term, 2017. We plan to start rehearsals early in September so any budding singers please put Friday evenings in your diary! Check our website for further details [rpmgweb.weebly.com](http://rpmgweb.weebly.com) MC

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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

There are many gifted male cooks in Radyr and this month I have persuaded three of them to compile a Dinner Menu. Do try their recipes. They are delicious! AMP

### SMOKED SALMON + ASPARAGUS WITH SALMON PATE

[Very quick if pate is purchased!] Recipe is PER PERSON. Multiply as required.

2 slices smoked salmon  
3 sticks asparagus

Pate

25g (1oz) poached fillet fresh salmon  
1 fillet smoked mackerel

Juice 1 lemon

25g (1oz) butter

Pepper

1 Tbs chopped chives

2 tbs mayonnaise or Fromage Frais (optional)

Add 6 finely chopped capers or 1 tbs horseradish or mustard

To make pate, flake cooked salmon and mackerel into bowl. Add chives, butter and mayonnaise. Mix to smooth paste. Add lemon juice and ground pepper.

Try adding small quantities of capers, mustard or horseradish. Cover with clingfilm and place in fridge.

To prepare asparagus, remove tough end of asparagus. Poach in a little salted water for 1-2 minutes, depending on thickness. Drain. Add little olive oil and lemon juice.

To serve, remove pate and salmon slices from fridge one hour before serving. Take 1 slice salmon per person and place 1 tbs pate each end. Roll up – approximately diameter 1". Plate by placing 1 slice salmon on 1 half and salmon roll on the other half, separated by three sticks asparagus. Serve with 1 slice lemon and toast or brown bread.

**Brian Willis.**

### LAMB RAGOUT WITH SMOKE PAPRIKA & SHALLOTS (Serves 6)

1kg (2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>lb.) diced lamb shoulder  
Olive oil

2 onions, roughly chopped

2 cloves garlic chopped

6 or 12 shallots, depending on size

5 long red sweet peppers – seeded, skinned and chopped

(Skin peppers – cut into quarters lengthways and de-pip. Place skin side up under hot grill until charring. Remove, place in plastic bag for a few minutes. Shake in bag. Remove and skin comes off easily)

1 chilli pepper

Seasoning

1 flat tbs smoked paprika

1 tin tomatoes

2 tbs tomato puree

1 tbs flour

Large ovenproof casserole

Fry lamb in oil to brown. Remove.

Sauté onions until soft. Add whole shallots with chilli and garlic. Cook for 1 minute. Add paprika and flour and stir. Add meat, juices and other ingredients. Cook in well sealed casserole in moderate oven for one hour until lamb is tender.

Reheat next day. Check moisture level – add water to cover to reheat. Taste to serve.

**Keith John.**

### SUMMER FRUIT BRULEE (Serves 6)

700g (1lb 8oz) soft fruit (selection of raspberries, redcurrants, blackberries, blackcurrants etc.)

110g (4oz) golden caster sugar

275ml (10fl oz) whipping cream

295g (10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>oz) Greek yoghurt

175g (6 oz) Demerara sugar

Serving dish (25.5x16cm (10x7"))

Optional – Plastic spray bottle. Chef's blowtorch

Place fruit in large pan. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Place over gentle heat until sugar melts and juices begin to run. Do not overcook!

Transfer fruit to serving dish with slotted spoon (not the juice)

Allow to get cold.

Whip cream until thick, fold into yoghurt. Spread over fruit, right up to edges. Cover with clingfilm and chill for two hours.

Approximately 2 hours before serving, spread surface evenly with Demerara sugar. (Spray with water bottle).

Place under hot grill or use blowtorch to caramelize the sugar. The sugar with turn brown.

Leave to cool then place in fridge until serving.

**Nick Hawkins.**

## Local Council News

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tyrone Davies and I have recently been elected Chairman of the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council. The council itself normally has twelve councillors. We are all either elected or co-opted and do not get paid for what we do. In effect, we are volunteers who attend one of two committees per month as well as the monthly full council meetings. Besides this we represent the community as school governors, in managing the Old Church Rooms, at many community events and serve on numerous bodies that seek to enhance our community's life. We also manage the council's physical assets such as the Radyr Woods, the Granny Park, Danybryn Woods, Pentwyn Park and the Old Church Rooms. We also have three employees. Together we make up a collection of diverse individuals who range in age, sex, backgrounds and political persuasions (though all of us sit as independents).

Many of us have assisted with the numerous events provided as part of the annual Radyr & Morganstown Festival. These events have supplied our community with many enjoyable and diverse activities. We wish to publicly acknowledge and congratulate the extensive work of the Radyr & Morganstown Association in organising a splendid Festival once more.

Again, in conjunction with the Radyr & Morganstown Association, we are pleased to let you know that the Old Church Rooms development is now completed. It has had a makeover and also an extension added. Perusal of the OCR calendar already shows a wealth and diversity of opportunities when using the building. With its increased capacity and refurbishment we believe that the community has a twenty-first century facility that proudly sits in the heart of the community for use by those from the community. We welcome you to pop along and take a look inside this fantastic facility.

At the moment there are two vacancies on the council. We are engaging the support of Cardiff Council in facilitating the required election process. In short, notices are posted for expressions of interest. Should this be contested then we shall hold an election. If no one puts themselves forward for election then the community council has powers of co-option. If this happens then we would be delighted to get expressions of interest from those who have an interest in playing a part in enhancing our community.

## Radyr Library

*...from back cover*

authors of the last few decades. Roald Dahl lived in Radyr as a child and this year is his centenary.

On a national level to help celebrate his centenary this year's Summer Reading Challenge is entitled 'The Big Read' and will feature Roald Dahl characters and stories.

I will be visiting all the local schools to encourage and inform the children about the challenge and look forward to meeting the children and teachers once again.

We have other exciting activities in the planning stage and we are hoping to start up a Coding Club once a month on a Saturday. More details to follow soon!

The library service has a great deal to offer. On-line services such as e.books, Ancestry.com, Britannica on-line, multi-media items, books, newspapers. We hold reading groups, knitting group, story time, amser stori, weekly (term time), and a local councillor surgery once a month, and much, much more!!

So please visit your local library, its free to join.

Your library ticket may not be a 'gold' ticket but it will give everyone a golden opportunity to find what they are looking for.

We look forward to meeting you soon. **Liz, Jen & Anne**

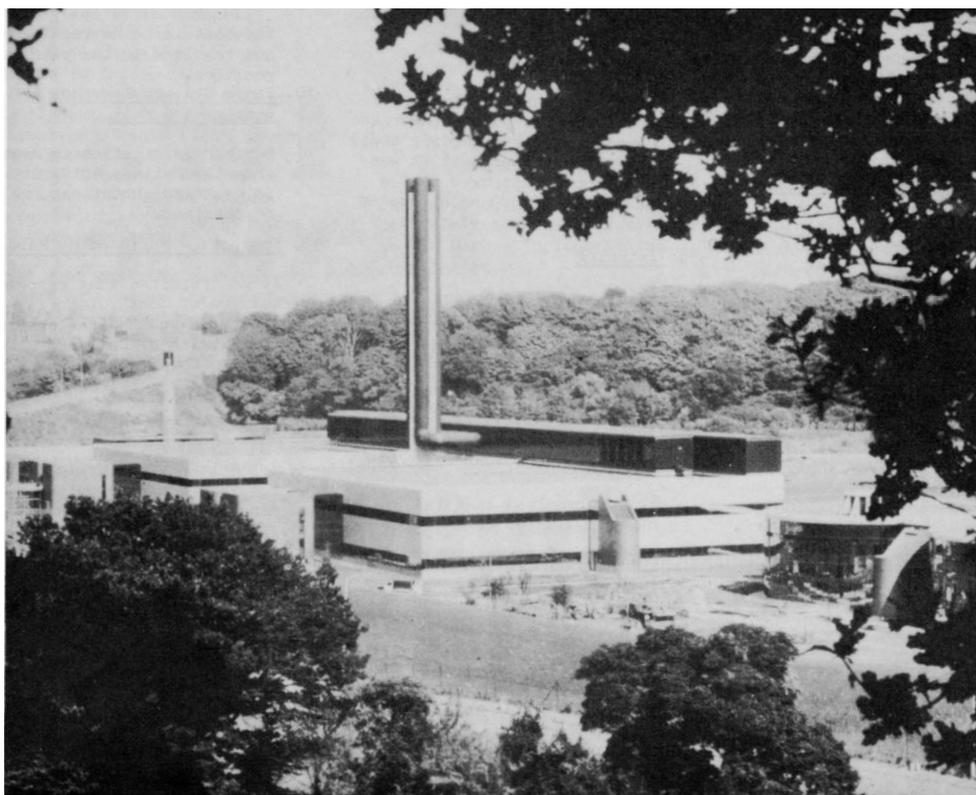
# RADYR CHAIN



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## Reaching into the Future: The Radiochemical Centre

The Radiochemical Centre at Forest Farm, which is now in full production and employing around 500 staff, will be officially opened on the 27th May 1981 by Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales. The conclusion of 7 years of planning, negotiation and construction of the ultra-modern plant. There will be two laboratories - one for the manufacture of medical kits, the other for medical research.



## Claire's Charity Auction for Meningitis Research

Claire Taylor, a local resident and student at Birmingham University held a charity auction of original artwork at the Old Church Rooms on Friday 15th April.

A number of prints, and postcards were on sale with the large artwork being auctioned.

The total raised for the charity was in excess of £700. Music was supplied by Emyr Roberts at the piano and Elizabeth May on flute.

The family all helped out running the bar and providing snacks to help the drinks go down.

David Cargill

## Visit to Warwick and Kenilworth Castle.

On Thursday 30th June the History Society will be visiting St Mary's Church Warwick and Kenilworth Castle.

St Mary's Church in Warwick is said to contain the finest commemorative chapel in England dedicated to the Earls of Warwick, of whom Warwick the Kingmaker in the Wars of the Roses, is probably the most famous.

The church will also be hosting an exhibition to Warwickshire's most famous son, William Shakespeare, and a first folio of his plays and a first edition of the King James' Bible will be on display.

After lunch in the lovely town of Warwick we will make the four mile journey to Kenilworth Castle.

Constructed from Norman through to Tudor times, the castle has been described by architectural historian Anthony Emery as "the finest surviving example of a semi-royal palace of the later middle ages, significant for its scale, form and quality of workmanship". The castle was the subject of the six-month-long Siege of Kenilworth in 1266, believed to be the longest siege in English history, and formed a base for Lancastrian operations in the Wars of the Roses.

John of Gaunt spent lavishly in the late 14th century, turning the medieval castle into a palace fortress designed in the latest

perpendicular style. The Earl of Leicester then expanded the castle once again, constructing new Tudor buildings and exploiting the medieval heritage of Kenilworth to produce a fashionable Renaissance palace.

More recently English heritage have reconstructed the Elizabethan garden which the Earl of Leicester created to entertain the Queen on her visit to the castle.

The coach is £14 and entry to Kenilworth £8 (free to English Heritage and Cadw members). The coach will pick up at three points in Radyr at about 8.30a.m. and we expect to return at about 8.30 p.m.

For more details or to book contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

### FRENCH VISITOR

We have received a request from a 17 year old young Frenchman for accommodation and vacation employment during July and August. Alexandre Betard is from the Loire Atlantique region of France and knows of Radyr and Morganstown through his family's connection with the Twinning Fellowship. He speaks reasonable English but wishes to improve it. He likes sport and is lively and tenacious. He has completed his first year of the scientific Bac.

If you can offer accommodation or vacation employment to Alexandre please contact Marion John on 20842448 or on e-mail [mandkjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:mandkjohn@hotmail.com)



## The Dahl Trail

### THE ROALD DAHL TRAIL

Celebrating his childhood in  
Llandaff and Radyr



The Llandaff Society  
and  
Radyr and Morganstown  
Association

*Affiliated to Civic Trust Cymru*

During the Festival the Radyr and Morganstown Association and the Llandaff Society launched a leaflet outlining the Dahl trail by walking the route. The walk was led by Geoffrey Barton-Greenwood for the Llandaff Society and Allan Cook for the R&M Association.

It starts at Ty Mynydd Radyr, and ends at Cumberland Lodge, the last of the houses in which the Dahl family lived before moving away to England. It visits the two schools in Llandaff where the young Roald was a pupil, St John's Church Danescourt, where his father and sister are buried, Villa Marie in Fairwater Road (now known as Ty Gwyn) where he was born and Mrs Pratchett's sweetshop in Llandaff High Street where the infamous "Great Mouse Plot" took place.

The trail leaflet can be had at the Old Church Rooms and several other outlets around the village. As part of the official celebration of his centenary which falls on the 13th of September, the R&M Association will walk the trail on Sunday 11th September starting at St John's Church, Danescourt at 2.30 p.m.

## Unveiling of two Plaques

Two plaques were unveiled during the May Festival. At the opening reception on the first Sunday the Festival Queen, Erin Desmond and her attendants Gracie Rodriguez and Katie Houstan unveiled a blue plaque to Roald Dahl. The blue plaque should be up on Ty Mynydd Lodge by the time this edition of the Chain reaches your doormat.



The plaque in English, Welsh and a little Norwegian, celebrates the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth and says that Roald Dahl 1916 – 1990 spent part of his childhood at Ty Mynydd, treiliodd rhan o'i blentyndod yn Nhy Mynydd and carries the Community Council logo, the Community Council having funded the plaque.

Ty Mynydd House where he lived was demolished in the 1960's, but the Lodge, next to the Scout Hall, still exists.

On the closing Sunday of the Festival, the Honorary French Consul for Wales, Marie Brousseau-Navarro, unveiled a plaque to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Radyr and Morganstown and St Philbert de Grand Lieu Twinning Fellowship. At the same time the gardens surrounding the Old Church Rooms were named Le Jardin de St. Philbert, much to the pleasure of the large contingent of French people who had come over from St Philbert for their biennial visit and R&M twinning both past and present.



## The Junk Challenge!

For me one of the highlights of this year's Festival were the twenty or so sculptures and arrangements on the theme of Roald Dahl, which sprang up around the village during the Festival. Nominally described as a "Junk Challenge" they were anything but junk.

Starting at the Guide Hut where a giant crocodile startled residents and voters alike; via Park Road, where Radyr Primary's collection of twelve statues on a theme of Roald Dahl's books graced the newly completed old Church Rooms, not to forget the Library's delightful James and his Giant Peach.

Bryn Deri School's version of James and the Giant Peach was carefully placed in one of the trees in Windsor Gardens. Across the road at the Methodist Church another fantastic crocodile guarded a very detailed "glass" lift.

At Christ Church the Vicar of Nibbleswicke sat in the porch writing sermons and inside a delightful flower arrangement took the only Dahl theme not to do with his books, it showed his crash in the Libyan desert during the second World War.

The only sculpture not created by one of the organisations in the village was an amazing "Fantastic Mr Fox", created by Rhian and Carys in the front garden of their house in Windsor Crescent. Good on them and thanks to all who worked so hard on the Challenge. I hope it gave other people as big a smile as it gave me.

Allan Cook.



# RESULTS FROM THE FESTIVAL

## RAFFLE WINNERS

- |                      |                      |                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jenni Ashworth    | 50" TV               | 15. M Van Den Bagaard |
| 2. Joyce Davidson    | Photo Voucher        | 16. Elin Livsey       |
| 3. Val Allen         | Framed print         | 17. Paul Rodriquez    |
| 4. Nicky Aubrey      | Afternoon Tea        | 18. ....Clarke        |
| 5. D. Horbin         | Whisky               | 19. Paul Johnson      |
| 6. Mike Farr         | Champagne            | 20. Janet Taylor      |
| 7. Wolfie            | Prosecco             | 21. Derek Bateman     |
| 8. G. Chamberlain    | Wine                 | 22. Mike Maclarg      |
| 9. Gill Evans        | Wine                 | 23. Ralph Vaughan     |
| 10. S Francis        | Wine                 | 24. J. Hopkins        |
| 11. Jerry Bray       | Confectionery        | 25. Jan Doody         |
| 12. Juliet Johnson   | Cut and Blow         | 26. Ellie Diment      |
| 13. Stephen Campbell | Dry Cleaning voucher | 27. Dave Sutton       |
| 14. ....Haines       | Voucher              |                       |



## LITERARY COMPETITION

### BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL

- |        |                    |                   |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| YEAR 6 | Chloe Thomas       | Ellie Healey      |
| YEAR 5 | Dylan Davies       | Sharmeeia Bragg   |
| YEAR 4 | Abigail Cole       | Megan O'Neil      |
| YEAR 3 | Connor Jones       | Anais Sheppard    |
| YEAR 2 | Katie O'Hara Beale | Fflon Lambly      |
| YEAR 1 | Betty Evans        | Donimik Goraloski |

### RADYR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Zayan Zahid       | Olivia Vasconcelos |
| Gracie Booth      | Francesca Cawley   |
| Remi Evans        | Sophie Bebb        |
| Rowan Bailey-Lear | Mason Jones        |
| William Lamb      | Katie Higginson    |
| Maisie Jones      | Lara Boyes         |

### RADYR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

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|--------|----------------------|---------------|
| YEAR 7 | Sophie Abd le Ghafar | Kira Devine   |
|        | Lucas Logue Fonesca  | Gracie Silver |
|        | Isabel Morgan        | Rosie Daviey  |

### OVERALL TROPHY WINNER

Sophie Abd el Ghafar



## COLOURING COMPETITION

### BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL RADYR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>RECEPTION</b>             | <b>YEAR 4</b>       | <b>FREEHAND 7 AND UNDER</b>  |
| 1. Ellan Brown               | 1. Jacob McCallum   |                              |
| 2. Olivia Trickey            | 2. Evie Williams    |                              |
| 3. Amy Baker Brian           | 3. Joy Lee          |                              |
| <b>YEAR 1</b>                | <b>YEAR 5</b>       |                              |
| 1. Dominik Goralski          | 1. Olivier Welch    | 1. Lily Rose Morgan          |
| 2. Megan Cole                | 2. Danny Sullivan   | 2. Lili Thomas               |
| 3. Carys Williams            | 3. Freya Morton     | 3. Ruby Watt                 |
| <b>YEAR 2</b>                | <b>YEAR 6</b>       |                              |
| 1. Thomas Haines             | 1. Olivia Dickinson |                              |
| 2. Lucas Law                 | 2. Lyra Page        |                              |
| 3. Harry Racz                | 3. Katie Houston    |                              |
| <b>YEAR 3</b>                |                     | <b>8 AND OVER</b>            |
| 1. Anais Shepherd            |                     | 1. Marco Morris              |
| 2. Shona Smith               |                     | 2. Lewys Condon              |
| 3. Aimee Laycock             |                     | 3. Ellie Coles               |
| <b>COLOURING 7 AND UNDER</b> |                     | <b>COLOURING 7 AND UNDER</b> |
| 1. Miles Martin- Boon        |                     | 1. Henry Baldwin             |
| 2. Ellan Brown               |                     | 2. Noah Baldwin              |
| 3. Sophia Bailey-Goerra      |                     | 3. Eve Ferris Edwards        |
| <b>COLOURING 8 AND OVER</b>  |                     | <b>COLOURING 8 AND OVER</b>  |
| 1. Joy Lee                   |                     | 1. Sophie Bebb               |
| 2. Arah Rose-Sehpperd        |                     | 2. Lottie Laws               |
| 3. Chloe Thomas              |                     | 3. Ben Coles                 |



# RADYR & MORGANSTOWN FESTIVAL 2016



Luke Beadle, Year 6 Bryn Deri School dressed as Willy Wonker to lead the Roald Dahl Parade to the Fete at the Old Church Rooms. The parade was started by Jonathan Davies OBE, who wished everybody a happy Festival. The theme of the Festival was Roald Dahl and the children came dressed in the costumes of many of the characters from the story books. The parade was headed up by the samba band from the Comprehensive School. At the Old Church Rooms the stall holders were awaiting the arrival of the parade. Michael Locke (Velindre) and Alan Buckle, local resident and long time patient at Velindre, together with the Festival Queen Erin Desmond and her attendants, Gracie Rodriguez and Katie Houston to open the Fete. The barbecue was in great demand ably manned by members of the Association - one of many in the two weeks ahead. The large crowd visited the stalls - plants, cards, books, jewellery, cakes, photographic, bar and of course the traditional teas with the NSPCC, Music supplied by our village impresario, Chris Dale and entertainment from Shine Academy. The new facilities at the OCR were well used, especially when the weather turned damp. The Association team lined up in their Velindre shirts for the occasion.



The pupils of Radyr Primary, Bryn Deri, Comprehensive School (library) and the Guides had made a number of statues depicting the characters of the Roald Dahl books. Many were exhibited on the new lawn at the Old Church Rooms.



Sunday, the weather was still a little unsettled for the Football Festival and the Roald Dahl walk, but many braved the elements to enjoy a conducted tour of the Roald Dahl Trail and Mrs Pratchett's sweet shop. The Community Council held their Civic Service in Christ church with an address from the Reverend Andy Pilcher, CEO of Care for Uganda. Poppy Williams of the Comprehensive School sang a solo 'Dying Ain't So Bad' The Reception afterwards included the unveiling of the Roald Dahl plaque later to be installed at the Lodge in Heol Isaf in memory of the writer. The next day the weather worsened and the Crowning of the Festival Queen by Cllr Rod McKerlich had to be held indoors. The school dancers were undeterred and produced their routines faultlessly. Meanwhile the WI had prepared tea and cakes for all the onlookers and dancers. The Queen went off to Dan y Bryn to plant a tree and then on to the children's tea party in Morganstown Village Hall. Here they had a Punch and Judy show and entertainment.





A number of high quality concerts were performed during the Festival fortnight. Nuno Lucas, the Portuguese pianist. Louise Wayman and Bonhani Justice received a standing ovation for their performance at the Methodist Church. Kevin Johns provided great entertainment appearing as Taffy Shakespeare and his travels to Stratford, Cube Jazz Evening certainly had all the toes tapping.

Our own Radyr Parish Music group with their interpretation of Roald Dahl music ably compered by Brian Willis. On the second Sunday we were entertained by 'Sunny Afternoon' at the Golf Club and the sun did really did shine. On the last Saturday the Melingriffiths Community Band playing a variety of music from the James Bond theme to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The week was rounded off with a fantastic Pop Orchestra playing songs from the shows, compered by the star of the stage show 'The Sound of Music' - Connie Fisher.



Traditional events were held in the Festival - Tenovus Quiz with Colin Johnson and his colleagues winning by a small margin. The Quiz master, Nick Holmes made sure that even the losers looked good! The many story times at the library were well attended by the junior members of our community.

The Boules was postponed but took place in the third week with Radyr Primary adults and Bryn Deri pupils taking the prizes. The film night was well attended watching Eddie Redmayne transpose himself into 'The Danish Girl'. The Guides held their Beetle Drive on the second Wednesday. The Mick Sullivan Show - Audio Visual Evening included many photos of the current Festival activities.. The winner of the Photographic Competition was Hannah Wellbourn . The Festival Queen and her attendants received a photograph for their services to our community. Allan Cook who organises most of the concerts throughout the Festival introduced Manon Rhys, the bard of the 2015 Eisteddfod at the Y Noson Gymreig. Our local Rotary Club organised a Charity concert with Cor Meibion Taf at Radyr Golf Club with our very own Yona Jones, soloist.



On the second Saturday we held our annual Concert in the Parc at Parc Radur. Fortunately the weather was mainly dry and kept the large crowd in situ listening to the bands, soloists, groups and choirs from the local Schools. It is special thanks to Nick Cook and his group 'Radyrcals', Jonathan Bussy and his group 'Funk Sinatras' and Shelley Fairplay who performed on her own as the weather was unfit for all twenty four harpists. The middle Sunday saw some sunning themselves on the Golf Club patio, others were visiting five Open Gardens and having tea and cakes in the Old Church Rooms as a half way house. Gill Evans, Colin and Helen Johnson, Norman and Barbara Clewer, Mavis and Garyl Rhys, and Dan y Bryn all hosted their gardens for public display and raised over £1200 for our village charity, Velindre.





The last week end was hectic with Bryn Deri's Bike Ride to Cardiff, raising over £100 for Velindre, A Vintage Afternoon tea party organised by Karen Wright and her friends. A super high class event with a guest speaker from Velindre. The Festival Gymkhana was going on at Ty Gwyn Farm with horses dressed up in fancy dress and jumping the hurdles. More Barbecue and drinks stalls! Off in the evening to the band concert arranged by the Melingriffiths Band at Morganstown Hall. Sunday the last day and the sun shone for the Dog Show. There were ten categories - all winners. Fourteen vintage tractors paraded through the village to a display at Lychgate Gardens thanks to the Tractor Boys of Aberthin. Time to set up for the finale - A concert of 'Movies and Musicals' with the Welsh Pop Orchestra led by Lucy Davies and presented by a very friendly and relaxed Connie Fisher.



In the words of the Festival Queen, Erin Desmond - *'It has been a privilege to be Festival Queen. I have enjoyed every single second. On being selected I was jumping up and down, I was so happy. I could not wait!*

*The Parade on the sunny Saturday morning we went through Radyr in a lovely open top car, We stood up and waved to the people along the road. We arrived at the Old Church Rooms to start up the Radyr and Morganstown Festival. It's been a fantastic two weeks. I have attended a lot of events, my favourite has to be the Crowning Ceremony. It was fun watching the Maypole and folk dancers. I would like to thank Mick Sullivan, photographer and Maggie our escort for looking after us during the Festival. The best two weeks of my life'*

Katie Houston, one of the attendants stated *'It's been fun, dressing up for the Parade, waving to everybody along the way Luckily it stayed dry for the Fete. We then went to the Male Voice Choir at the Golf Club. I have never been so close to a choir before! The Church service had some interesting talks and lovely singing from Poppy Williams. We then unveiled the Roald Dahl plaque and had many photographs.. I enjoyed the Maypole and crowning ceremony as well as visiting the Cheshire Home and tea party. I also went to the Beetle Drive and Fantastic Mr Dahl concert, which was good. I saw the slide show, Gymkhana, Dog Show and the Velindre Concert. It has really been good experience, thanks to Maggie and everyone who have been so kind'*

Maggie Roberts' response *' I would like to thank the Festival Queen and her attendants for taking their roles so seriously and working so very hard and I am glad that they enjoyed the fortnight. Thanks to the parents who were so co-operative and helpful throughout. Big thank you to Julie Davies and Anne Silver for standing in for me during the amazing weekend with the French friends'.*

Maggie was presented with the Ken Innes Trophy for the best efforts during the Festival fortnight.

More thanks to a lot of people - the Association team and all their supporters . The organisers of the various Committees, Schools. churches and charities around the village. Claire Taylor for her Roald Dahl pictures and banners for the Parade. Val Allen for the Gymkhana and the Dog Show. Allan Cook for all his efforts with all the professional artists. Allan Buckle for representing the charity in the village and Ceri Morgan for his transport. Thanks to Chris Wills, Nick Holmes and the barbecue team, Chris St Leger (Electrics), Brian Willis (Comper), Chris Dale (Music) Terry Fitzgerald (Concert). Raymond Rivron was wearing three hats (R&MA/Twinning and OCR gardener) Thanks to Keith John for his Roald Dahl drawings and judging the colouring competition (old softy!) Chris Gray and Neil Cargill for driving their open top cars for the parade. Thanks to the local police and St. John's Ambulance volunteers for the attendance at many events.

David Silver, Chairman of the Association presented a cheque to Michael Locke of Velindre for £7000. This is an interim amount accumulated from the Community from Christmas to May. We hope the final figure will be a lot more! More help is needed from our Community to organise and run some of these and new events for 2017 our 30th year - All are welcome! If you have any new ideas the Festival Committee needs YOU!

**David Cargill, Festival Chairman**

