

RADYR CHAIN



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St. David's Day at Bryn Deri



This year's eisteddfod and St. David's Days celebrations were yet another successful way to celebrate the Welsh language and Culture at Bryn Deri.

Family and friends were invited to school to share in the children's performances of Welsh dance,

songs and poetry recitations and see some of the wonderful work that the children produced as part of their competitions in poetry writing, handwriting and art.

This year they had the added excitement of the *Great Bryn Deri Bake Off* with a Welsh twist!

Congratulations to our Bard 2017 who was awarded his cup from

Radyr and Morganstown Women's Institute for his winning poem entitled '*A Child in Wales*'. It was a memorable moment which his family was able to share with the whole school.

As part of the St David's celebrations staff, parents and pupils took part in the annual Cardiff St. David's Day Fun Run. Adults took part in either the 5k or 10k run whilst children ran 1k '*Run Bryn Deri Run*' as we are known was established in January 2017 and consists of approximately 30 adults many of whom had never run 5k. Pleasingly, everyone completed the distance successfully. Over £250 was raised for St John Ambulance – the Radyr and Morganstown community charity.

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION



FESTIVAL



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

29th APRIL - 14th MAY

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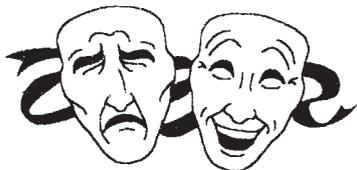
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Your free Festival Programme can be found inside this edition of Radyr Chain

The 2017 theme is 'Superheroes' our Festival Charity is St. John Ambulance. Thank you for your continued support

COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website www.Radyr.org.uk

Sat 1 April 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown Choral Society Easter Concert, Christchurch. Featuring Hadyn's Little Organ Mass and Alan Bullard's Wondrous Cross.

Sun 2 April Enemy of Apathy. Radyr Parish Choir lead an evening of Words and Music re-telling the story of Christ's Passion. Using music from the Iona community "Enemy of Apathy" to re-tell the story of the final events before Jesus' Crucifixion. Christchurch, Heol Isaf, Radyr.

Mon 3 April 19:30 RMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Come along to the R&M Association AGM in the Old Church Rooms to hear what happened in the last year and the plans for the future. Election of Committee. Drinks & nibbles served after the meeting. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or rma@radyr.org.uk for further details.

Tue 4 April YOGA CLASS. 20.00 - 21.30pm Radyr Guide Centre. Cost £7.00 drop in or £30 for 5 classes. Hatha Yoga class to include pranayama, relaxation and meditation. Contact Sarah Tovey for information and to book sarah.tovey@btinternet.com Mob: 07593 597425

Fri 7 April 12:30 Lent Lunches at Christ Church New Schoolrooms. £4.00 to include home-made soup, bread & cheese, hot drink. Proceeds to Christian Aid. A short service of Reflections in the Lady Chapel at 12.15pm

Sat 8 April 19:30 Roald Dahl - Llandaff Boy. A family entertainment created for his centenary. Old Church Rooms. Organised by the Friends of Insole Court with the Llandaff Society. First performed in Insole Court in October 2016. Tickets £7 (£12 for two) from Ener Chi, Station Road; Nick Hawkins 2084 2561; Allan Cook 2084 3176.

Mon 9 April 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. Tonight Christina Crowe will talk about "ITM Alexander Technique". Visitors always welcome.

Wed 12 April 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society. An Evening on the Welsh Narrow Gauge in the 1960s OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

Wed 12 April 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "The National Gardens Scheme" an illustrated talk by Rosamund Davies. Talk will be preceded by a short AGM. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Details - Richard Gregory 029 20842084

Thur 20 April 19:30 History Society. Dr. Mark Redknap on THE LESSER GARTH CAVE AND ITS CONTEXT. Over the past few years there has been a major reassessment of the Lesser garth Cave (behind the Ty Nant Inn) Dr Redknap will bring us up to date. Old Church Rooms. All are welcome.

Thur 27-29 April 19:30 Radyr Drama Society presents 'Blood Brothers' (the play) by Willy Russell. Morganstown Village Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets (£10, £9 Concessions, £7 Students) available from 20842432, Enerchi or www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama

Sat 29 April 12:00 Festival Parade and Fete. Procession celebrating 'Superheroes' starts Methodist Hall approx 11:30am. Fete in OCR opening by a celebrity and Festival Queen at 12:00. Stalls, music, displays, competitions, games, bar & BBQ, Contact Nick Hawkins, 2084 2561, for further details or if you would like to have a stall.

Sat 29 April – Sun 14 May **FESTIVAL 2017 – See enclosed Festival Programme for all events**

Sat 6 May 19:30 RPMG concert: 'Up, Up and Away'. Join us for a soaring musical menagerie performed by Radyr Parish Music Group and Rubicon Dance. Tickets £10, under 18s/students £8. Available from the Festival Box Office or Maggie Roberts, 029 2084 2995. There will be a pre-show and interval bar.

Mon 8 May 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. Annual Meeting.

Wed 10 May 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society 50 Years Behind the Lens. OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

Wed 17 May 12:00 Tenovus Charity Bag Collection. Please bring your bags of unwanted items to be sold in Tenovus Cancer Care shops.. The Tenovus van will be at the Guide Hall Bryn Derwen, Radyr, car park from noon to 2 pm. For more information please ring 20842096.

Thur 18 May 10:30 History Society. The first of our summer visits to THE ROYAL MINT, Lantrisant. Non members are welcome to join. Entry £11. For details phone Allan Cook 20843176

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Mon 10 April, 7.30pm
Evening service & Address
St. David Groesfaen

Tues 11 April, 7.30pm
Evening service & Address
St Mary & St. James, Taffs Well

Wed 12 April, 9.30am
Holy Eucharist, Christ Church
7.30pm Evening service & Address
St. John, Danescourt

Maundy Thursday 13 April,
9.30am Holy Eucharist, St. John
7.30pm Holy Eucharist,
Christ Church

8pm-10pm Vigil, St. John
Good Friday 14 April, 10am
All Age Worship. The way of the
Cross, Christ Church
2pm, At the foot of the Cross,
Christ Church

Easter Eve 15 April,
8pm, Service of Light,
Radyr Methodist Church

Easter Sunday 16 April,
8am, Holy Eucharist,
Christ Church
9.15am, Holy Eucharist, St John
11am, Holy Eucharist,
Christ Church
6pm, Holy Eucharist,
Christ Church

CONCERT IN THE PARC SATURDAY 13TH MAY PARC RADUR

The Association are holding the traditional Concert in the Parc again this year at Parc Radur on Saturday, 13th May.

If there are any musicians, dancers, choral groups or soloists who would like to perform in the afternoon before a community audience on the day, they would be very welcome. There will be a covered stage area with a professional sound engineer in charge.

If you are interested, please phone 2084 2034 or email d.cargill@ntlworld.com

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by May 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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Leonard Cheshire Disability

PARALYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO BRING DISABILITY SPORT OPPORTUNITIES TO WALES

Rio 2016 hero Andy Lewis, MBE today called on the British public to get behind 'Tour de Cymru', a new cycling event that will raise money for disability sport. The Paralympian lost his right leg in a motorbike accident as a sixteen year old, catapulted into the air by a 38-tonne lorry. The injuries sustained in the collision prevented Andy from joining the parachute regiment of the British army.

Last year Andy made history, winning gold in the first para-triathlon to be staged at a Paralympic Games.

Now the athlete is supporting Leonard Cheshire Disability as a team of fundraisers representing the charity attempt to raise £10,000. through cycling across Wales. The 'Tour de Cymru' challenge will involve ten amateur cyclists – a mix of staff and supporters – covering 350 miles in five days, starting on 24th May. Team members will zig-zag from Anglesey to Gwent, stopping off at each of Leonard Cheshire's five Welsh residential care services, four supported living services and its Discover IT centre in Swansea en route.

Andy said "I'm supporting Leonard Cheshire in their cycling challenge as I'd like many more people to be able to access sport. Sport is important to me because it has given me the freedom I believe everyone should have access to. Since believing in myself and taking up sport, I have achieved some great things in life".

In Wales, Leonard Cheshire supports disabled people in five residential homes and four supported living services. The international charity, which is celebrating the centenary of the birth of its founder throughout 2017, also provides community IT and volunteering programmes here.

All money raised in Wales from this event will be spent in Wales. It will be used to buy adapted sports and physio equipment for the people living in Leonard Cheshire services and to help residents access sporting activities in the local community. Activities could range from wheel dancing to bowling, archery to horse-riding. For some of the residents, funds raised may help cover the costs of seeing their team play a live sports match, something that isn't always possible without the help of specialised staff, transport and appropriate support.

Givers can find out more and donate by visiting www.leonardcheshire.org/tourdecymru

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WHY DID THE PARENT CROSS THE ROAD? TO TAKE THEIR CHILD TO SCHOOL

However, not in Radyr, where a new risk assessment from Cardiff Council tells parents from Min y Coed and Ty Mynydd Close that they should take a twenty minute/1 mile detour to walk their children to school rather than cross the road!

Cardiff Council completed their assessment after local residents presented evidence showing that 50% of cars were travelling at speeds in excess of 38mph on Heol Isaf by Radyr Primary School.

It is astounding that, rather than support a recent campaign by over 400 residents to address the issue and slow traffic down in R&M, the Council's answer is to put the onus on parents to go out of their way to avoid it.

Evidence shows that a pedestrian hit at 40mph has a 1% survival chance, compared to 99% at 20mph. Go Safe recently caught 36 motorists speeding in R&M in three hours. The statistics are shocking.

Go Safe are increasing their monitoring of the area and local officers are also completing random speed checks.

There have been a number of near misses recently, including an incident on the zebra crossing on Heol Isaf by Park Road and a car narrowly missing hitting parents and children leaving the school when it mounted the pavement in Park Road to avoid a bus.

The warning signs are there and we are urging the Council to take action before a serious accident occurs instead of waiting until after it has happened.

The Council have agreed to establish a 20mph zone for Park Road outside Radyr Primary, which is a positive start, but more is needed,

A number of proposals have been made to our local Councillor, including for :

- 30mph speed signs along Heol Isaf;
- two raised zebra crossings on Heol Isaf (at Min y Coed and Park Road);
- the bus schedule for Park Road to avoid school start and finish times; and a 20mph zone on Heol Isaf from Min y Coed past the secondary school.

If these issues concern you, please show your support via the website – www.20plentyradyr.co.uk or follow the twitter account :20plentyradyr

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Gilbert and Sullivan's The Gondoliers

The Gondoliers was the twelfth collaboration between W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, an operetta whose sunny style suggests that there must have been a successful resolution of the lingering squabble between their two "artistic temperaments". It's one of their most frequently performed works and indeed, this was its second outing with the RPMG, the last being in 1994.

Charlotte Rennie showed us that she was in brisk command from the very beginning. Her very competent 12 piece band launched into the overture with style and the stage was immediately filled with bustling activity and lots of interesting business as "roses white and roses red" were exchanged. Contadine and gondolieri of the chorus making their second appearance in these roles tripped in from the wings, having already

assumed the characters they had left behind 23 years ago. Once there they combined to provide a disciplined chorus which made the most of all its opportunities.

Gilbert's heavy parody of the legal system and the pomposity of class distinctions was well conveyed and Linda Cleak's direction was full of amusing twists and winks. There were even a few of the now traditional contemporary references, the Duke of Plaza Toro being the principal culprit.

How fortunate the company has been once more with its young principals. They all sang well and Gilbert's words reached us clearly. Special honours go to the teenage Zoé Martin whose assured Casilda, natural acting and lovely voice were the highlight of the evening. She was ably supported by Erica Hadfield's strong Tessa and Bethan Sims' engaging Gianetta. In Mezz

Davies and Aneurin Davies we were also fortunate to have two confident Palmieri brothers, they clearly knew the roles extremely well and kept the drama moving with skill and sensitivity. I wonder, however, if one or two of the more indulgent moments could have been allowed to linger just a little. The iconic aria "Take a pair of sparkling eyes" lacked some of its lyricism at Friday's performance.

The "senior generation" were as reliable and amusing as we have seen them over the years and it is a tribute to their stamina and enthusiasm that once again they were able to give us such a rewarding evening.

Commitment and enthusiasm are all in an amateur production and the RPMG has this aplenty. The professional input from Stage Lighting Services, with their use of the latest colour LED lamps give pleasing effects throughout. The front of house team, resplendent as always in formal attire, the hard-working crew and stage management, all ensured that the show opened once again in very accomplished style. In total, there must have been around 90 people involved in this production, including the forty on stage. It is a tremendous 'community effort'.

Colin Johnson



News from Radyr and Morganstown

WI MARCH 2017

At last Spring seems to be on the way and I realize that by the time the next "Chain Report" is due, the Radyr Festival will be over. This year, our WI will be running a bottle stall on the first Saturday of May Festival fortnight. Hopefully all Chain readers will be supporting the opening fete and all the subsequent events.

Since the last report, a group visit to the Royal Mint has taken place on 17th February and the annual link group St. David's Day Walk was held on 27th February. The walk followed its usual pattern, starting from the Bay (with alternative "joining points" for the less fit!) and ending in Morganstown Village Hall for lunch. The Ironbridge over the river is currently closed for repairs so walkers diverted across the railway bridge to continue through Radyr to Morganstown. The walk had begun in beautiful sunshine but the last section took place in pouring rain. All soaking wet walkers gladly reached the Hall where they were warmed and cheered by the super lunch, particularly the hearty leek and potato soup.

The Glamorgan Federation Spring Walk will take place on Friday, 31st March and will be an approximate seven mile circular walk from Caerphilly Castle. Other varied springtime events include a lunch at the Miller & Carter restaurant on Friday, 24th March and a link group event on Tuesday, 14th March. This will be an evening of music and song hosted by Tongwynlais and Taffs Well and featuring the Porthcawl Ukulele Band. I think this is a first for a WI event.

Hopefully, a coach trip to Stow-on-the-Wold will take place on Tuesday, 25th April and the Glamorgan Federation WI Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd May. The Speaker will be Helen Sharman, OBE, Britain's first astronaut.

Our February meeting was held on 13th February, where our guest speaker was Mr. Roger Swan from the Bereavement Services Division of

Cardiff Council. He gave an interesting talk on Cathays Cemetery. The Cathays Cemetery heritage walk is informative on many topics – rare trees, Victorian architecture, the social history of Cardiff and the interesting accounts of the many people buried there. The denominational chapels have been fully restored and are now popular as wedding venues.

On Monday, 13th March, our March meeting unusually commenced with a round of applause in memory of Mary Thompson who died peacefully in the Royal Glamorgan Hospital aged 98. This tribute was at her request rather than the traditional "silence" and was totally in keeping with this lady's indomitable personality. We shall all miss her very much. Her vitality, elegance and style, her joie de vivre and appetite for life even in great old age were an inspiration to us all. Her long life which encompassed so many interests and experiences was a true example of a life well lived.

Our meeting continued with the announcements of the winners of the cups for the creative writing competitions in our Primary Schools. I hope to report the names of the winners and titles of the works in the next edition of the Chain when the details have been verified.

The evening continued with a talk on Dye Plant Gardening by our speaker Fran Rushworth. She illustrated her talk with examples of fabrics coloured by the use of natural plant dyes. The resulting colours were beautiful and subtle but the process of producing the dyes was complex and time consuming; something which only a dedicated enthusiast would undertake.

Our next meeting takes place on Monday, 10th April. Our speaker will be Christina Crowe and her subject will be the interactive teaching method of the Alexander Technique.

All our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Everyone is welcome to visit or contact us on email at radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.com

[Apologies for a misprint in the email address in the February issue of the Chain].

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

SPINACH RISOTTO

A risotto packed with flavour. You could add a piece of grilled salmon or prawns. To finish you need grated parmesan cheese. I buy a block, grate half of it and keep it in the freezer. It is then on hand immediately.

Recipe serves 4

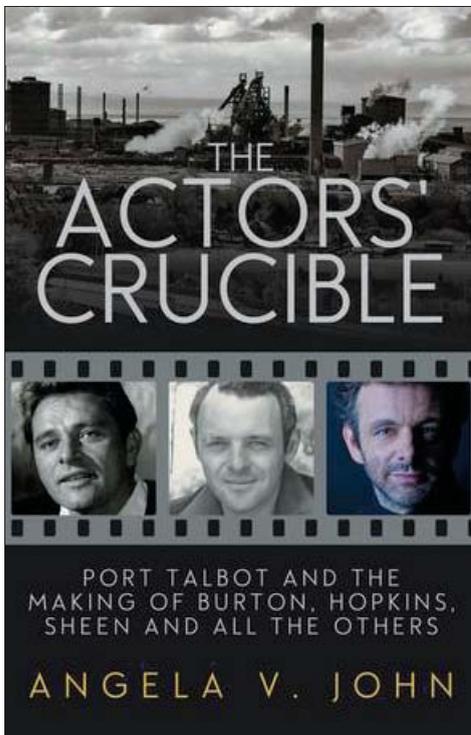
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 2 cloves crushed garlic
- 225g (8oz) sliced mushrooms
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 225g (8z) Arborio rice
- 150ml (5fl.oz) dry white wine (optional)
- Approx. 700ml (1¹/₄ pints) chicken, ham or veg stock, hot
- 225g (8oz) fresh spinach, washed and shredded
- 25g (1oz) pine nuts, toasted
- 25g (1oz) butter
- 25g (1oz) grated parmesan cheese

- Heat oil in large pan
- Add garlic, mushrooms and onion
- Fry for 5 minutes until soft but not coloured
- Add rice and stir for 2 minutes
- Pour in wine, bring to boil and bubble for 1 minute
- Add ladlefull of stock, stir until most absorbed
- Keep adding stock, ladleful at a time
- Stir as much as possible
- The stirring gives the risotto its creamy texture
- When rice is cooked (but still al dente in the middle), stir in spinach until it wilts (it looks a lot but will collapse)
- Season with salt and pepper to taste
- Stir in pine nuts and butter (to give a gloss)
- Sprinkle over parmesan cheese and serve

A.M.P.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORTHCOMING FESTIVAL

Once again the Festival Committee has arranged a very strong programme of Arts Events. Apart from those events seen elsewhere in this publication, Wednesday, 3rd May sees a talk by Angela V. John about her latest book, **The Actors Crucible**. It's a strange fact that so many actors have come out of the Crucible of Port Talbot, from Richard Burton and Anthony Hopkins to Michael Sheen. Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £6., £5. concession, £4. students.

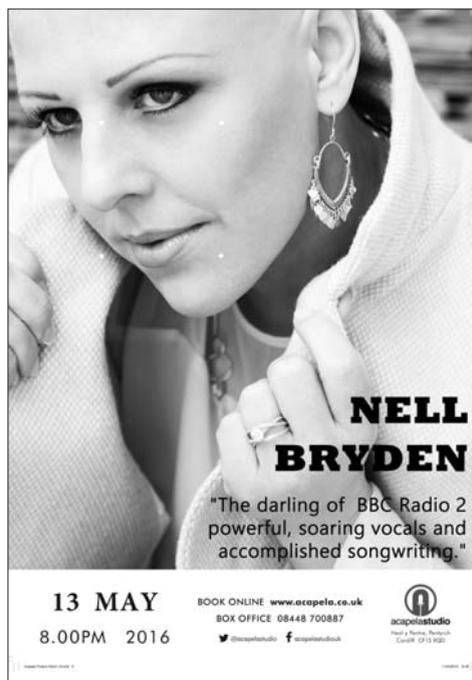


Tuesday, 9th May sees a showing of the Oscar winning film **Fargo**. This 1996 dark comedy won prizes at the Cannes Film Festival and several Oscars. In 2006, it was selected for preservation by the US Library of Congress as "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant" one of only six films so designated. Fargo can be seen at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30pm. Tickets £4.

Wednesday, 10th May sees a visit from the ever popular Fluellen Theatre Company with a new musical show, **The Other Jolson** about the legendary singer Al Jolson. Written by the same team that brought Taffy Shakespeare to Morganstown Village Hall last year, it has comedy, drama and Jolson's greatest hits.



This year the committee have gone into partnership with the innovative Acapela music studio based in Pentyrch, which has just added a pizza oven to its attractions. The concert on Saturday, 13th May features Nell Bryden. Called "The darling of Radio 2", Nell shot to fame with her single "Sirens" about the aftermath of 9/11 in her native New York. Gary Barlow liked the song so much that he asked her to open for him on a recent tour. She also presents Nell Bryden's New York Hour on BBC Radio 2. Acapela, Pentyrch at 8pm. Bar opens at 7pm. Tickets £16.50.



Tickets can be purchased for all these events at Radyr Eye Care, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma

RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Venue: The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr
Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm
Membership Fee: £20.50
Lunch: £6.50. Talk only: £3.00

Summer Programme 2017

- 2nd March - The history of Llantrisant
Dean Powell
 - 28th March - Cardiff's forgotten castle
Brian Davies
 - 4th April - Easter
 - 11th April - Easter
 - 18th April - Easter
 - 25th April - Wildlife of India
Richard Smith
 - 2nd May - Trip - Slimbridge
 - 9th May - Italian Connection Part 1
Romeo Basini
 - 16th May
Elizabeth Fry - Marion Rushton
 - 23rd May - Trip - Snowhill Manor & Bourton on the Water
- Next term begins on 10th October, 2017
Telephone Numbers
2084 2461 / 2055 2610

NSPCC

After much soul-searching, the Radyr Committee of the NSPCC has concluded that age and illness have taken their toll and with an average of 83, it has become increasingly difficult to continue functioning so we have reluctantly decided to call it a day.

As I'm sure many of you will remember, Sue Roberts began Radyr's association with NSPCC more than fifty years ago by holding coffee mornings in "Cloud", her house in Heol Isaf. She was then joined by Barbara Sullivan, Mary Pearce and Janet Lindsay who formed the original committee and all four of them stayed the course and are still with us.

If anyone would like to set up a new committee then we would be only too happy to offer our support and help in raising much-needed funds for a very worthy cause and we would like to thank everyone for their generous support over the past fifty years, which has been greatly appreciated.

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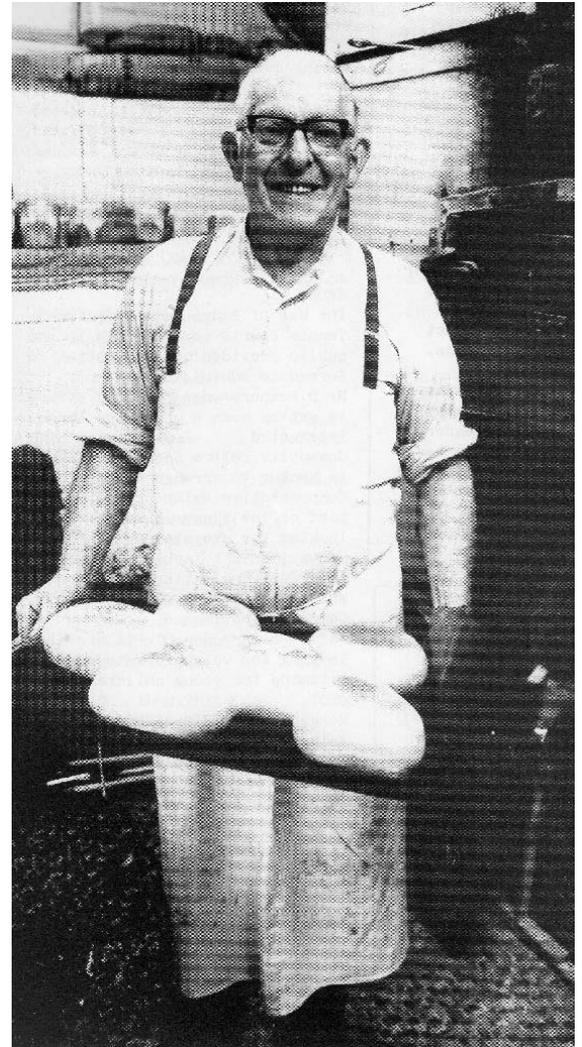
MAY 1982

He's No Loafer

Selwyn Newman is a sprightly good humoured gentleman who will be 75 years young in May 1982. He has been in his present premises since 1913 where his father was a baker before him. There are no thoughts of retiring and besides "I enjoy meeting the people who come here". Indeed while he talked to me, his customers not only bought but stayed to talk about the weather and their ailments. He's up at 5am every weekday morning. There's no doubt that he enjoys his work and is proud of his craft, baking between 200 and 400 loaves a day with his regular customers coming as far away as Bedwas, Caerphilly and Vale.

Selwyn keeps mementoes, letters from all over the world from satisfied customers, and photographs they have taken of him and the bakery. But there on the wall is a poem given to him by a local school girl.

*Be gentle when you touch bread, let it not be uncared for - unwanted
So often bread is taken for granted.
There is such beauty in bread,
Beauty of sun and soul, Beauty of patient toil.
Wind and rain have caressed it, Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touch bread.*



Guiding Hand

After many years of negotiation and hard work the Radyr Community Council has successfully managed to obtain a lease of a piece of land adjacent to Bryn Derwen, upon which it is intended the Radyr Girl Guides build their new Guide Hall. Here we see the triumphant signing of the lease in the presence of the guided by the Chairman of the Council, Mr. David Suthers in the local office of Mr. Norman Saye. In the photo, guides: Alison Drake, Commissioner Elaine Vaughan Williams, Vicki Cooper and Deborah Randall.

Medical Care in Radyr

It is a lovely bright winter's morning as I turn into Rectory Close, past the pretty church and the tennis club and arrive at our modern purpose-built surgery. The waiting room is filling fast. I open my room, turn on the computer ... nothing. The clinical system has crashed. The morning is a disaster. We are paralysed without our computers as they contain all patients' medical histories, prescription records, drug allergies, test results, hospital correspondence. Everything.

This got my thinking about times of old, before technology. Who were the doctors of Radyr in days gone by? Who looked after our community? When did community medicine start to look like the General Practice that we recognise today? What changes have happened? Who has helped to shape those changes?

Memories of Radyr and Morganstown gives some charming accounts of local medics who cared for our community 100 years ago. Surgeries were usually held in the doctor's home. The *Memories* mention a Dr. Mathias who worked from his house on Station Road where Cwrt Brynteg now stands. He was later joined by Dr. Daniel Rees Thomas and Dr. Perrott. The doctors later set up a group practice in Taffs Well; patients would walk or travel by train from Radyr to be seen and house calls were often done on horseback or by bicycle. The surgery building sounded primitive – the waiting room adjoined the single examination cubicle, allowing every word of the consultation to be heard by all patients awaiting treatment. GPs also dabbled in dental work at this time.

I called on Dr. Tim Jenkins to share his more recent memories from his nearly forty year career as a Radyr GP. He recalls Dr. Fraser, who ran his practice from a room in his home in Windsor Road, until his retirement in 1970. Dr. David Hughes then set up practice in the specially built Local Authority Health Centre on Park Road. In 1973, Dr. Jenkins joined him. At this time, there were 2000 patients on the books. The two doctors were joined by Dr. Bernadette Fuge, the first lady GP partner in Radyr in the late 1970's. Housing development boomed through the 1970s and 1980s and more medical help was needed to care for the growing community. Dr. Margaret Price joined the team in the 1980s, followed by Dr. Helen Lawton in 1993. Healthcare was rapidly evolving by now and the practice offered a range of services alongside standard medical care, including minor surgery, hypnotherapy and acupuncture. The doctors were also

now supported by a team of district nurses and health visitors. Computers appeared in the practice by the early 1990s. Initially, they were only used to generate prescriptions and it wasn't until 1996 that each GP had a desktop, consultations were recorded electronically and prescriptions could be printed during consultations. This was ground-breaking and enormously time-saving. The 1990s marked the point when surgeries started employing their own practice nurses and the practice became involved in training medical students.

The list size continued to grow and over the next ten years other doctors joined, including Dr. Andrew Samuels, Dr. Samantha Quarry and Dr. Huw Thomas who joined the team in 2005. It was getting rather cramped at the Health Centre on Park Road by this stage. The doctors needed new premises. Various ideas were mooted, but the development of the current building – which stands on the site of the "Rectory Vegetable Garden" – was helped by the Reverend Bill Barlow, who strongly felt that the community was in desperate need of a new surgery, so persuaded the Archbishop of The Church in Wales that the land ought to be made available for the development of the medical centre. In 2007, the plush new practice opened.

Change has continued apace over the last ten years since the new building opened. The medical team has grown: Dr. Jamie Boyce joined in 2008, Dr. Lucy Dolman in 2011 and Dr. Laura Harrison last year. Dr. Jenkins retired in 2009 and Dr. Price in 2013. The practice also has the benefit of GP Registrars (qualified junior doctors specialising in general practice) working with the team of six or twelve months at a time as part of their training. Our nurses have become super-specialised, skilled in the management of minor illnesses and Sally Jenkins, our nurse practitioner, can prescribe independently. Our administrative team have become more highly skilled. No longer is their job just answering the phones and filing – they are experts in using our technology systems to ensure patients with long-term medical problems are called for regular reviews and they help our practice manager with contractual matters. Managerial responsibilities have become more complex. In December 2016, we were delighted to welcome a new practice manager, Mrs. Hannah Bird. Hannah is an expert in the business of general practice having spent a decade working at Primary Care at the Cardiff University Health Board. As our practice manager, her job is to ensure the smooth running of our business, manage our team and ensure that we meet our contractual requirements. Our GP contact has changed enormously in recent years.

Alongside the day-to-day care of our patients, we must now also function as part of a 'cluster'. Where GP practices work collaboratively to improve health provision in their locality by identifying the area's particular and individual needs. Our 'cluster' includes seven other GP surgeries in Fairwater, Whitchurch, Llandaff and Danescourt. The aim of this cluster work is to provide our local community with local services tailored to its needs.

Technology is also getting more sophisticated. We offer online ordering of repeat prescriptions, appointment booking and text alerts. All referrals to hospitals are now sent electronically and we have a state-of-the-art digital camera which allows photographs of skin lesions to accompany dermatology referrals. Medical services are more advanced; we provide all aspects of family planning, blood monitoring for certain medications and management of our patients with long-term conditions such as diabetes and asthma. I wonder what the GPs from 100 years ago would make of modern day practice. And I wonder what medical care will look like 100 years from now.

TREFORGAN WI

FEBRUARY & MARCH

Spring is starting and Treforgan WI have been out and about enjoying all weathers. St. David's Day saw us joining with other local WIs walking from the Millennium Centre to Morganstown Village Hall. The hot soup was especially welcome after this wet and muddy adventure. We have been out socialising with other local WIs and enjoyed a toe tapping evening in Tongwynlais listening to the Porthcawl Ukulele Band. At the end of March we ventured further afield visiting the Workers Gallery in Ynyshir.

Our meetings have been full. We have been awestruck by the high kicking Rachel Williams telling us of her life in Hollywood and we have been inspired by Pat Johnson and her felting workshop shed.

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.

Our upcoming meetings are April – "Mary, Humpty and the Black Sheep" from Lilian Charles and May will be our Annual General Meeting.

Summer Visits

The History Society have announced their first two summer visits. On Thursday, 18th May they will visit the Royal Mint at Llantrisant. Entry is £11., non members are invited to take up any vacant places. Lunch and transport can be arranged.

The summer visit is to Stourhead in Wiltshire on Thursday, 29th June. Stourhead, the home of the Hoare family, is one of the earliest Palladian villas in the country, being completed in 1725. Henry Hoare demolished an earlier manor house in the process. It contains a fine collection of paintings and furniture, the furniture being specially commissioned by the family from Thomas Chippendale.



The world famous gardens are one of the most iconic in the UK, described as a "living work of art". Built around a lake, you get vistas to the numerous follies including the Temple of Flora, The Pantheon and the Palladian Bridge.



The coach will leave Radyr at 8.15am on Thursday, 29th June, picking up at the Guide Centre, rear of Ffordd Las and the Methodist Church. Lunch can be arranged at Stourhead. The coach is £12., entry is free to members of the National Trust and £13.60. to non members. For more details or to book a place, please phone Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

Lesser Garth Cave

The last talk before the summer will be given by Mark Redknap, a Radyr

resident. Dr. Redknap will re-evaluate the finds in the Lesser Garth Cave at the Old Church Rooms on Thursday, 20th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Radyr, Morganstown and District Gardening Club

Spring is at last with us and as a result of the mild and damp winter, spring bulbs are well advanced. Snowdrops were quickly over but daffodils and primroses are giving a good show and the tulips are showing their noses and beginning to bud up. All this is tempting us to get ahead with seed planting but we can still be caught out by sharp overnight frosts. However, let us all look forward to a satisfying year of gardening, flowering and harvest.

Our winter programme continued after Christmas when Bob Priddle stepped in at the last minute and spoke to us about "Plants in Myth and Legend" tracing the origin of plant common names and how and why many occur in everyday language.

In February we welcomed Trevor Coles who discussed his life as a Tree Surgeon, working outdoors in all weathers, illustrating the range of equipment used, safety issues and the breadth of work done. He then went on to discuss the need to regularly inspect trees for disease and other conditions leading to proper tree management.

The March meeting was an illustrated talk on Dahlias by Robert Evans of Pheasant Acre Plants. He started by showing the range and form of dahlia plants available, those suitable as cut flowers and those more suited to exhibition work, all illustrated by a number of excellent photographs. He then went on to talk about growing and propagating established tubers as well as the patience needed in breeding new varieties.

Our final meeting of the winter

2016/17 programme is on Wednesday, 12th April when we have a talk by Rosamund Davies about the National Garden Scheme. Mrs. Davies is the Glamorgan County Organiser for the NGS. The talk will be preceded by our AGM which will be kept as short as possible.

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December) with illustrated talks and demonstrations. Some speakers bring examples of the plants they talk about and others bring plants for sale.

New Members and Visitors 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) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

We hope to see you at our next meeting.

DR. ELIN JONES

The guest speaker at the Welsh evening of the 2017 Festival will be Dr. Elin Jones. Born in Ystrad Mynach, Dr. Elin studied history at Oxford. She went on to each history at secondary level before joining the staff of the National Museum in Cardiff.

Dr. Elin was the President of the highly successful 2016 National Eisteddfod at Abergavenny. She will speak on the subject of Hanes Pwy? (Whose History?).

Dr. Elin will speak at the Old Church Rooms on Tuesday, 2nd May at 7.30pm. Tickets £3. from Allan Cook 2084 3176.

Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Cafwyd gwledd o noson yng nghwmni tair gwestai yng nghyfarfod Merched y Wawr Bro Radur nos Fercher, Chwefror 1af gyda Sioned Hughes, Ann Williams a Mehefin Parry Jones. Profiad pleserus i'r aelodau oedd cwrdd â chael cyfle i adnabod Sioned Hughes, ddaeth yn Brif Weithredwraig i'r Urdd ddechrau Ionawr 2016, mudiad sy gyda dros 55,000 o aelodau a throsiant blynyddol o gwmpas £9.7m. Rhannodd rai o'i phrofiadau wrth ymgyfarwyddo â'r swydd, fel ceisio dod i adnabod y 270 o staff sy'n gweithio i'r mudiad, sylweddoli pwysigrwydd y llu o wirfoloddwyr i'w lwyddiant, rhyfeddu cymaint oedd gwersyll Glan Llyn wedi ei foderneiddio ers iddi hi fod yno yn ferch ysgol a rhyfeddu'n fwyfwy at faint Cwpan Pantyfedwen! Teimlai'n lwcus mai yn Y Fflint cynhelid Eisteddfod Genedlaethol y mudiad yn 2016 a hithau'n gallu lletya adre gyda'i rhieni yn Rhuthun. Wrth wrando ar Sioned gyda'i phersonoliaeth gynnes a'i brwdfrydedd gwyddem fod Yr Urdd mewn dwylo diogel wrth iddi lywio gwaith y Mudiad tuag at ddatlu can mlynedd yn 2022. Apeliodd am gyfraniadau i'r archif yn atgofion, hanesion a lluniau a'u hanfon i helo@urdd.org.

Yn dilyn sgwrs Sioned cawsom egwyl gerddorol hyfryd gan Ann Williams (llywydd y gangen) ar ei thelyn fach a Mehefin Parry Jones ar yr acordion. Cwrddodd y ddwy yng Nghôr Hen Nodiant a pherfformio gyda'i gilydd am y tro cyntaf yng Nghapel Gwaelod-y-Garth yn y cyngerdd drefnwyd gan Gangen Y Garth a Bro Radur i godi arian at Eisteddfod Y Fenni. Roedd y ddwy wedi paratoi rhaglen amrywiol ar ein cyfer ar y thema rhamant a serch, gan roi datganiadau hyfryd o *Y Ferch o'r Sgêr*, medli o alawon serch Cymraeg, *Hymn L'Amour* yn mynd â ni i Baris Edith Piaf ac i'r Eidal yn sain *Santa Lucia*, a dychwelyd i Gymru gyda *'My Little Welsh Home'* a chloi gyda *Rwy'n Caru Merch o Blwyf Penderyn*. Yn ystod eu perfformiad bu Mehefin yn egluro



Meri Griffiths (Cadeirydd y noson), Sioned Hughes, Ann Williams a Mehefin Parry Jones

dull canu'r accordion, a ymddangosai'n weddol gymhleth ac Ann hithau yn dangos priodoleddau'r Delyn Geltaidd Clarsach, 34 tant, wedi ei gwneud yn Ffrainc o bren golau pyrwydden a masarn. Prynodd hi hon ar ôl symud

i Gaerdydd ac mae'n dipyn ysgafnach i'w chludo o gwmpas na'r delyn bedalau sy ganddi.

Bu hon yn noson gofiadwy a phawb wedi gwerthfawrogi cyfraniad y tair gwestai frwdfrydig a llawen.

Many Congratulations...

To Jenkin and Brenda Rees on their diamond wedding anniversary on the 16th February, 1957. They were married at St. Bridget's Church, St. Brides Major.

On the 2nd February, 1967, they moved to Maes-y-Llech Farm after Mrs. Janet Templeton retired to one of the cottages at the entrance to the farm.

They have two sons, Daniel and Phillip, also six grandchildren.

Jenkin and Brenda are both extremely fit and take care of the large farm with their son, Phillip.

Val Allen



Letters to the Editor:...



Dear Editors,

After nearly fifty years, our front door lock gave up the ghost and refused to work.

On a personal recommendation, I telephoned Simon Curley of Curleylocks Locksmiths (Tel. 20814184). He came when he said he would and did an excellent job at a reasonable price.

Simon is a man who will not rip you off and I thoroughly recommend him to you.

Yours sincerely,

A satisfied Radyr resident who is very pleased that their door lock is now working properly.

Dear Editors,

DOG FOULING

As a responsible dog owner myself who walks her dog along the top end of Heol Isaf and side roads most days, I am absolutely disgusted to see the amount of dog excrement found on one part of the pavement from the Monument and up the hill towards the comprehensive school. The pavement was cleaned by the council a short time ago and just after a week of this being done, I was able to count over a dozen messes, obviously made by the same dog. There is absolutely no excuse for this as a hundred 'poobags' can be purchased from the Pound Shop for £1.

Another consideration is that this is the busiest pavement, as the children stream to and from the comprehensive school every day.

I am not someone who normally voices a 'rant' but on this occasion, as I feel so strongly about it and it is a most unpleasant thing for other members of the public to see, I had to contact the Radyr Chain and hope that the culprit and any other irresponsible dog owner takes notice and purchases those poobags and cleans up after their dogs.

[Name Withheld]

16 Bryn Rhosyn,
Castle View,
Radyr.

7th March, 2017.

Dear Editors,

I was very surprised as I suspect were many local families to see no mention of Mr. Ken Innes in the report "Forty years of Bryn Deri School".

Ken had previously been at Radyr Primary School. My husband in the school photo enclosed [1955?] with Ken and the Headmaster "Pop" Lawrence.

Ken had a heart transplant at Harefield Hospital in the eighties, the same time as my cousin was having a heart/lung transplant.

Ken was a lovely man, a kind, caring and much loved respected headmaster. He deserved a mention.

Yours sincerely, C.A. Parsons (Mrs.)



Dear Editors,

As a law abiding, decent and happy local resident, it shocks me to say that it comes to something when your teenage son cannot simply use his skateboard in the car park of the local cricket club, one late afternoon, in daylight, without having his mobile phone stolen.

This is of concern to all who walk alone, dog walk or play in parks or walk the Taff Trail that surprisingly, not everyone in this world is honest. The bike riding offender struck up conversation with my son and while his back was turned, proceeded to steal his mobile from his jacket pocket (allegedly!).

Please be vigilant, particularly in areas that are quiet and away from main roads and housing areas and always remember that some amongst us have no morals whatsoever.

Thank you for causing my teenager angst and upset for mindlessly taking his mobile – he is well equipped to manage disappointment and this proved a welcome distraction, for a few minutes, from everyday teenage pressures and school work. You have

inadvertently taught him a very important life lesson – well done! He has also honed some valuable skills including problem solving and communication. My son obviously doesn't need it to communicate or contact family members urgently in any difficult circumstances and/or vice versa. We are a quiet family, like many others, who work hard and contribute to society, often struggling, so this is really helpful. My son has all the time in the world to telephone the police, just to be given a crime reference number and become a statistic. We thank you for taking one less piece of technology out of circulation. We hope you find the piece useful. My son would also like to thank you for this as he will now be due, savings permitted, a new phone as this particular phone was quite old – we would like to wish you all the best in getting a charger that works with it. Hopefully you will have the sense to not try and sell it online as that could prove tricky and on a final note, please ensure you put it in a bin, dotted around the Radyr area, instead of littering!

[Name & address provided]

Radyr & Morganstown Charity Festival



Fourteen annual open dog show sponsored by Horse and Pony Rescue Society and first class vintage tractors by South Glamorgan Vintage Tractors to be held on Sunday, 14th May at Lychgate Gardens, De Clare Drive, Radyr.

Entry fee is £1.50. a class.

Classes commence at 1pm

Rosettes to sixth place.

All proceeds to St. John's Ambulance Cymru-Wales.

Breed Classes:

Class 1 Any variety minor puppy (6-9 months)

Class 2 Any variety puppy (9-12 months)

Class 3 Any variety junior puppy (12-18 months)

Class 4 Any variety pastoral

Class 5 Any variety utility

Class 6 Any variety hound

Class 7 Any variety gun dog

Class 8 Any variety working dog

Class 9 Any variety toy

Class 10 Any variety terrier

Best and Reserve in show

Best puppy and reserve in show

Judge Mrs. Jill May

Fun Classes:

Class 11 Any variety veteran (7-12 years old)

Class 12 Any variety vintage (12 years old and over)

Class 13 Best rescue dog (dog or bitch)

Class 14 Best crossbred under 15"

Class 15 Best crossbred over 15"

Class 16 Child handling

Class 17 Dog with the waggiest tail

Class 18 Best brace

Class 19 Best six legs

Class 20 Best trick
Class 21 Miss World
Class 22 Mr. Universe
Class 23 Best fancy dress
Class 24 The dog the judge would like to take home

Judge Mrs. Laura Morgan

Soft drinks and barbecue

Conditions of Entry:

The decision of the judge is final

Dogs must be on a lead at all times

Dogs must be kept under control at all times

Any person not abiding by these conditions or causing a disturbance will be ordered from the show.

Val Allen - Tel. 029 2084 2579

"So did you ever hear the tale of the Johnston twins"

Rehearsals are well under way for Radyr Drama Groups' April production of the ever popular "Blood Brothers". This Willy Russell play tells the story of twins separated at birth and brought up in two very different worlds with very different outlooks in life.

The play, from the author of "Educating Rita", is fast-moving and perceptive, entertaining and thought provoking, funny yet ultimately tragic. It looks at the differences and conflicts of the boys' upbringings, their relationships with each other and with their real and adopted mothers.

The play considers family, education, employment, housing and relationships and offers not only entertainment but also a great number of topics and starting points for discussion. With a mixture of styles and a naturalistic approach, the focus is on the acting with a minimalistic set and props kept to a bare minimum.

This seasons production is led by Director Mike Gelder, who is usually found treading the boards, with a mixture of new and old faces on stage bringing this popular story to life. Playing the contrasting roles of Mrs Johnston, the working-class Liverpoolian and deserted wife with seven children with two more on the way is Bev Jones with Lesley Collier-Roberts playing the middle class Mrs



Lyons, who in sharp contrast is unable to have children and hides this fact from her husband.

The twins are brought to life by Peter Griffiths (Mickey) and Mark Sadler (Eddie) with Helen Blundell as the friend and love interest Linda who sparks a rivalry between the brothers which gradually spirals out of control to a devastating end.

The play itself is moved along by the Narrator (Alex Brent) whose omnipresent character drives the story to its climax with a dark and overpowering sense of foreboding whilst at the same time entertaining the audience with whimsical and poetic observations.

This production is set to entertain, with smiles and laughter as well as tears and shock. So hold on to your seats and watch the boys grow up in front of your eyes and drive headfirst into the final act. Tickets are on sale now and will be performed at Morganstown Village Hall on April 27th, 28th and 29th

Tickets available from Society box office on 029-20-842432, 'Enerchi' Station Road, Radyr, and Ticketsource. Please contact me on 07711-713176 if you have any queries. Thank you

FOR SALE

Wooden wine rack holds 24 bottles with removable top tray

£30.00

Telephone:

02920 843103

Lunchtime Concerts

The ever popular lunch time concerts will take place on the two Fridays of the Festival, the 5th and the 12th of May at 1 p.m. In the Methodist Church.

The Festival committee are constantly on the look out for new talent and this year will feature a harpsichord for the first time in the first of the two concerts on Friday 5th of May.



Despina Homatidou studied in her native Greece before completing her studies at the

Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and the Guildhall School of Music. She had given concerts at the Victorian and Albert Museum and the National Portrait Gallery in London and she was a finalist in the York Early Music Competition. She had given recitals at Festivals in France, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland as well as in her native Greece. After performing at a Festival in Barcelona she was asked to appear on Spanish television. The second lunch time concert will feature the ever popular Welsh Academy of Voice. This year it features a tenor and a baritone which opens up the mouth watering possibilities of tenor and baritone duets like that from **The Pearl Fishers**.

Ever since Nelly Melba and Joan Sutherland landed on the operatic scene, Australia has produced more than its fair share of top class opera stars. This year's baritone, Nathan Lee, studied at the Melba Conservatory of Music and has won almost every prestigious award available in Australia. He has sung with the Sydney, Melbourne and Victoria Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras and his repertoire goes from Bellini's **Puritani** and Verdi's **La Traviata**, to Sondheim's **Sunday in**



the Park with George and the Phantom of the Opera.



Tenor, Shanul Sharma, started his career singing heavy metal and has released three studio albums. At the same time he started to explore the classical

repertoire and in 2012 he relocated to Melbourne to follow a classical career. He has performed for Opera in the Park, Opera by the Lake and appeared with Australian opera in **Aida** at Sydney harbour and in Mendelssohn's **Elijah**.

Jane Samuel, who has accompanied more world class singers than we can include in this column, will once again accompany. Tickets are £6, £5 concessions, from Radyr EyeCare, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma

TENOVUS CANCER CARE CHARITY BAG COLLECTION

At the Guide Hall Car Park, Bryn Derwen, Radyr from 12 to 2pm on Wednesday, 17th May.

Please bring along your bags of once loved but now unwanted items of clothing, bric-a-brac etc., to be sold at TCC shops and turned into Care, Support and Research for the Charity.

Many thanks go to all supporters.

For more information (if needed), please ring 2084 2096.

MRS. EVA TATTUM ...

would like to thank all friends for their many kind words and the continuing support provided after the recent loss of her dear husband Delwyn.

Living in Radyr for over forty years and being part of the close knit community life that exists here and within the surrounding areas is important and this was too for Delwyn, who cared so much for people's concerns. There are many special memories which will be treasured of special times with wonderful people in the community of Radyr. Your kindness will be remembered and treasured for many days to come.

Radyr Parish Music Group
and
Rubicon Dance
present



Up, Up, and Away!

A soaring musical menagerie



Saturday 6th May 2017, 7.30pm
Morganstown Village Hall

Licensed bar

Tickets £10, under 18s/students £8
From the Festival Box Office,
or Maggie Roberts, 029 2084 2995



Roald Dahl's Llandaff



To round off the Dahl Centenary, the R&M Association have invited the Llandaff Society and Friends of Insole Court to bring their programme **Roald Dahl, Llandaff Boy** to Radyr.

Based on his own writing it takes a humorous look at his childhood in Llandaff including the infamous **Great Mouse Plot**. Professional actors have joined with the two societies in this celebration of Dahl's connection with the area. Roald Dahl, Llandaff Boy will be at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30 on Saturday 8th April. Tickets £7. two for £12 available from en-erchi, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook 2084 3176.

Please Take Me Home



You may have seen the film "Don't Take Me Home" which tells the story of the Welsh Football Team's magnificent achievement in the European Football Tournament held in France. Wales became the smallest nation in the world to reach a major football tournament semi final. The fans that travelled to see them in France were complimented on how they conducted themselves. My family were in Brittany and we visited Dinard where the Welsh Team was based. Dinard was full of Welsh flags and signs welcoming the Welsh Team. A bar in the town supplied a 2 metre long baguette for Welsh fans during the matches.

We were lucky enough to get to the first game in Bordeaux and on the journey we saw a huge number of cars flying Welsh flags and vans with names of Welsh companies on the side. Over 30,000 Welsh fans made it to the first game. It was great fun, a wonderful atmosphere and a Welsh win (Wales 2 Slovakia 1).

We were also in Cardiff to welcome the team home along with a crowd in excess of 100,000 that thronged the streets of Cardiff plus another 30,000 in the Cardiff City Stadium.

Another fantastic and joyous occasion.

You now have a chance to win a piece of Welsh sporting history, one of the prizes in the Radyr Festival Raffle (proceeds to St John Ambulance Cymru Wales) is a

framed Welsh Shirt signed by all the players in the 2016 Euro Squad – don't miss out on the opportunity to own signatures of Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey, Ashley Williams et al for just £1!

Chris Wills

Radyr Tennis Vets South Wales Champions

Congratulations to the Radyr Tennis Men's Vets 1st Team who have won the top South Wales league this winter, in their very first season in the highest division. In doing so, they became the first Radyr LTC tennis team to win the highest league in their category in the history of the club, beating teams from other large clubs such as Swansea and Cardiff. At the time of writing, two of the players, Dave Bono and Mike Taylor, are occupying the top two positions in the official Tennis Wales player statistics table.

In another exciting new development for the club, three of the courts are being resurfaced with an artificial clay topping which will enable Radyr LTC to be one of very few clubs offering a choice of three surfaces on which to play. Artificial clay has proved to be very popular

at other clubs where it has been installed and the slightly slower pace offers both longer rallies and better opportunities for juniors in particular to improve their game. For those who prefer a faster surface, the four "tiger turf" artificial grass courts have been well used from the moment they were installed a few years ago and will of course remain.

Over the past few years, membership has increased to the extent that the club is now the largest in Wales in terms of numbers. With three different surfaces, a champion team, summer team tennis at a wide variety of standards of both adults and children, social tennis and plenty of social events, the club is thriving!

The picture shows the league title winning men's vets team, from L-R at the back, Andrew Morgan, Dave Bono, Richard Healey and from L-R in the front, Jim Martin, Chris Lewis (Capt) and Mike Taylor. The trophy is presented in November.

