



MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT MANAGER P.C. PAUL TEBBUTT

Originally from south Leicestershire, Paul worked from Fairwater for nine years and now, with the assistance of two Community Support Officers, he oversees Creigiau, St. Fagans, Pentyrch and Radyr. He is also the Wildlife Crime Officer and runs a Farm Watch Scheme, as well as Neighbourhood Watch. He is married to a local girl and has two teenage children.

He is assisted by PCSO Tori Miller and can be contacted through Fairwater Police Station or through the 101 service or on his mobile 07805 301 221.

CONCERT FOR TENOVUS AT CHRIST CHURCH, RADYR

Despite the rain and the wind on a winter evening, a large audience attended a delightful concert at Christ Church, given by talented soloists Ione Cummins and Claire Egan with pianist Jane Samuel, the preferred accompanist to Katherine Jenkins. Congratulations and thanks must go to Lucille Sharp for co-ordinating the booking of this professional and very talented group. The Friends of Tenovus were also very grateful to presenter, Dr. Brian Willis, who at short notice, replaced Robin Jones who, unfortunately, was unable to attend as planned.

Concert-goers arriving at the School Rooms in Radyr before the concert were welcomed by the marvellous aroma of mulled wine, thanks to Keith John and all who partook of the wine were soon in a festive mood!

The packed audience in Christ Church enjoyed a wonderful evening of music in a seasonal atmosphere, created by the clever use of attractive green foliage with lit candles, kindly provided and arranged beautifully, in the church, by Marion John and Ann Mclarg.

After the entertainment, delicious hot, home-made mince pies were served by

Janet Boyce and her team in the School Rooms and sincere thanks go to them and all who baked and gave so kindly for the event.

The community of Radyr and Morganstown was complimented and sincerely thanked by Claudia McVie, the Chief Executive of Tenovus, for the raising of many thousands of pounds over the last 24 years for a cause which is so important for so many. The Charity was given the marvellous opportunity, on this occasion, to raise the magnificent sum of £1,900. and congratulations and grateful thanks were extended to the very talented

trio of performers, together with best wishes for success in their future careers.

The evening will be remembered with great pleasure and many thanks go to all who helped at the event and to those who kindly and so generously supported the Charity. There was an invitation for all to inspect the new Tenovus Mobile Treatment Unity whenever it is in a convenient location for visiting. Details can be made available on request.

If you would like more information on the activities of the Tenovus Group in Radyr and Morganstown, please ring 2041872.

B. Fitzgerald.



The photo shows Lucille Sharp, Brian Willis, Ione Cummins, Jane Samuels, Claire Egan and Claudia McVie (Chief Executive of Tenovus)

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THE MAIL MUST GET THROUGH...



Tony, our intrepid and ever helpful Postman delivering the mail during the recent difficult conditions.

An 18th century weather forecast according to George Ellis:

THE TWELVE MONTHS

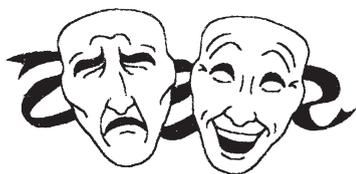
Snowy,
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Croppy,
Droppy,
Breezy,
Sneezy,
Freezy.

*Below left:
A Bullfinch enjoys a welcome lunch.*

*Below right:
Local schoolchildren having fun in the deep snow.*



COMING EVENTS



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

FEBRUARY

- 10 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. New School Rooms, Christ Church. "Winter Interest in the Garden" with Kevin Thomas. For more information contact Richard Gregory: richardjgregory@btopenworld.com or tel 02920842084. New members always welcome 7.30p.m.
- 11 Dan y Bryn Funding Appeal - COFFEE MORNING. Radyr Golf Club. Stalls, Raffle etc. Tickets £2 - from Christine Moore tel: 029 20842237 10:30 am
- 17 to Sat 20 Radyr Parish Music Group presents their 2010 production of La Belle Helene by Jacques Offenbach. A colourful and tuneful spectacular! Bishop of Llandaff High School. Tickets will go on sale in January 2010. Call Maggie Roberts on 029 2084 2995 or Sue Thomas on 029 2031 0894 7:30 pm
- 18 Treforgan Wl. Morganstown Village Hall. Ralph Vaughan talking of 'Living with Queen Victoria' More information from Sue 029 20843920 1:15 pm
- 22 RMA General meeting. Old Church Rooms, Radyr. secretary@rma.radyr.org.uk 7:30 pm

MARCH

- 2 Dan y Bryn "St David's Day Concert". The Mansion House Richmond Road, Cardiff. Con Voce and harpist Glenda Clwyd celebrating St David's Day. Tickets £30 incl from 029 20842237 7:00 pm
- 10 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. New School Rooms, Christ Church. "Roses" with Ivor Mace. For more information contact Richard Gregory : richardjgregory@btopenworld.com or tel 02920842084. New members always welcome 7:30 pm
- 18 Treforgan Wl. Morganstown Village Hall. Melissa Warren 'Challenging the boundaries of knitting' more information from Sue 029 20843920 1:15 pm
- 14 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. New School Rooms, Christ Church. Annual General Meeting to be followed by "Britain in Bloom" with Jim Goodwin. For more information contact Richard Gregory: richardjgregory@btopenworld.com or tel 02920842084. New members always welcome 7:30 pm

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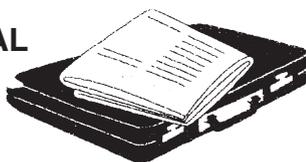
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APRIL

- 19 RMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Old Church Rooms Radyr Refreshments to follow. secretary@rma.radyr.org.uk 7:30pm
- 22 RMA General meeting. Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

EDITORIAL



We take this opportunity to remind our readers that The National Museum in Cathays Park has much to offer, particularly applicable during the winter when outdoor activities are limited.

There are many activities for children and until 21st March, one of Rembrandt's masterpieces "The Portrait of Catrina Hooghsaet" is on loan from Penrhyn Castle.

There is much to enjoy for all age groups and an excellent restaurant in the basement.

SIONI ONIONS

The History Society gets off to its new season on 18th March with a talk to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Radyr becoming twinned with St. Philbert de Grande Lieu. Journalist, broadcaster and historian, Gwyn Griffiths, will give a talk entitled *Sioni Onions*, based on his book commemorating the Breton onion sellers who were very much part of the character of every South Wales town for the greater part of the twentieth century.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms. All are welcome.

MERCHED Y WAWR BRO RADUR

Cawsom ddechrau hyfryd i dymor y Nadolig ar 2 Rhagfyr, gyda chyngerdd Nadoligaidd gan tua 30 o fechgyn a merched blynyddoedd 7, 8 a 9 Ysgol Plasmawr. Roedd y rhaglen amrywiol yn cynnwys unawdau, darlenniadau, a deuawd fflwiwt, gan orffen gyda chyflwyniad gan y côr, i gyd o safon uchel. Roedd yn amlwg oddiwrth wynebau'r artistiad a'r gynulleidfa fod pawb yn mwynhau'r noson. Hyfryd hefyd oedd gweld rhai o rieni'r disgyblion yn mwynhau gyda ni, ac 'roedd ambell i famgu ymysg yr aelodau yn ymfalchio yn y perfformiadau!

Braf oedd deal I fod dwy o'n haelodau wedi ennill gwobrau am eu coginio a'u gwaith crefft yn y Ffair Aeaf eleni. Erbyn i chi ddarllen hwn, fe fyddwn wedi cynnal ein hoedfa garolau rhanbarthol, ac yn edrych ymlaen at weithgareddau'r flwyddyn newydd. Ar Ionawr 6ed byddwn yn dysgu am rinweddau Aloe Vera gyda Miriam Bowen, ac yn mwynhau cinio Santes Dwynwen ar 22 Ionawr, gyda Clive Rowlands yn ŵr gwadd.

Caiff aelodau newydd, gan gynnwys dysgwyr, groeso cynnes gennhym: dewch i ymuno a ni

NSPCC

The Radyr Committee of the NSPCC are very grateful to our librarians, Anne, Jen and Hannah for holding a coffee morning which raised £300.

Items of craft for sale were donated by the Craft Group of Radyr and Morganstown Women's Institute

ROBIN JONES



The death of Robin Jones, at the age of 71, is a blow to the communities of Radyr and Morganstown. Robin, a television and radio presenter by profession, was a well known figure around the villages, his distinctive voice was always heard leading the Armistice Day Parade and the Crowning of the May Queen. He served on the Executive Committee of the R&M Association for a number of years and even after he stood down, insisted on putting up the Christmas trees in Station Road each year. He was also heavily involved in the Arts in Radyr and only last September organised a concert to raise money for the Christ Church tower appeal featuring his daughter, Iona Jones and the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir.

There was no need to ask from which part of Wales Robin came - it was emblazoned in large letters above his front door - Clwyd. Robin had a delightful microphone voice, distinctively Welsh and at the same time international. I've been asked to take my seat in the New Theatre on countless occasions by those dulcet tones.

Robin and his wife, Eirlys, moved to Cardiff in 1962 when that distinctive voice won him an announcer's job with Teledu Cymru, a short-lived organisation that broadcast to north and west Wales but not to the area covered by TWW in the south. He was the first person to broadcast from their state-of-the-art studios on Western Avenue, later to be taken over by the WJEC. This was one of a number of firsts for Robin. He

became an immediate hit with the viewers and became a celebrity in the north and west of Wales while remaining unknown in his adopted home town, which tuned into TWW.

When Teledu Cymru closed down a year later, Robin thought that he would have to return to a teaching job in north Wales. A surprise telephone call saw him offered an announcer's job with BBC Wales which started broadcasting in February 1964. Once again, Robin was the first voice to be heard on opening night of that service. Announcers for the BBC in Wales worked both radio and television shifts and once again, Robin scored a first when his was the first voice to be heard on Radio Cymru. Before this, however, Robin spent a number of years as the anchor man on the nightly Welsh language magazine programme, Heddiw. One of his predecessors in that job was Owen Edwards. Perhaps it was no surprise that when Owen Edwards moved from the BBC to launch S4C, Robin followed him as Head of Presentation for the new channel. Robin scored another first when he as the first person to be seen on this new channel.

Robin was saddened when S4C, following the fashion of other channels, stopped showing their continuity announcers in vision. The voice, however, continued to be heard on S4C until relatively recently. Well known in "voice over" circles, Robin also presented the video/DVD of the history of Radyr and Morganstown made by the History Society to celebrate the Millennium.

Robin and Eirlys supported the Welsh language playgroup, Ysgol Feithrin, for many years. The high point of the Ysgol Feithrin calendar was the annual dinner to celebrate the Welsh St. Valentine, Santess Dwynwen. Many big names have appeared in the cabaret for that event, but the unquestionable highlight was Robin's, rather saucy, retelling of the story of Dwynwen. More recently he worked tirelessly to raise money for the 2008 National Eisteddfod in Cardiff.

A resident of Radyr for more than thirty years, Robin will be a hard act to follow. Our sympathies go out to Eirlys, Iona and Lisa, but no doubt those dulcet tones will continue to ask us to take our seats at the New Theatre for some time to come.

My Three Angels

In their November production of *My Three Angels* Radyr Drama Society brought us an appropriately seasonal fairy-tale in which good ultimately triumphs over evil. But what is evil? On the face of it, evil is represented by the three convicts repairing the roof of the general store, unrepentant murderers, cheats and fraudsters. Felix Dulay, the store manager, whose complete honesty and ineptitude for business have brought his family to the brink of ruin, is soon supplanted by the trio, who very quickly demonstrate the profitability of sharp practice. The convicts' talents extend to matchmaking for Felix' daughter, supplying and cooking the Christmas dinner, and removing inconvenient obstacles to general happiness such as Gaston Lemare, the owner of the store.

The convicts were commendably realised by Jim Cowan (Alfred), George Carson (Jules) and Martin Jeeves (Joseph) who all gave the strong performances needed, seeing that they are on stage for so much of the action. Allan Cook's Felix was suitably bumbling, much to the exasperation of his wife, wistfully portrayed by Zoe Pearce. The imperious and scheming Mme Parole (Liz Davies) soon emerged as one of the real villains of the piece, and she duly received her come-uppance at the hands of the Christmas angels. But in Gaston Lemare we meet the arch-baddie, who is not only rude, overbearing, and a businessman of little integrity, but also makes improper advances to Felix' daughter, Marie-Louise (Charlotte Rees). Graham Pearce played Gaston with exactly the right amount of menace; we were all pleased when the convicts released Adolphe, their pet snake, to make an end of him.

Given the opportunity (and a fake will) to emerge from his uncle's shadow, Paul Cassagon soon showed that he was a chip off the old block. Gareth Powell gave us a grasping snob, who deservedly found the sharp end of Adolphe's tongue while rifling through the pockets of his recently deceased uncle's suit.

Two performances deserve special mention: that of Charlotte Rees as Marie-Louise and Martin Jeeves as Joseph. Both gave well-judged and convincing character portrayals, the likeable rogue and the sweet but cruelly treated young girl. Even in this fairy-tale, however, the prisoner had to return to jail, although the prospect of true love did emerge for the girl in the form of Sub-Lieutenant Espoir of the French Navy (Nye Moseley).

We are used to seeing Pauline Watson on stage, and in this, her first production for RDS, she showed an assured hand in bringing this play to life. Actors moved purposefully around the stage and the action never flagged. Geoff Davies and his lighting crew subtly and effectively created the different times of day. The costumes were entirely appropriate to the period. The final plaudit must go to the remarkable set that elicited a well deserved round of applause at curtain-up. Dave Burgess and his team worked wonders creating a 1910 French colonial living room that not only looked the part, but remained unshakeable when doors were slammed and the stage was full of activity.

This reviewer, along with the rest of the audience, thoroughly enjoyed the production, and would urge readers to come in greater numbers to enjoy the work of this amateur company when they give their next performance in April 2010.

CMD

TREFORGAN WI

A quieter time for Treforgan WI recently. Just having regular meetings, craft group mornings and lunches at the Tynant pub no less enjoyable for being part of the routine we are establishing.

We enjoyed being part of the Christmas celebration hosted by our close neighbours Radyr and Morganstown WI. It was good to mingle with them and members of other local institutes. It made us aware that we belong to a nationwide organisation.

Our own meetings in both November and December involved treasures. The first enlightening us about the amazing collections held by the Museums of Wales (in plural because there are more throughout Wales than those in Cathays Park and St Fagans). The latter with valuations of our personal treasures. Unfortunately, that's exactly what they turned out to be – our personal treasures. Among the varied items brought for valuation by our members, there were no long lost masterpieces!

On January 21st, there will be, in true WI tradition, a cake beautifully baked by one of our members as we celebrate our first birthday at our annual meeting.

On 18th February we are going to learn about 'Living with Queen Victoria' from Ralph Vaughan. If you receive your 'Chain' in time, do come along. Otherwise join us on March 18th to 'Challenge the boundaries of knitting' with Melissa Warren or on 4th March for lunch at the Tynant or on 5th March in Morganstown Village Hall to be part of the craft group.

More information is in the diary on the Radyr and Morganstown website or, for a more personal contact, ring Sue on 029 20843920.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE POPPY APPEAL – 2009.

On Remembrance Day a large crowd had gathered in Heol Isaf to witness the Act of Remembrance. Prayers were led by the Rector, the Reverend Jenny Wigley, assisted by the Assistant Curate, the Reverend Christine Colton and representatives of the Baptist, Methodist and Roman Catholic churches of the parish of Radyr and Morganstown. The first wreath was laid on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen by Colonel Roy Scott, a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of South Glamorgan, followed by County Councillor Rod McKerlich and representatives of the Community Council, Community Association, the churches of the parish, military services, veterans and local organisations. In all, twenty-seven wreaths were laid under the direction of Mr. Robin Jones. The "Two minutes silence" was observed at eleven o'clock and that part of the services was closed with the singing of the National Anthems, led by the City of Cardiff (Meltingriffith) Band.

There followed a church service in Christ Church which was conducted by the Rector, and the Assistant Curate Reverend Christine Colton preached. The City of Cardiff (Meltingriffith) Band played again for the march past the Cenotaph of veterans, Air Training Corps cadets, scouts, guides, cubs, brownies and St. John Ambulance cadets led off by Captain Geoff Saunders. The salute was taken by Colonel Roy Scott. At the end of the parade, the Community Council generously provided refreshments at the Radyr Tennis Club for all those who had taken part. The Deputy Chairman of the Community Council, Mr. Richard Owen, spoke to thank everyone for their support of Remembrance Day. Colonel Scott read a letter from Her Majesty The Queen in reply to our letter of Loyal Greetings that had been sent to her from the village.

The Royal British Legion, the charity that benefits from the Remembrance Day collections, is most grateful to all those collectors who cover Radyr and Morganstown to make poppies available to all who wish to wear one, together with those who make generous donations to cover the cost of the wreaths that are laid each year. The total amount collected this year amounted to £4004.34. made up of £2941.34 from poppy sales and £1063. for wreaths. Yet another record amount.

Roy Scott.

R&M Web Site

There are changes afoot for the R&M website, and we'd like you to have an advance peek at what's happening. The site has been steadily evolving since it was originally set up in 2004 (and re-built in 2008) thanks to the devoted and totally voluntary support of Robin Williams, formerly of Ael-y-Bryn. When Robin announced his plans to leave the district it seemed a good time to re-visit the whole process, and to see what changes might improve the site further – both for those who access it, and for those who provide all the information which keeps it up to date.

First I should express a very warm and public thank-you to Robin, and to his family members who have done without his company when he has been spending time on the website for us. This community has been incredibly lucky to have someone with his skills who has been prepared to commit so much time and effort to making sure that the website is always in good shape – and that a quick response is always given when enquiries and new material are received. Behind the scenes there is also a dedicated web team who help to keep the show on the road. Meet us at www.radyr.org.uk/homepages/radyr_wbteam.php

From around Easter you can expect to see a further development, as the site is given a new face for the new decade, and management passes to Barry Wickett, who runs Dark Green Media, a consultancy based in the Vale. An important change will be an update to the method for submitting content to the site, and all present users will be sent details of this in due course. If you run a website which links to the current site, please be assured that we won't forget you! We will be checking that your needs are met before anything is finalised.

A significant part of the changeover will be the transfer of the present content to the new site. (It will have the same web address in the end, but the content will have to be moved across.) This will take a bit of time, and we will keep you posted on its progress on the front of our existing website. We aim to make the changeover as seamless as possible, so if you have any questions or suggestions at all, please keep an eye on the site, and/or email us at webteam@radyr.org.uk

Colin Johnson

Chair, Radyr & Morganstown Web Team

FESTIVAL 2010

When this article was written snow was still thick on the ground and it's difficult to think ahead to the sunny days and long evenings of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival in May. I'm told that the Festival line-up is now more or less in place.

The main theatrical event will be *Burton*, a one-man show which won plaudit after plaudit at the 2009 Edinburgh Festival and claimed ***** star reviews.

"As much as the accent, the poise and the dry Welsh humour of Rhodri Miles's performance stay with you ... (his) excellent performance struggles to remove itself from the memory" said *The Scotsman*; while the British Theatre Guide called it "A masterful performance".

Burton follows the life of the legendary Welsh actor in his own words. It is performed by Rhodri Miles, an actor brought up within six miles of Burton's Pontrhydyfen. Rhodri is known for appearances in *Torchwood*, *High Hopes*, *Eastern Promises* and *Holby City*, but is probably best remembered for taking over the part of Gareth Wyn from Ioan Griffydd in the Welsh soap, *Pobyl y Cwm*.

Rhodri is on stage for the whole of the 75 minutes and never stops speaking

except to recharge his glass, which he does many times during the evening.

"It's the way he tenderly cradles a glass part-filled with crushed ice and a brown liquor in his fingers, as he would the head of a baby or perhaps a spouse in a more romantic moment. Miles's *Burton* speaks fondly of the actor's friend, Dylan Thomas, during this charming, elegant one-man show and his continuing regret that he didn't lend the poet a mere £200 just weeks before his death. His *Burton* is full of Hollywood charm and wit, yet also wistfully rooted in the earthiness of his origins".

What is the collective term for sopranos? A shoal, a scream, a siren? Whatever it is Radyr has one. You only have to think of the international opera star Helen Field, who has sung at the Festival on several occasions, or of Iona Jones. Iona delighted us last autumn in a concert, with her own personal Male Voice Choir, to raise money for Christ Church Tower appeal.

There are also a number of up-and-coming young sopranos around. One of these is Zoë Todd, the daughter of Linda and Brian Willis of *Heol Isaf*. Zoë was brought up in Pontypridd and Radyr and now lives in Greenwich with her husband and two young children. Zoë sings regularly with The Royal Opera, Covent Garden. Many of you will remember her as a soloist in the two concerts given by the Radyr Choral Society at Llandaff Cathedral a few years back. Zoë will be giving the lunchtime concert with her accompanist, Christopher Gould, during the first week of the Festival.

Other promised highlights are a return visit by Dennis O'Neill's Cardiff Academy of Voice, this time in an evening performance and a literary event.

During the later part of May, our friends from St. Philbert de Grande Lieu will be coming over to celebrate

the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter. To celebrate this event Radyr Library will have an exhibition entitled "Brittany" running for the whole of the month.

A mouth watering prospect.

RECIPE CORNER

Ginger Loaf

6oz. Butter (or Margarine)

6oz. Caster Sugar

3 Eggs

8oz. Self Raising Flower

6 pieces of Preserved Stem Ginger

2 tablespoons of Syrup from Preserved Ginger

2 teaspoons Ground Ginger

To decorate – Icing Sugar and Lemon Juice.

Method :

Line a 2lb. loaf tin

Chop five pieces of stem ginger – reserve the 6th piece to slice and decorate loaf.

Cream butter and sugar

Beat eggs and gradually add a little flower

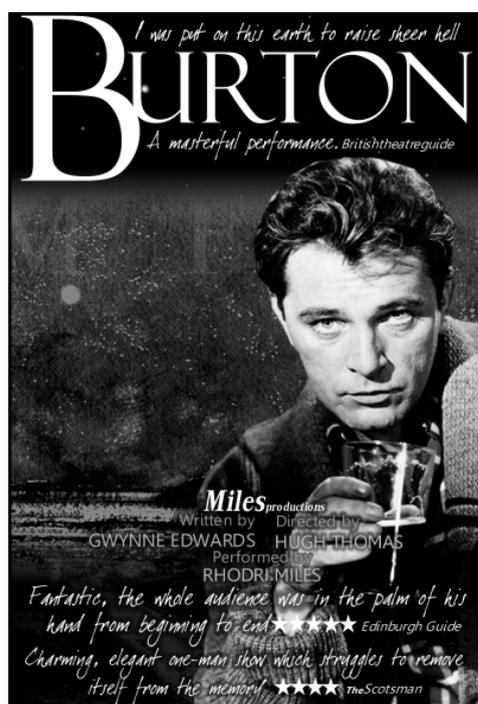
Fold in remaining flour and ground ginger

Add ginger syrup and chopped ginger

You may need to add a little milk (depending on size of eggs).

Place mixture in loaf tin and bake for approximately one hour at 180°C,

Make up icing with lemon juice and decorate cake when cool.



News from Radyr and Morganstown Women's Institute

As regular readers of the Chain will have noticed from the December issue, our long-term Chain columnist, Sheila Adam, has decided to step down. Our thanks go to her for her contributions over the last six years. Her place is going to be taken from February, 2010 by Dr. Sarah Rogers. In the meantime, I as President, am trying to fill the gap with reportage of the December and January meetings/events though I am not trying to attempt to emulate Sheila's inimitable style.

7th December was our last meeting of 2009 and has been the case in recent years, took the form of an informal Christmas celebration hosted by our Committee. Excellent refreshments, canapés and savouries were organised by Anne Rees, our new catering officer and mulled wine was prepared by Keith John. As usual, he produced a wonderful "brew" and our thanks once more go to Keith who braves this bastion of feminine power to provide us all with a drink which sets the tone and the standard for all subsequent celebrations. Entertainment was provided by Sian Donovan and her colleague/accompanist. Sian, a former teacher, now works as a "creative educationalist" and is adept at music and other creative arts. Her programme consisted of jazz, blues and some songs from shows and films. She was specifically asked to provide an alternative to Christmas carols and music, as on Wednesday, 9th December, we held our Carol Service in Radyr Methodist Church.

The Carole Service was an event which we shared with the Institutes of Treforgan, Tonwynlais and Pontcanna. These Institutes constitute a group called the "Taff Trailers", a link group for neighbouring Women's Institutes. Each Institute contributed readings and items and the service was very well attended. Rhiannon Birdsall, mezzo soprano and Granddaughter of one of our long-time members and former President, Jane Parry, performed two solo items with great sensitivity. They were Michael Head's "The Road to Bethlehem" and "Still, Still, Still". The accompanist for the entire evening was Pauline Gutteridge and Rev. Sue McIvor, the Methodist Minister took part in the service. Flower arrangements were provided by Anne Maclarg and excellent mince pies and coffee after the service, provided by Radyr members, rounded off the evening. The congregational singing and participation was excellent. A small choir of top soprano

members of Radyr Institute provided the descant harmonies. It was, altogether, a very happy evening which put everyone in the mood for Christmas. My thanks go to all who participated and to Radyr Methodist Church for its warm welcome and co-operation.

Friday, 18th December was the morning when Anne, Jen and Hannah from Radyr Library hosted a coffee morning on the premises in aid of the NSPCC. Our recently formed Craft Group held stalls and demonstrations, show casing their skills in making Christmas decorations, cards and gift boxes. Their efforts contributed £170. towards the events total for the NSPCC. We would like to thank the "Library Girls" for inviting us to take part in a very pleasant event and for their continuing work in the Radyr community.

After this date, we retreated into our homes to celebrate Christmas with our families and then resumed meetings again on Monday 4th January, 2010. Our first speaker of the new decade was Professor Robert Pickard, an eminent neurobiologist. He was one of the best speakers we have had the good fortune to secure. His talk was about diet, health and activity and the means of achieving balance between these elements. He was erudite, informative and entertaining; in fact a superb teacher and entertainer. Sadly, the freezing weather kept many people away and only forty members were present, but those who had the privilege to listen to him were very receptive.

So we progress into 2010. The speaker for 1st February is Jim Goodwin on "Britain in Bloom" and for 1st March, we have Simon Rees on "A Tour through National Opera".

My thanks go to Norah Starkey, our programme secretary, for tracking down an extremely interesting selection of speakers throughout the year.

Look at the WI website or keep reading your Radyr Chain for up-to-date information. The book groups, walking group and art and craft group all now have their 2010 programmes in place. Glamorgan Federation events and walks are planned and this year, Cardiff hosts the National AGM in the CIA in June. Local trips, events and meals are now in the planning stages. The WI, like the army, marches on its stomach!

Come and join us. We meet on the first Monday of the month [subject to programme changes owing to public holidays] in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.

Contact Lesley Hall (President)
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Radyr Festival 2010

Roald Dahl Parade

Mums and Dads, Boys and Girls come and join in the fun of a street parade on Saturday 1st May.

The parade will start at 11.30am at the Methodist Chapel in Windsor Road and travel through Windsor Avenue down Park Road to the Old Church Rooms, where there will be the Festival Fete, opened by a well known celebrity.

The theme of the parade will be "Stories from Roald Dahl" and we are hoping families will make and wear costumes appropriate to a book title. There will a band, dance groups and children from the local schools in the parade.

A prize will be given to the best individual / group costume.

All good fun, to kick off the 2010 Festival. This year's charity will be Ty Hafan and we are planning to have one or two events in the newer parts of our village.

More details on the village website – www.radyr.org.uk and the Festival programme which will be circulated with the next edition of Radyr Chain.

David Cargill
Festival Organiser

BRYN DERI PRIMARY – End of Term Report

We have had another long, eventful and happy term. Here are some of the highlights.

News

We have become a 'Bike It' school and the year 6 children have had on road cycle training. More cycle events are planned and we have been successful in getting funding for cycle racks and shelters. Hopefully a growing number of children will then choose to cycle to school which is good for them and good for the environment.

Educational Residential Visits

Year 5 spent 3 very enjoyable days in Brecon undertaking a geographical project. Year 6 undertook a wide range of outdoor adventurous activities for 5 days in Stackpole, west Wales; the highlight of which seems to be Mr Thorne, our deputy, falling out of his canoe into the water!

Events

In November we had a short bench dedication service in memory of Lynda Wheeler who served Bryn Deri as a great midday supervisor for 20 years. We were pleased that members of her family could join us for the occasion.

Other Events

Year 3 children entertained Radyr Good Neighbours with their harvest assembly and were, as usual, well received.

The Nursery, Infant and Junior concerts were another very enjoyable highlight of the term and set the Christmas celebrations off to a good start. The children have also had Christmas parties (and visits from Santa,) a magic show and a visit to the Sherman Theatre. Our choir sang Christmas songs and carols fantastically well in the Queens Arcade in Cardiff and a collection for George Thomas Hospice was taken among the shoppers.

Charitable Donations

Our children, parents and staff are

great supporters of charities and give generously. This term we have supported Oxfam, Children in Need, Ty Hafan and Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home – the total raised so far is £1035.

PTA News

The PTA have been very active and organised a very enjoyable quiz night and a highly successful fair (the latter raising around £1700.) We are very grateful for all they do for our school.

Well, that is just a 'flavour' of activities undertaken in the autumn term. Children, staff and parents have ensured another successful term for which we are very grateful; we look forward to an equally busy and productive spring term.



The choir at Queen's Arcade



Eco Group assembly



Birds of prey visit



Stackpole Residential visit



Funny Hat day



Stackpole Residential visit



RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COLUMNS

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Happy New Year! Whether you feel that 2010 is the start of a new decade or the end of the current one, I hope that you had a good Christmas and weren't snowed in for too long. Our Christmas trees twinkled away and sincere thanks go to Cllrs Diment and Silver who were helped by Rob Mallett, Mike Maclarg and Jeff Dunn. We had our usual happy gathering at the Old Church Rooms after the tree lights were switched on and all enjoyed Bob and Maggie Roberts' delicious mulled wine. Thanks too to the Festival Queen and her attendants and the Christ Church and Baptist Choirs and everyone who came and made it an enjoyable event.

The controversial planning application for an International Business Park at J33 of the M4 is in abeyance while Cardiff Council's Local Development Plan is with the inspector. When we know more, I shall let you know.

We now have vacancies on the Council because we have been granted a twelfth councillor and because Cllr Margaret Lloyd has stood down. We will miss her thoughtful experienced advice and wish her all the best. If you have any interest in applying please contact me. We are looking for people who want to be proactive in the community and particularly in helping to implement the projects we have identified through the Village Plan. Anyone living in Radyr or Morganstown can apply in any of the wards. The Community Council is an elected body serving the three wards of Radyr South, Radyr North and Morganstown.

Helena Fox - Clerk

Danybryn Woods: A New Friends Group

This woodland is an oasis of wildlife in Radyr. Left as a natural place after the development around it in the late 1960s, woodpeckers, jays, owls and foxes are seen and heard here. The whole woodland is protected by a Tree Preservation Order so no work can be done without consent from Cardiff Council.

Bluebells and wild garlic grow along the main path and through the woods. Spring is particularly beautiful as the ancient beeches come into leaf. These

magnificent trees are 200 - 300 years old. Sadly, two of these wonderful trees came down last year: one during a storm and the other because of disease which made it unsafe.

The woodland is owned by Cardiff Council and the Community Council arranges any tree work, litter collection and maintains the main path. Drainage work at the eastern end has made it easier to use in wet weather.

Some years ago there was a Friends of Danybryn Woods group which met from time to time to keep the woodland in good condition. The Friends of Radyr Woods have for many years been very im-



portant in maintaining Radyr Woods and encouraging local people to come and help and learn more about where they live.

We would like to start a new Friends of Danybryn Woods to help update our management plan for the woodlands to deal with the aftermath of the tree losses and to make the most of the opportunities to plant new trees and encourage natural regeneration. We will be putting together a working party for the tasks that the community can carry out and if you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Helena Fox - Clerk





RADYR SCOUTING NEWS

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Radyr Scout Post 2009.

This year's Christmas Scout Post was again a successful fund raiser for the group.

Can I thank the following local businesses for their efforts with the sale of scout post stamps.

Latina Latina, Station Road.

Veg Vender, Station Road.

Pugh's Garden Centre, Morganstown.

Pzazz, Hair Designers, Castle Court.

Radyr Library, Park Road.

Thanks also to our Leaders, supporters, parents and youngsters who helped sell stamps, sort and deliver post.

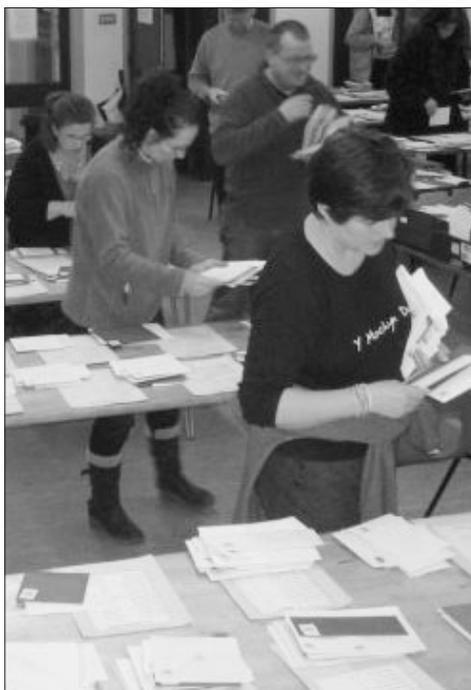
In particular the group would like to thank Mary Barnes who this year marked up 30 years of sorting Scout

Post in Radyr. In 1980 Gareth Burris and Mary Barnes introduced the Cardiff Scout Post scheme into Radyr when the stamps sold for 8p. For the first few years sorting took place on the carpet in Mary's front room. During Scout Post week this year the team handled around 50,000 cards in the Scout Hall.

Finally I would like to thank the residents of Radyr and Morganstown who supported their local scout group by purchasing stamps locally.

We look forward to your support again next year.

JBT.



Camera Club Awards

The Annual Dinner of the local Camera Club - Imaging 2000 - was held at Radyr Golf Club in December and the awards were presented by Mr. M. Sullivan, the Club President, to the successful members.



T. Fox, Clubman of the Year



Mrs. Val Fox, Lady Supporter



A. Baynham, Competition Cup winner



A. Powell, Bird Photographer

News from Radyr Library...

On the 18th December, we held a coffee morning in aid of the NSPCC. We had a great turn out with people coming in for a chat, a cup of coffee and a mince pie! The cake stall was a sell out and we had some lovely crafts for sale which were kindly made by the ladies of the Radyr and Morganstown WI. We would like to thank Sarah Nash from Radyr Adult Education Centre who came over to give borrowers some assistance on the internet. We had some wonderful prizes donated to us for the raffle, including a family tour around Cardiff Castle, hairdressing vouchers, free entry to techniquet, free ice skating at winter wonderland, wine, chocolates, plants and tickets to holiday on ice! A big thank you to everyone who kindly donated items to the raffle, especially local businesses including Cardiff Castle, Cardiff Council, Salon Nia, Gelynys Farm, Techniquet, Pugh's garden Centre and Holiday on Ice. Thanks also to Latina Latina for the money off vouchers which were given to everyone who attended the event.

In addition to the coffee morning, we had reindeer food for sale, letters from Father Christmas and Anne's Quiz which was won by Mrs Alison Fortune. She won a meal for two courtesy of Latina Latina. Second prize went to Mrs Caroline Dallimore, who won cinema tickets, courtesy of Showcase Cinemas. Well done!!

We are pleased to announce that we raised over £300 for the NSPCC! Thank you so much for your support, and we hope we will see you for our next coffee morning!

Can we just say a special thank you to Mrs Mary Thompson who worked really hard to help organise the event.

Our children's events over Christmas were very successful, with a Christmas themed Language and Play session for pre-school children. The children made reindeer food and some handprint pictures, and sang some Christmas songs! Each child was given a small Christmas present at the end of the session to put under the tree.

The story time and craft event was equally successful with 21 children attending the ticketed session. The

children had a Christmas story to start and then moved on to making a Christmas table centre. The children produced some lovely arrangements to adorn their dining tables, and they even had enough bits left over to make a couple of arrangements for us at the library!

While we have the opportunity, we would like to thank everyone for all of our lovely Christmas presents- we are all joining the gym this year to try and work off the biscuits!!

We also say a big thank you to Glyn for all his hard work tidying the rubbish around the library and particularly his effort in clearing our ramp and path over the snowy period. We really appreciate it.

We will be offering visitors to the library a welsh cake and a cuppa between 10:30am and 12:30 to celebrate St. David's day, on March 1st. We will also be hosting various events over the year, so keep an eye out!!

**Best wishes
and Happy New Year!
Jen, Anne and Hannah.**

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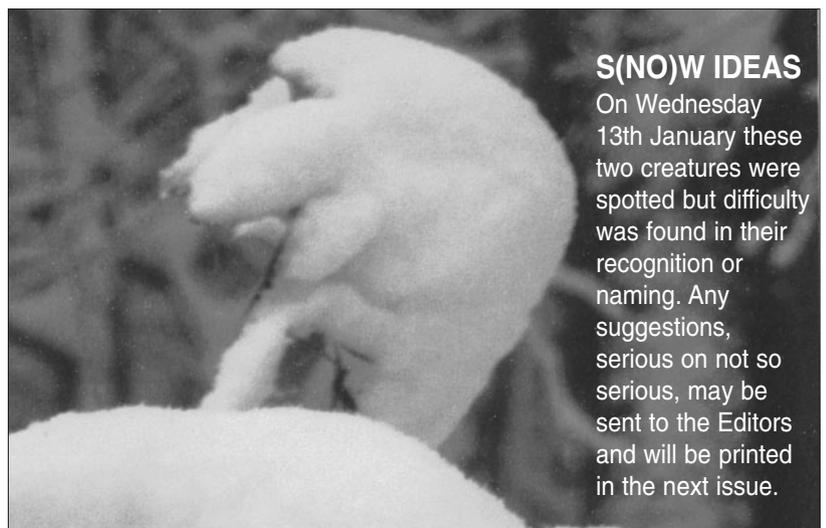
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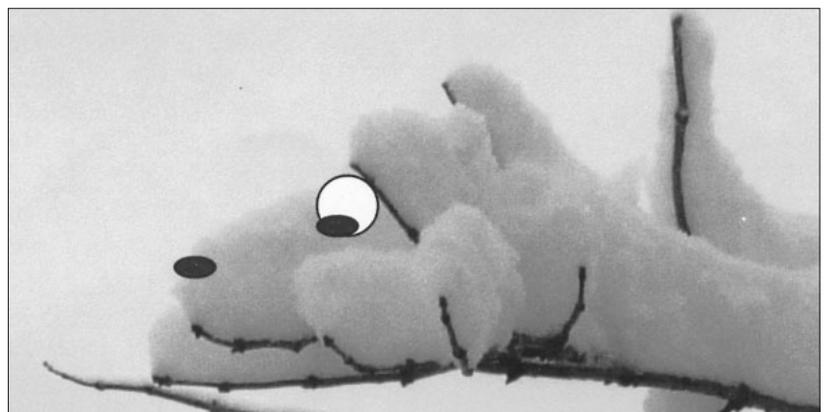
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S(NO)W IDEAS

On Wednesday 13th January these two creatures were spotted but difficulty was found in their recognition or naming. Any suggestions, serious or not so serious, may be sent to the Editors and will be printed in the next issue.



SWEENEY TODD

Mary Pearce, the Editor of Radyr Chain, spoke to Allan Cook who has adapted and will direct the Drama Society's forthcoming production.

M.P. Why Sweeney Todd?

A.C. Over the years I directed several musicals for the Music Group and I always hoped that they would decide on Sondheim's musical version of Sweeney Todd. In the end I had to accept that the music is too difficult for both the performers and the audience.

M.P. So this is not the musical version of the story?

A.C. No. Over the past three years I've adapted and directed several novels from the Drama Society. I think the two we have so far performed, *The Wind in the Willows* and *A Christmas Carol* have been successful. In this version I've returned to the original novel.

M.P. So your version of Sweeney Todd is adapted from the novel. Who wrote that novel?

A.C. It is officially classified as Anonymous. It is a typical "penny shocker" of the mid-Victorian period. It was sold in penny instalments and scholars believe that as many as three "hack" writers had a hand in it.

M.P. Has it been adapted for the stage before?

A.C. Many, many times. From the time that it was first published in the 1850's it was such a success that it has been adapted countless times.

M.P. What attracted you to Sweeney Todd?

A.C. Mark Twain called it "A classic" and went on "A classic is a book everyone wants to read but nobody has read". I don't think many people have read Sweeney Todd the novel and yet most people have heard of Sweeney Todd, one of the greatest criminal monsters in fiction.

M.P. Isn't it a very dark novel?

A.C. It has its dark side, not only the murders that Sweeney Todd

performs but the way that he tries to silence his apprentice, Tobias, by committing him to a madhouse. Yet this is only part of the novel. It has a feisty heroine and it introduces some forerunners of Sherlock Holmes to the Magistrate and the Colonel. It is also the story of a dog and has quite a few comic characters; from the odious sycophantic vicar to the camp Scottish tailor and the Dutch money lender. It is not only the story of Sweeney Todd, it also follows the story of *A String of Pearls*, its original sub-title.

M.P. It sounds as if it has a large cast.

A.C. More than fifty characters, performed by a cast of twenty. You could say that "All human life is there". It takes place in the area around Fleet Street in London and is the forerunner of many Victorian novels.

M.P. You mention a dog. How does he fit in and how will you get an acting dog?

A.C. The story very much depends on the dog in its early stages. We have a brilliant set designer in Dave Burgess and Dave is very much into puppetry. After the success of *War Horse* at the National Theatre in London, I'm very much looking forward to working with Dave and his dog. Not a glove puppet or a marionette but a life-size dog.

M.P. How will you stage Sweeney Todd?

A.C. Very much as we performed *A Christmas Carol*, using the stage and part of the floor of Morganstown Village Hall. The story of Sweeney Todd was quickly taken up by the London music halls and I've set the Radyr production in a Victorian music hall.

M.P. When can we see Sweeney Todd?

A.C. There will be three evenings and one matinee performance between the 22nd and 24th April.

M.P. I'll make a note of it in the Chain diary.

A.C. Many thanks.

TAEKWONDO

A short report on the TAGB Taekwondo clubs in Bridgend, Pontypridd, Vale of Glamorgan, Radyr and Rhondda.

On the 16th October 2009 the Black Belt Gradings were held over 4 days in the Bristol Academy. The students are tested in all aspects of Taekwondo by a panel of 8th Dan Black Belts.

Successful promotions to 1st Degree Black Belt were:

From Bridgend:

Tammy Bungay

Pontypridd:

Darren Maisey

Scott Maisey

Steve Jerrett

Gary Hughes

Radyr:

Sandie Legg

Joshua White

Philip Marsh

Promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt
From Bridgend: **Cerys Parkhouse**



TAEKWONDO

On November 22nd the TAGB Taekwondo held their British Championships in UWIC, Cyncoed, Cardiff

There were approximately 1000 competitors of all ages and grades competing in Patterns, Sparring and Destruction. The results of the Taekwondo Schools run by Steve and Pat Tottle were:

Bridgend:

Joseph Alzetta

Bronze Red Belt Sparring

Liz Gordon

Bronze Blue Belt Sparring

Ben Groves

Silver Yellow Belt Sparring

Nathan Jones

Boys Yellow Belt Sparring

Emma Nelson

Bronze Blue Belt Sparring

Jamine Over

Silver Black Belt Sparring

Steven Sawday

Gold Green Belt Sparring

Kristian Williams

Bronze Boys Yellow Belt Sparring

Cierion Worgan

Silver Red Belt Sparring

Rhys Worgan

Gold Red Belt Cadet Sparring

Pontypridd:

Ben Davies

Bronze Boys Green Belt Sparring

Kevin Goldsworthy

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Chelsea Mortimore

Bronze Girls Green Belt Sparring

Sian Taylor

Silver Ladies Green Belt Sparring

Nicola Turecek

Gold Ladies Black Belt Patterns

Radyr:

Rob Hooper

Bronze Yellow Belt Sparring

Rachel Mortimore

Bronze Ladies Blue Belt Sparring

Vale:

Ben Barker Boston

Gold Boys Yellow Belts Sparring

Jessica Burt

Bronze Yellow Belt Sparring

Bethany Burt

Bronze Blue Belt Sparring

Rhiannon Williams

Bronze Black Belt Sparring

Catrin Williams

Bronze Blue Belt Sparring

Instructor Steve Tottle was extremely pleased with these results from such a large and prestigious tournament.

Anybody interested in joining the Worlds largest Martial Arts Organisation The TAGB ring Steve Tottle on 01443 226452 or for further information see www.tagb.biz or www.blackbeltschools.com



Vital Information on Drugs for Parents in Radyr and Morganstown

Parents in Radyr and Morganstown can attend 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' – an innovative evening that will benefit every parent concerned about drugs. The evening will run from 7.30pm - 9.30pm on **Saturday 13th February 2010** in **The Chain Room at Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.**

Exposure to drugs and alcohol is one of the major worries faced by parents today. 'Drugs' is a word that causes fear, confusion and denial. **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** is a community based programme developed in conjunction with national charity Care for the Family and drugs education charity, Hope UK. It gives parents the information they need to encourage their children to have a responsible attitude towards drugs including cigarettes and alcohol.

The taster evening is organised by Becca Bodsworth who has trained as Accredited Presenters of **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** and Tori Miller, PCSO for Radyr and Morganstown. "We're really excited to be hosting this evening in Radyr and Morganstown," says Becca. "I think every parent is concerned about this issue and they will find 'How to Drug Proof Your Kids' very helpful in allaying fears and building real relationships with their children."

Becca is one of nearly 400 presenters from across the UK who have been trained by Care for the Family to present **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** in their local communities. Parents attending the evening will discover some of the facts about drug use in their community, learn some strategies for communicating with their children and will be invited on a six-session course.

The full **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** course covers:

Drugs: How bad is the problem, really?

Why kids take drugs

How to educate kids to make good choices

Prevention tools for parents

Learning to intervene - and where to get help!

What are penalties for taking, and dealing drugs, what do the drugs look like?

Handling a return to drug use (relapses)

Becca and Tori are looking forward to meeting parents at **How to Drug Proof Your Kids**. "Most parents are worried about this and are wondering where to turn," explains Becca. "The good news is that you don't have to become an expert on drugs to be aware of how your children might be at risk. We tell parents some of the facts about drug use, but

more importantly we tell them how to engage with their children, discuss drugs with them and give their children the means to make sensible and informed choices."

Parents are invited to the **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** evening running from 7.30pm - 9.30pm on **Saturday 13th February 2010** in **The Chain Room at Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr**. The evening is free. Places can be booked by calling Becca Bodsworth on 07933 439203 or emailing dpykradyr@live.co.uk

How to Drug Proof Your Kids covers:

18/2/2010 - Drugs: How bad is the problem, really?

25/2/2010 - Why kids take drugs

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Parents are invited to the first evening of **How to Drug Proof Your Kids** evening running from 7.30pm - 9.30pm on **Thursday 18th February 2010** in **The Chain Room at Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr**. The course will run weekly on Thursday evenings for two hours, for 7 weeks. The course will cost £30 per person, £45 for couples. Places can be booked by calling Becca Bodsworth on 07933 439203 or emailing dpykradyr@live.co.uk.

How to Drug Proof Your Kids was launched in Australia and adapted for the UK by Care for the Family in conjunction with Hope UK. Care for the Family is a national charity that aims to promote strong family life and help those hurting because of family breakdown. More information is available from www.care-for-the-family.org.uk

Hope UK is an educational charity promoting drug-free lifestyles and preventing drug-related harm. More information available from www.hopeuk.org

Becca Bodsworth is the Youth and Community Worker for Radyr and Morganstown Church Trust.

For further press information and interview opportunities please contact Becca Bodsworth on 07933 439203 or email dpykradyr@live.co.uk



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Guide, Brownie and Rainbow News Garth District go up Garth Mountain.

In 2010 the Girl Guide Association celebrate their centenary, as the Scouts did in 2008. The centenary launch celebrations started in September 2009 this marked the centenary when girls first asked to be Girl Scouts at the first National Scout Rally held at Crystal Palace in September 1909; from this the Girl Guide Association was born.

The Garth District has Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders ~ ranging from 5 to 18 years old ~ in Radyr, Morganstown, Pentyrch, Creigiau, Fairwater, Gwaelod-y-Garth and Groes Faen. To celebrate the launch of the centenary Garth District decided to do something special for all the girls. So the leaders made plans and invited each girl on a walk up Garth Mountain. We met early afternoon on 27th September at Pentyrch Village Hall ~ approximately 150 girls and 50 adults, leaders and parent helpers. The weather was sunny and warm, everyone kept their coats in their backpacks. In a long snake the girls walked through quiet roads and across three fields to Mountain Road. The only unforeseen hold up was queuing to enable 200 people to climb over the stiles. In the field just before Mountain Road we re-grouped before the road was closed by the local police to enable the girls to walk safely to the lane that led to

the top of Garth Mountain. As the girls walked up the Garth Mountain they marvelled at the view of Radyr, Tongwynlais, Lesser Garth Quarry and in the distance Cardiff city and the Millennium Stadium. The girls from Radyr were doing their best to spot their houses or guess which bit of Lesser Garth Hill they were behind. The younger members concentrated on putting one foot in front of the other with the common question of how much further? After an hour of walking the top of Garth Mountain became a sea of red yellow and blue as Rainbows, Brownies and Guides respectively enjoyed their picnic tea and recovered from the final steep walk. All who got to the top felt a sense of achievement. We sang some traditional songs, including 'Ging Gang Gooli' of course, and some newer songs making everyone 'Go Bananas!' The descent was a lot quicker! The police closed the road again as we returned to the fields. We stopped to sing Happy Birthday to ourselves, attempted to light candles on our cake and eat a piece. Temporary toilets were provided, with the traditional chemical toilets causing much fascination. Cries of 'There's no flush!!' rang out.

We returned over the stiles and fields to Pentyrch Village Hall. Each girl going home

tired and happy, clutching a party bag containing centenary souvenirs.

The girls of Garth District will have memories of a traditional Guiding event to launch their Centenary celebrations. A great achievement for all those who took part, I am sure many have never walked up Garth Mountain before and several have since been inspired to retrace their footsteps taking along their families ~ I hope they were as lucky with the weather as we all were. Our thanks go to the local police who controlled the traffic and to the local farmer who let us use his field.

Ahead of us we have a year of events and activities before everyone re-makes their Promise at 20:10 on 20th October (2010 2010 2010).

