



After a very successful 2011 appearing on ITV'S Britain's Got Talent, dance Angels were featured on Sky1's Got to Dance on 6th January, 2012. The Angels reached the filming stages where they performed in front of Adam Garcia, Ashley Banjo (Diversity) and Kimberly Wyatt (Pussycat Dolls). The Angels had a very enjoyable day filming and The Got To Dance Domes, London and enjoyed meeting Davina McCall.

Dance Angels has recently filmed for S4C where they will be featured in an advert with 'Mr. Go Compare'.

## Radyr Geography Department Iceland Trip

February half term saw the Geography department's first trip to Iceland, the 'land of fire and ice', and it proved to be a truly memorable experience. From majestic waterfalls to giant tears in the earth's surface, from the vibrant capital city of Reykjavik to remote farms - we witnessed the constantly changing face of Iceland, and a community that has learnt to live with the constant threat of earthquakes and volcanoes.

On arrival at Keflavik airport we immediately transferred across a barren 'lunar' landscape to the geothermal baths of the Blue Lagoon. The milky blue waters are set amidst black lava, and despite slightly warmer temperatures than Cardiff (at first!) the 40 plus degree waters were a fantastic welcome to Iceland.

During the first half of the trip we visited several of Iceland's most impressive waterfalls including Skogafoss, a 25m curtain of water which thunders 60m down a basalt cliff (this was formed after the last ice age when the earth's crust rebounded once the weight of the ice had been lifted from it!). Pupils are seen here in front of Seljalandsfoss – a smaller but

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# RADYR CHAIN

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## IOLANTHE ...as you have never seen it before!



**In February, Radyr Parish Music Group re-visited Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta Iolanthe, after a gap of sixteen years. The new production was trailed as "Iolanthe as you have never seen it before" and so it proved to be.**

The action was transferred from the 19th century to the 1960's, the time of hippies, flower power etc. and the combination of peers and politicised hippie/fairies proved to be very fertile ground for the cast.

The Director resisted the temptation to update the libretto to suit the more modern period, perhaps because of the difficulty of wholesale translation of W.S. Gilbert's inventive, but zany (particularly in this case) story lines. Nothing was lost by not doing so – the words seemed to fit the period perfectly, or at least as much as any

story about fairies could and the dialogue was as humorous as ever.

The introduction of hippies gave the ever-inventive Director, Gill Evans, many opportunities to fill the stage with all sorts of action. Perhaps one's only complaint is that one really needed to see the show three or four times in order to absorb all that was going on. I became so absorbed in watching a potted marijuana plant grow that I am sure I missed several little 'playlets' going on at the same time!

Musically the production was very good. In a show with plenty of good tunes and many soloists, the latter all acquitted themselves very well, including two newcomers in the form of Elizabeth Daghish as Phyllis and Paul Atkins as Private Willis. We were also treated, not unusually, to a small master-class by Brian Willis in the Lord Chancellor's very funny and difficult 'nightmare' scene, which

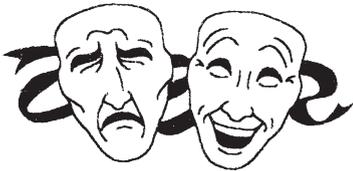
must have rung a few bells with any insomniacs in the audience. The Musical Director, Tessa Davies, also did a fine job with the Chorus, which is not always singled out for praise, but certainly deserved it in this show.

As we have come to expect, almost as if by right, the orchestra assembled, rehearsed and conducted by Simon Davison and ably supported by Pauline Gutteridge, was first class, one of the best ever, so error free that one almost forgot they were there (this comment is to be taken as a compliment) – astonishing when one considers the youth of practically all of the musicians.

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## COMING EVENTS



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

### APRIL

- 1 Easter Egg Hunt and Fayre. Come and hunt for eggs and meet the Easter Bunny at the OCR, organised by Cylch Meithrin Radyr 2.00pm
- 11 Rail Correspondence & Travel Society. Old Church Rooms. Roger Fletcher "last days of steam". All welcome. Visitors £2 incl coffee 7.30pm
- 11 Radyr, Morganstown and District Gardening Club. New Church Rooms, Heol Isaf. AGM Followed by "Canton Community Gardens", an illustrated talk by Michael Goode. Did you know that there are Community Gardens in Cardiff? Michael Goode will trace the history of Community Gardens and the development and achievements of the Canton scheme. Open to members and non-members, all are welcome. Further information from Richard Gregory tel : 029 20842084 7.30pm
- 16 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Old Church Rooms 7.00pm
- 19 Visit to Fonmon Castle. We will meet at Fonmon Castle at 2.15 for a guided tour and tea. Price £10. Anyone interested in joining us for this visit should contact Allan Cook on 20843176. 2.15pm
- 23 R&M ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, OCR. Come and hear what we have been doing over the year and our plans for the coming year. All Welcome 7.30pm
- 26-28 "Is There Any Body There?" Radyr Drama Society presents this farce by Ian Hornby in Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets: Welsh's Fruit & Veg (Station Rd), Sheila Phillips (20842585) or Allan Cook (20843176). £8 (Concessions £7, Children £5) 7.30pm
- 26 Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Main monthly meeting of R&MCC. Chain Room, Old Church Rooms, Park Road CF15 8DF 7.30pm
- 29 Open Day at Radyr Golf Club. Residents are invited to enjoy the surroundings at the golf club, the bar, the restaurant, the professional shop followed by a walking Treasure Hunt around the course. The professional will be organising fun activities for all. 5.00pm

### MAY

- 4 Junior Discos. Old Church Rooms. Contact Bryn Deri School 5.00pm
- 5-20 FESTIVAL See enclosed programme for full details of all events**
- 9 Rail Correspondence & Travel Society. Old Church Rooms. Karl Jauncey and Dave

- Richards "Steam on the main line in 2011" All welcome visitors £2 incl coffee 7.30pm
- 10 Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Annual meeting of R&MCC. Chain Room, Old Church Rooms, Park Road CF15 8DF 7.30pm
- 14 Radyr & Morganstown WI Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 22 PACT Meeting. Old Church Rooms. All residents welcome 7.00pm
- 24 MEDIEVAL TOMBS IN WALES. Rhianydd Tribiebrach will give an illustrated talk to the Local History Society on Welsh medieval tombs in general and the Llandaff tombs in particular. Old Church Rooms. All are welcome. 7.30pm

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S

### Monday, 2nd April

7.30pm Evensong & Address St. John

### Tuesday, 3rd April

7.30pm Evensong & Address Christ Church

### Wednesday, 4th April

9.30am Holy Eucharist Christ Church  
7.30pm Evensong & Address St. John

### Thursday, 5th April (Maundy Thursday)

9.30am Holy Eucharist St. John  
7.30pm Holy Eucharist Christ Church  
8.00 – 10pm Vigil St. John

### Friday, 6th April (Good Friday)

10am Family Service Christ Church followed by procession to the cross and fellowship at Radyr Methodist Church  
2.00pm Devotions before the Cross Christ Church

### Saturday, 7th April (Easter Eve)

6.00pm Easter Vigil with Holy Baptism Christ Church followed by Bring & Share Supper

### Sunday, 8th April (Easter Sunday)

8.00am Holy Eucharist Christ Church  
9.15am Holy Eucharist St. John  
11.00am Holy Eucharist Christ Church  
6.00pm Holy Eucharist Christ Church

## RADYR DRAMA SOCIETY

Our next production is *'Hello, Is There Any Body There?'*, a farce by Ian Hornby. It will be performed at the Morganstown Village Hall from Thursday, 26th to Saturday, 28th April, 2012.

In this hilarious murder mystery, all is peaceful at Squire Grange. Lady Amelia searches for new ideas for her latest novel with Sir Malcolm and family friend, Freddy. Then the murders begin; a strange visitor is the first victim and others follow. Inept detectives and local sleuth, Miss Marbles, try to solve the mystery of two, three – or is it four? – murders.

A murder mystery, but not as you know it.

Tickets are available from Welsh's Fruit and Veg, Station Road, Radyr, Sheila Phillips (2084 2585) and Allan Cook (2084 3176). Tickets are £8., concessions £7. and children £5.

## Tenovus Charity Bag Collection in Radyr

In February, the Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus appealed for donations of goods to be sold in the Charity's shops. The response from the community, on a very wet afternoon, was fantastic. The Tenovus Group was delighted when 250 bags filled with quality clothing, shoes, bags, books, bric a brac and other saleable goods were packed into the Tenovus van, which was parked at the Guide Centre. The donated bags were then delivered directly for sale in the shops. The funds raised will be used for the excellent services which the Charity provides, including treatment near patients' homes, care, counselling and research sponsorship.

Many grateful thanks go to Radyr Guides, Radyr Primary School, Radyr WI and all members of the community who supported us in this way to help Tenovus. There will be another collection of bags, for the Charity, in October and your support would be very much appreciated. Please ring 20842096 if you need further information.  
B. Fitzgerald

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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# STORYTELLER

The Festival literary event will be a talk by Donald Sturrock on Roald Dahl. Sturrock's biography of Dahl, *Storyteller*, was nominated for a number of awards in 2011, including the Samuel Johnson prize and won the Spear Book Award for Biography. It also won great applause from the critics. The Telegraph called it "A superb biography", while The Times said "It is a measure of the greatness of this biography that Sturrock is able to get behind Dahl's fantasies and exaggerations without losing respect of sympathy".

In fact, Dahl's life reads like one of his own fantasies. Born in 1916, the family moved around Cardiff for a number of years. It was while the family were living at Ty Mynydd in Radyr that his sister and father died within a period of months of one another and are buried in Radyr's Parish Church, St. John's. Roald was left in the charge of his formidable mother, Sofie Magdalene.

After a period at private school, then Repton College, he ended up working for Royal Dutch Shell which finally took him to Africa. A crash landing in the north African desert in 1940 ended his active war time

service as a fighter pilot and he joined military intelligence at the British Embassy in Washington, where one of his contemporaries was Ian Fleming, the author of James Bond. It was while in Washington that he started on a literary career, first with short stories for magazines.

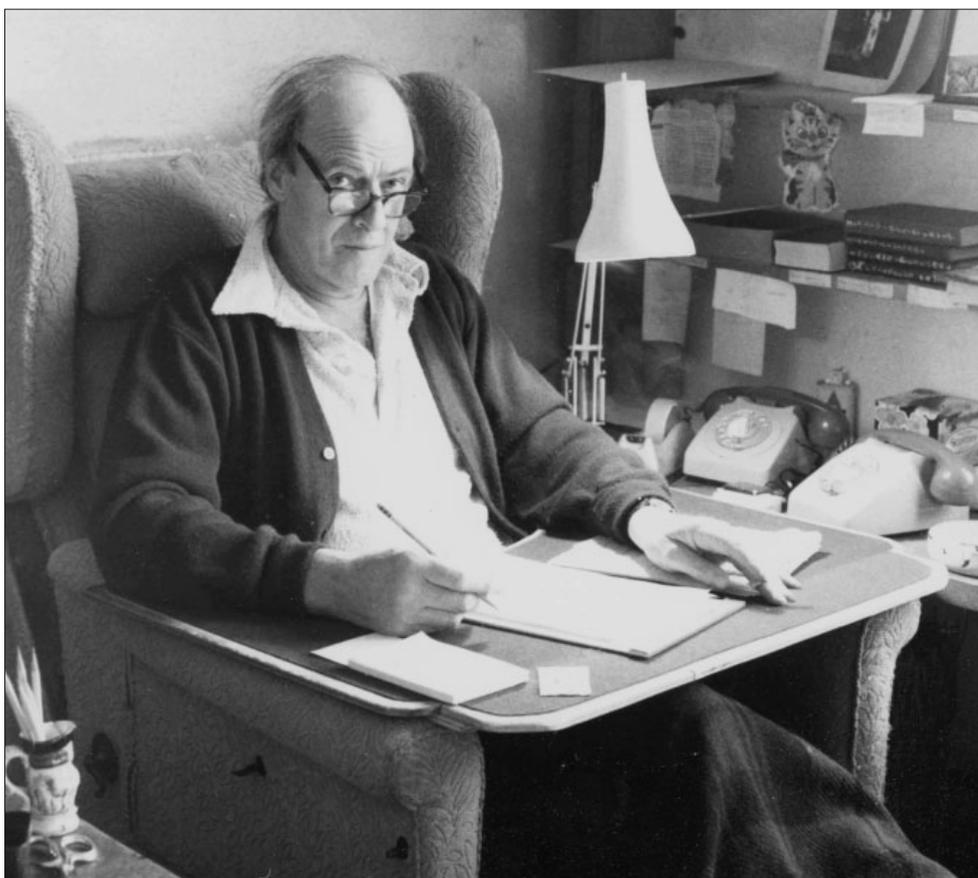
Dahl's life sometimes seems to have been idyllic, but it was not without its low points. The sudden debilitating illness of his wife, Patricia Neal, the Hollywood star and the death of his seven year old daughter must be counted among these.

Sturrock was given exclusive access to Dahl's papers by the family, including hundreds of newly discovered letters.

Dahl might have said of himself "I don't lie; I merely make the truth a little more interesting". Sturrock didn't need to make the truth more interesting. "We simply don't live lives like Roald Dahl's any more".

Donald Sturrock will be speaking at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30pm on Friday, 18th May. Tickets £5., concessions £4., full time students £3., from Welsh's Greengrocers, Station Road Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

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## RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Snowdrops have flowered, daffodils are in full bloom and tulips are showing the promise of things to come. Spring is truly underway with many plants showing signs of new growth which should encourage us to get out in the garden or allotment, despite the fluctuating weather and catch up with all those jobs we meant to do before the winter.

The Garden Club evening programme continued in February with a very entertaining talk by Bill Lee on the life of the Honey Bee and the importance of gardening to encourage and sustain honey bees. Unfortunately, Langford Williams was unable to give his talk on Carnivorous Plants for our March meeting.

We have one more evening meeting of the 2011/12 winter programme on 11th April and the club expects to have a stall at the Festival Week Fete selling plants/seedlings raised by members.

The final meeting of the winter programme is our AGM which will be followed with a talk by Michael Goode about the Canton Community Gardens.

Did you know that there are Community Gardens in Cardiff? Michael Goode will talk about their history and answer the question "What is a Community Garden?" Why not come along and hear all about this development and its achievements and take the opportunity to chat with like minded gardeners over coffee.

Meetings, which are open to all, 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.

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

Please see Village Notice Boards and Radyr website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) for programme details and any changes or contact our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

## Radyr Geography Department Iceland Trip

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equally beautiful fall. Pupils also trekked up Stori Dimon, a steep sided extinct volcano that offers a 360-degree panorama of the Eyjafjallajökull floodplain, created after its last eruption in 2010 (by the end of the trip most had mastered the pronunciation of this particularly tricky volcano- it's the one that grounded flights across Europe).

Next, a visit to the Solheimajokull glacier (or 'sun house' glacier)- an outlet glacier from one of the mighty icecaps. Sadly it is retreating at the rate of 100m per year due to global warming, but it is still a force of nature that is shaping the landscape of Iceland. The glacial melt waters flow out towards the town of Vik, and the black sand beaches and basalt columns at Reynishverfi- we made sure to keep well away from the huge Atlantic swell and the normally inquisitive seals also kept their distance.

The second half of the week saw plummeting temperatures and heavy snow, which added to the beauty of the island. Needless to say, every available opportunity was taken to pelt Mr Jowett and Mr Rebane with snowballs, and with odds stacked heavily against us (40 versus 2 if memory serves me well) we had to accept defeat.... several times!

The 'Golden Circle' of Geysir, Gulfloss and Thingvellir was a mixture of blizzard conditions and stunning blue skies, Geysir erupting every 7 minutes did not disappoint.

The final evening saw a trip to the 'Hamburger Factory' - Iceland's answer to TGI Friday. The restaurant keeps a running tally on the number of births on Iceland, and helped them celebrate 2 new additions to Iceland's population.

All in all this was a truly memorable and inspiring trip which did not fail to fire students enthusiasm for learning about the world around them, and how we interact with it. Watch out Michael Palin!!

**Mr Jowett** - Head of Geography

## Radyr and Morganstown Association

The preparation of the Festival due to start on the 5th May is well under way and you will find in this edition of the *Radyr Chain* a complimentary programme full of events for all ages and tastes. The Festival Queen and her King have been selected and they along with their attendants will be taking part in a number of these events. We hope that the community will give their generous support again this year to our Festival Charity - **the George Thomas Hospice**. Tickets for many of the events can be bought at Welsh's green grocery store in Station road. A book of raffle tickets is enclosed with the *Radyr Chain*, which we hope you will buy. All the proceeds going to the charity. Details of where to return tickets are printed on the stubs. There are a variety of prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 19th May at the RPMG Concert.

The Community Council and the Association, following the successful Christmas festivities in Station Road, are working together in making this event bigger and better in 2012. Additional lights are being procured by the RMCC

Concern is still being raised regarding the NatWest Bank's decision to close the Station Road branch on Tuesday's and Thursdays and a reduction in hours on the other working days. Several letters have been sent to the Regional Director in Birmingham, who has given a lame excuse that the footfall of the bank has fallen resulting in the reduction of opening times. At the PACT meeting this month the local bank management responded to questions from residents but did not convince the meeting. They agreed that no letters had been sent out to their customers in the area and the footfall had been calculated on total business activity of the branch. This ignores the fact that Radyr and Morganstown customer's activities go into a central clearing bank system. Two petitions are available for signature one can be found in *The Filling Station* in Station Road.

Neighbourhood Watch in Cardiff has been merged into one new association. The police and volunteers have regenerated activities around the city with a large number of new street based NW groups being formed. Our village watch continues as an email based link and if

you wish to join this group please contact David Cargill on 2084 2034. There is an ever increasing need to be vigilant of cold canvassing, computer scams and credit card fraud. Although it must be stressed that crime in our area is not a major problem, we must not become too complacent.

The Old Church Rooms has now been equipped with new chairs in both halls. There are a few used stacking chairs available if any person or organisations require them. All the halls in the area are available for hire and there is increasing interest for bookings from outside the village. Contact details for the community halls can be found on the village web site - [www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)

A very interesting talk was given by Professor Ron Eccles on the Common cold Unit at Cardiff University. He outlined the cause of many of our cold and flu symptoms and encouraged washing hands more frequently often helped to avoid the circulation of these viruses. Future talks have been arranged as follows - Monday 3rd September - Jill Jones of BBC Wales will make an audio visual presentation of the programme "Crimewatch", which is now broadcast from the new studios in Cardiff Bay. On Monday 19th November Dr Rhys Jones, also of BBC Wales will give a talk on his programme "Rhys to the Rescue", dealing with creatures all great and small. We look forward to these presentations.

Again we remind residents that the Association is looking for new members, especially younger people who are prepared to help organise, assist in events or just sit on committees, are all very welcome. Please get in touch with our secretary, Nick Hawkins - 2084 2561.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association has been arranged for Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, all welcome. The next meeting will be held on the 18th June.

**Once again this year Radyr Scout Group will be collecting Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers.**

**We will have collecting boxes in Martyns the Newsagent and at the Scout Hall. You can also post them through the door of 55 Dan y Bryn Avenue. If you have any vouchers you do not want we would love for you to put them in our collecting boxes. Last year with your help we collected over 10,000 vouchers a fantastic effort, Thank you for your support.**

# CELEBRATIONS

for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee started in February in the Old Church Rooms. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Professor Delme Bowen and the Lady Mayoress, Ms. Pamela Morgan, joined members of the community to celebrate the Queen's accession to the throne. After a toast to the Queen by the Lord Mayor, a string quartet from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama entertained guests and finally a delicious afternoon tea was served by Radyr and District Good Neighbour

Scheme Volunteers. Diamonds and tiaras were sparkling in the sunlight as it shone through the windows and a wonderful time was had by all who attended.

Unfortunately the event was oversubscribed and not everyone was able to get a ticket. If you were one of those residents we really were very disappointed that we could not fit everyone in. However, we will have another afternoon tea with entertainment during the Radyr and Morganstown Festival. More details nearer the time in the event programme.



## A SPECIAL TYPE OF TRAVEL SERVICE

Despite the reports of doom and gloom in the current economic climate, a local travel agent has set up her own business in response to customers now looking for a 'different type of travel service'.

Cardiff based Louise Hughes runs her own travel business from home as part of award winning travel company, Travel Counsellors. She has over thirteen years' experience in the travel industry and uses the company's state of the art technology to provide expert advice and savings; from specialist areas such as tailor-made holidays, cruises and business travel to a simple flight or hotel booking. In addition, the flexibility of working from home allows Louise to be available at times to suit her clients, even if it is outside normal working hours.

"People want to book with a dedicated travel agent that they can trust" says Louise. "I am able to take the time to build relationships with my customers, tailor-making their holidays to suit their needs. The emphasis is on personal service and being available at a time to suit my clients."

Louise can also offer her customers complete financial protection on all their holiday bookings. "Travel Counsellors operates its own financial trust, which offers much needed peace of mind as the last thing anyone wants to do is risk losing their well earned holiday through no fault of their own. I know my customers really appreciate this service and it is a financial guarantee that every few other travel agencies can match."



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## LEARN WELSH IN RADYR THIS TERM

Do you want to learn Welsh for the first time? Do you want to brush up on your Welsh?

Whether you want to launch out with Welsh for the first time or exercise those rusty skills that you learnt some or many years ago, you'll find a suitable course in Radyr this term.

As a result of local interest in learning Welsh, the Welsh for Adults centre have been running Welsh taster sessions at Radyr Methodist Church and the Old Church Rooms running up to the Easter Holidays.

A questionnaire has been put forward to the learners of the Taster Courses and other inhabitants of Radyr and Morganstown with the aim of finding suitable times and days to learn Welsh, starting after the Easter break. To join in with the project, please fill in the online survey from the link below:

<https://www.surveys.cardiff.ac.uk/welshinradyr>

The courses are focused on speaking skills and giving beginners and refreshers alike the confidence to speak Welsh with others. The National Eisteddfod is in the Vale of Glamorgan this August. This is a perfect opportunity to get to grips with the Welsh language before then!

If you would like to register for a Welsh course this term, get in touch with me, Gwennan, the Development Officer at the Welsh for Adults Centre to find out details of the courses on 029 2087 4710 or contact via email [HighamGE@cf.ac.uk](mailto:HighamGE@cf.ac.uk) and

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# IOLANTHE

**...as you have never seen it before!**

*from front cover*

The lighting, designed and managed by Geoff Davies, was up to its usual high standard – no surprise when one considers that he has been performing this role for the Group since its formation in 1985. It is worth of note that two members of the lighting team, Seth and Dafydd Griffiths, were this year's recipients of the Christine Davies Award as being the 'Young person(s) making the best contribution to the show' for their efforts over a number of years.

Almost finally, the scenery, designed and largely produced by Raymond Rivron, although relatively straightforward compared to some shows, was very effective and this year featured the front end of a bus!

So, well done RPMG. Another fine production to add to many over the last 27 years.

The last night brought a hint of sadness to the Group, however, as it marked the retirement from their roles of Tessa and Gill, after a continuous collaboration of nine years. Tessa succeeded Christine Davies, the Founder and only other Musical Director and now President, in 2003 and by Chance, Gill directed her first RPMG production the same year. The combination of Tessa and Gill has maintained all of the standards previously set and they have put their own stamp on the continuing development of the Group with great success. All the members of RPMG have reason to be grateful for the very hard work they have put into their roles over the year.

So, the Group faces another change and a new challenge. It looks forward to finding out who will be stepping into the very large pairs of shoes left by their predecessors and doubtless to many more successes in the future.

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## LUNCHTIME CONCERT

Continuing their policy of showcasing the vast amount of talent that resides within the two villages, this year the Festival Committee have invited Tomos Xerri to give the lunchtime recital on his harp.

Morganstown based Tomos joins several other local residents who have performed at the Radyr & Morganstown Festival, including Helen Field, Sian Winstanley, Jeremy Huw Williams and Simon Davison.

Tomos is an all-round musical talent having reached Grade 8 on harp, piano and flute with distinction. He has won numerous gold medals and prizes at Festivals as diverse as the Urdd and National Eisteddfod, where he won both senior harp and piano competitions in the same year; and the International Harp Competition in Paris.

As well as being a talented instrumentalist, Tomos is also a singer, having been a member of the Llandaff Cathedral Choir and the Eton College Choir, with whom he toured Japan. In 2004, Tomos sang the treble solo in Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man a Mass for Peace" at the St. David's Hall to celebrate the composer's 60th birthday, which was televised and appeared as a DVD.

Tomos is currently studying the harp at the Trinity Laban College of Music in Greenwich, London. Next year he will spend the year at the prestigious



Music Conservatory in Zaragoza, Spain.

He has already appeared at venues as varied as St. David's Hall, The Millennium Centre, The Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Llandaff and Southwark Cathedrals and Windsor Castle.

His repertoire for the lunchtime concert will contain works by Handel, Sphor, Chopin, Faure and Hindemith. Tomos will be at Christ Church on Thursday, 17th May at 12.45pm. Tickets £6., concessions £5., full time students £3., from Welsh's Greengrocers, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins on 2084 2561 or Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

## GILL'S OPEN GARDEN

On Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th May, Gill Evans will be opening her garden at 2, Ty Mynydd Close, Radyr.

All proceeds are in aid of Velindre Cancer Research, for which her daughter, Kate O'Connor is raising money with a 19-day, arduous, Charity trek through the Himalayas from Lukla (allegedly the most dangerous airport in the world), to the high altitude of Kalapattar (5,550m), a peak overlooking Everest Base Camp, which is situated at the foot of the Khumbu Icefall.

Kate has previously, very successfully, raised money for Velindre hospital when she trekked to the summit of Kilimanjaro in 2010, raising a massive £7,000. which she is hoping to exceed with her latest venture in November this year.

Please support this worthy cause by visiting Gill's garden where there will be an opportunity to buy plants. The entrance fee of £4. includes delicious homemade refreshments.

**Tickets available from Gill. Tel. 2084 2432 and Kate. Tel. 2084 4068.**

## NEWS FROM RADYR & MORGANSTOWN WI

With the new Officers and Committee now firmly established, the Institute is very busy and activities and trips are constantly being planned for the spring and summer.

On 13th February, our speaker was, once again, Professor Robert Pickard who had been invited back for a third time. This time his subject was "Science and Shakespeare" and he amazed us by his ability to quote verbatim from the plays in order to illustrate his points. Again, he had his audience riveted by his memory, knowledge and the entertaining and humorous way in which the talk was delivered.

Between the February and March meetings, the link group organised the annual St. David's Day walk from Cardiff Bay to Tongwynlais in which a group of our fit members participated. St. David's Day itself was marked by the presentation of the WI millennium cups to the Year 6 winners of the creative writing competitions in our local Primary Schools. Sam Williams was the winner in Radyr Primary School with his poem "What Wales Means To Me" and he received the cup from our President, Pat Williams. Our Vice President, Anne Rees, presented the winner in Bryn Deri Primary, Hanya El-Geresy, with the cup for her winning entry, a descriptive poem entitled "Celestial Sunset". Congratulations to both winners. The children, accompanied by family members, came to our March meeting and read their poems to the audience and they were very well received. The poems are now on our WI website.

Our speaker for the March meeting was Mr. Terry Ewington, who is a volunteer watchkeeper for The National Coastwatch Institution. This is a voluntary coastal surveillance and safety monitoring organisation set up in 1994 to restore a vital watch along the UK shores. His talk, "Eyes Along the Coast" explained the work undertaken at Nell's Point, Barry which is manned by fully trained volunteers who keep a daylight watch 365 days a year. Did you

know that the tidal high in the Severn Estuary is 40 feet and the second highest in the world? It is only exceeded by a 42 feet high off the coast of Nova Scotia. Many of us hadn't realized this even though we live so close to the estuary.

Later in the evening, two of our members, Sue Duffield and Linda Goodwin, reported on a visit to Denman College. Sue was this year's winner of our annual Denman bursary which she shared with Linda. They both took a course on Sugar Craft and the finished results were impressive. Denman College is known as "The Jewel in the WI Crown". It is a beautiful Georgian mansion in Oxfordshire which offers a range of residential and day courses to WI members. Our members opted for a traditional craft course but the college offers a vast range of subject areas to cover all interests.

Later in March we have two Glamorgan Federation events; a Blue Badge guided walk around Cardiff on Tuesday, 20th March and the Spring Council Meeting on Wednesday, 18th April. Within our own Institute we have a lunch club event at Creigiau Golf Club on Tuesday, 24th April. As always, our walking group, genealogy groups, craft group and book groups are holding their regular meetings. The craft group plans to make "Log Cabin Patchwork Cushions" over the course of two meetings. One book group is also planning a visit to the New Theatre to see the National Theatre's production of Henry V.

Speaking of books, our President, a former librarian, reminded us that this year is National Book Year and to commemorate this, she has brought us a book to borrow and read. The book is about the history and achievements of the WI. It is called, appropriately, "A Force to be Reckoned With". Well, we certainly are!

For more information, visit our regularly up-dated website or contact Pat Williams (President) on 029 2084 3843. Email [mpwradyr@btinternet.com](mailto:mpwradyr@btinternet.com).

**Lesley Hall.**

## HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE FIND HOBBIES

When I was looking for hobbies I found it hard because I'm not actually very sporty (although I do enjoy playing tag and bulldogs at lunchtime at school!)

So what to do? As regular readers will know I found hen keeping (which is more of a pet than a hobby) which I do with my dad and my brother. Cleaning them out is not as much fun as collecting the eggs!

Beer mat collecting is fun. I have collected over a hundred, which is not bad because I'm too young for drinking in the pub! If any readers can send me any I would be thankful! There is a website [www.beermatmania.com](http://www.beermatmania.com) for beer mat collectors and there is a special name for it which is 'Tegestology'.

I figured that writing a column for the Radyr Chain is cool as well because you can express an opinion about what you're interested in. This article was going to be about how bored I was at half term. It turned into a bit of a rant and my editor didn't find it very interesting. He was right!

Starting out on any hobby is hard. You need a hobby that you can stick to, one that you do not get bored with instantly. Some people might find philately (stamp collecting) really interesting for example, though it is not for me. My advice is to choose a topic you like, maybe collecting glass animal figures like a friend of mine does, or building models, which lots of my friends do.

The cost of hobbies is something to think about too. Whilst hen keeping is quite expensive, a hobby such as beer mat collecting is free. This Christmas I was given a cool digital camera from my gran so I've taken up photography. It is cool to think that something as uninteresting to a young person as a vase of flowers can look quite cool on a photo.

Some people are musically talented but I'm not really (to be honest I'm tone deaf) but some people are good at art (again I just see a few doodles not a masterpiece) and some people are sporty and don't hit the ground face first like me. Find something that suits you – and don't worry what people think. A hobby stops you getting bored, but don't become obsessed!

**Mathew Walker**



## RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COLUMNS

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council, The Old Church Rooms, Park Rd., Radyr, Cardiff, CF15 8DF.  
Tel: 029 2084 2213. E-Mail: clerk@radyr.org.uk  
Clerk/Clerc: Helena Fox

The Community Council is thrilled to have been granted £4,750 from the Big Lottery Fund : Awards for All to help us celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with a Jubilee Prom on Monday June 4th. This free event will take place at Radyr Golf Club which will be open to the public for the day.

We will be staging a live music concert with a range of performers including youth bands, jazz and ending with a performance by a classical orchestra from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and, to end what we hope will be a wonderful day, lighting a beacon and fireworks. We will advertise this and other events over the four day weekend more widely nearer the time.

I'm very pleased to say that after several years of negotiation, Cardiff Council's Executive has approved the Charter with the other five community councils in Cardiff. We now have a liaison officer at Cardiff and once the documents are signed we hope to set up regular contact the better to work with Cardiff Council.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a questionnaire on the opening hours of Radyr Library. We hope you can let Cardiff know your preferences. We can't extend the opening hours for now although we would like to and have asked Cardiff to consider it in future. We may be able to rearrange the hours we have and the questionnaire gives you some options.

Over the past few months I have had questions about the use of traders' signs. My understanding is that while a trader, say a builder or gardener, is working at a property they are allowed to put up a board with their name and other details. However, once that work has been completed the boards must come down. If a trade sign is left up after work is completed it becomes an advertisement and, surprisingly, that is a criminal act. The board can be reported to Cardiff Council's planning enforcement team who can remove the sign. If the sign is on the highway, eg a grass verge, then the highways department can remove it.

Cardiff Council's system of receiving information via its C2C service works very well, I find. You can contact them by phone (20872087) or C2C@cardiff.gov.uk. The more people who report something, for example a street light that has failed, flytipping or missed waste collections, the faster the response. If you do not wish to make a report yourself I am always happy to do it on your behalf.

**Helena Fox** - Clerk to R&MCC

## HISTORY SOCIETY

A full house at the History Society's March meeting were told of the thrilling developments at the newly discovered port of Caerleon by Dr. Caroline Pudney, one of the senior archaeologists on the site. Dr. Pudney is in the middle of evaluating the finds from the 2011 season, which will be the last for the time being until more money can be found to continue the fascinating work. Members were given the latest information long before it appeared on Time Team later in March.

Anyone wishing to join us for either of our two summer trips, to Fonmon Castle on Thursday, 19th April, price £10., including afternoon tea, or to Salisbury and Wilton House on Thursday, 28th June, coach and entry £21., should contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

The Festival Walk on Sunday, 6th May will look at the Mathew family



of Radyr Court, their involvement with the pilgrimage to Penrhys, toll roads through Radyr, two early settlements and Radyr Uchaf, another early house. It is a relatively easy walk of about two miles and will last about 2? hours. St. John's Church will be open for the event. Meet outside the Radyr Court pub in Danescourt at 2.30pm.

The May meeting of the History Society at 7.30pm on Thursday, 24th May will hear a talk by Rhianydd Trbiebrach on medieval tombs in South Wales, with special reference to the Mathew tombs in Llandaff Cathedral.

## RADYR & MORGANSTOWN FRIENDS OF TENOVUS THE LION KING LONDON EVENT

At the beginning of February a large group of friends and supporters travelled to London by coach supplied by Pencoed Travel to see The Lion King. The show was extremely colourful and spectacular and thanks go to Pat Williams who planned and coordinated the trip, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The sum of £721. raised from the excursion has been sent on to Tenovus to help in their fight against Cancer. Thank you to all our supporters who continue to give so generously to help us with our fund raising activities.

**Alison Skidmore**

# SPONSORSHIP APPEAL

My name is **Hannah Manley** and I am 18 years old. I am a racing cyclist and about to move up into the under 23-age category of senior women's racing. I was a member of the under 16 British cycling talent team and represented Great Britain at under 18 level. I am currently a member of a top British women's racing team.



I have been cycling since I was 10 years old and have achieved many successes -

**Multiple Welsh road and track champion; National track champion; Double National record holder over 1.5km and 5km; Bronze medal in National senior women's team pursuit and Madison; Medalled in international races; Ridden for Wales in many disciplines; Ridden for winning GB team as a junior in an international race in Holland**

**Taken part in the Future Stars revolution race in Manchester Velodrome and finished 2nd in the overall standings.**



During this time I went to Radyr Comprehensive School and studied for both my GCSEs and A levels. I achieved 12 GCSEs of which 9 were A grades and above. In my A-levels I studied PE, maths and chemistry and achieved 3 A grades. I have been accepted for Bath University to study Sport and Exercise Science.

This current year I have decided to become a fulltime athlete and concentrate solely on my sport and make sure I become the greatest that I can be.

My aims are:

**To win National road series events; To medal in the Senior track Nationals points race and scratch race; To win the Senior track Nationals team pursuit and Madison; To participate in international races – The Tour of Limousin in France, Krasna Lipa in the Czech Republic, The Tour de Freestate in South Africa.**



Although I am a member of one of the best women's team in the country I have to finance travelling and equipment expenses. This letter is a request for any financial help you could give me towards these costs. This would be greatly appreciated and would help me continue to grow as a cyclist towards my dreams.

**Hannah Manley**  
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Cardiff CF15 8RU  
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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Bara Brith

I thought everyone had a Bara Brith recipe, but I have recently been asked for mine. It is really easy but you must plan ahead.

This quantity makes two cakes – it freezes well and is best served sliced and buttered.

1 pint (20 fl oz, 600ml) cold tea.

I collect tea leaves for two days and keep them in a Pyrex jug in the 'fridge. Add more fresh tea leaves and boiling water to 1 pint and leave to cool.

8 oz (225g) sultanas

8 oz (225g) raisins

(You can add more variety by chopping up some dried apricots, prunes or cranberries)

10 oz (275g) brown sugar

1 large egg beaten

1 1/2 lb (675g) SR flour

2 level teaspoons mixed spice.

Prepare 1 pint cold tea

Place fruit and sugar in mixing bowl

Pour tea over, stir and cover

Leave overnight

Heat oven – Gas 3 ,325F or 160C.

Line 2 x 2lb loaf tins – easy with paper cases

Stir egg into mixture

Sieve in flour and spice

Mix well

Consistency should be quite soft

Add milk or sherry if too solid

Divide between two tins

Bake approx. 1 to 1 1/2 hours

Cakes should be well risen, golden brown, firm to touch and stopped 'singing'

Cool in the tins.

A.M.P.

## Wedding Fayre at Radyr Golf Club - Sunday 22nd April

An exhibition of over 20 local wedding goods suppliers will be held on Sunday 22nd April at Radyr Golf Club. Doors will open at 11am until 4pm. Ticket price is only £2 per head including arrival drink and entry into the prize draw.

## Children's Easter Golf Camps Beginners

Thursday 12th April – 9am – 12.30pm

Friday 20th April – 1pm – 4.30pm

Cost £12 per child or £20 for two children from the same family.

Age 7 upwards



# Radyr Library – Opening Hours Consultation

Please take some time to consider some of the issues below and then let us know your view on the proposed revised opening times. We will then let you know the outcome and confirm the new opening times in the next edition of the Radyr Chain.

You're probably aware from all the work that's going on in Park Road that Radyr Library is being extended and refurbished and is set to re-open in the next couple of months. As well as presenting a new physical space we want the Library to be open at the times when you want it.

Unfortunately we are not in a position at present to extend weekly opening hours beyond the 28 hours the library is currently open so it is important that we open when as many of you as possible can make use of the service.



Some comments we have received around these hours are:

“No early morning opening for on the way to school”

“Friday not a good late night – too many other things to do”

“Longer opening on Saturday please”

“More lunchtime opening”

The current opening hours are

Mon	10.00-13.00	14.00-18.00
Tue	10.00-13.00	14.00-17.30
Wed	10.00-13.00	14.00-17.30
Thur	Closed	
Fri	Closed	14.00-19.00
Sat	10.00-13.00	Closed

We would like you to consider the following 3 options for revised opening hours when the library reopens and whether you would be happy to pilot new opening hours for a six month period:

### Option A

Mon	10.00-13.00	14.00-18.00
Tue	Closed	
Wed	Closed	12.00-19.00
Thur	Closed	
Fri	08.00-13.00	14.00-17.00
Sat	09.00-15.00	Closed

### Option B

Mon	Closed	
Tue	10.00-13.00	14.00-18.00
Wed	Closed	12.00-19.00
Thur	Closed	
Fri	08.00-13.00	14.00-17.00
Sat	09.00-15.00	Closed

### Option C

Mon	10.00-13.00	14.00-18.00
Tue	Closed	12.00-19.00
Wed	Closed	
Thur	Closed	
Fri	08.00-13.00	14.00-17.00
Sat	09.00-15.00	Closed

## How to respond?

Complete online at [www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/radyrlibrary](http://www.surveys.cardiff.gov.uk/radyrlibrary)  
Email you response to [consultation@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@cardiff.gov.uk) Or complete and return the form

### Radyr Library - Revised Opening Hours

Would you support a six month trial of the new opening hours?  Yes  No

Which option do you prefer?  Option A  Option B  Option C

Personal Information:

Please provide the following - Your age: ..... Gender: Male / Female Postcode: .....

Please return by **Friday 27 April** to:

**Cardiff Research Centre, FREEPOST CF3474, County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, CF10 5GZ**

# Radyr Primary School News

**It has been another busy and productive term for pupils and staff at the school. We currently have children representing Cardiff and the Vale in Rugby, Football, Cricket and Gymnastics with excellent results being reported.**

Our footballers took another step closer to retaining the Howard Spriggs Cup recently winning their semi final at Llandaff Church in Wales School by four goals to nil. The boys will now play Eglwys Newydd in a 2 leg final to be held on May the 3rd and May the 10th.

Both our boys' team and girls' team took part in the New Directions Tournament at Sophia Gardens in March. The girls successfully won their group however lost by a goal to nil in the final. For a first fixture however, reaching the final is an outstanding achievement.

Our boys won their group comfortably scoring 21 goals in total with no goals conceded. The team will now play in the Finals Day on Thursday 29th March at Sofia Gardens.

Our Rock Bands performed for the first time to a capacity audience of excited children in early February and our parents were entertained in the evening by 'The Funk Sinatras', an event which raised just over £1000 for the school. Thanks to this and the many other fundraising activities organised by our PTA, our Nature Trail and Nature Area are nearing completion and we were delighted with the results of our Nature Trail Logo Competition. The winning entry by Brooke has been carved into each of the benches in our nature area which is due to be opened shortly.

The Junior Yard has been enhanced with quiet areas, a climbing wall, adventure equipment and a football area and as soon as our leaning boundary wall has been repaired, work (chosen by the school council) will begin on the junior yard.

Our caretaker has been working hard to create allotments for each year group and we are keen to hear from any volunteers who may be able to spare an hour a week to work with a small group of children, maintaining and developing these areas.

On St David's Day we celebrated our whole school Eisteddfod during which the children sang, recited poetry, danced, gave recitals on various instruments and displayed their fantastic art work to the school.

We were delighted that our Reception and Year One Children were the winners of the Cardiff and the Vale Peace Festival Art Competition with their design of a solar powered car. Two representatives attended County Hall to receive their certificates and prize for the school which was presented by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

Representatives from our School Council also visited County Hall to take part in the Grand

School Council meeting, sharing ideas with other school councils from across Cardiff.

Following our win of the Cardiff Really Rubbish Campaign 'design a Caddyman' competition at the end of last year, pupils were invited to the Norwegian Church to take part in the launch of this year's competition.

Our local PCSO Tori has been patrolling the streets with our Junior PCSOs (from Year 6) to monitor parking outside of the school. The children are delighted to report that the majority of our parents continue to park considerably around the local area.

We are fortunate to have been visited by Reverend Jenny Wigley and Reverend Susan McIvor who have delivered assemblies for the children recently and we are looking forwards to hearing our school choir perform in the Saint Davids Hall on the 1st of April in aid of the Breast Cancer Care Charity.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IN RADYR 13-19 MAY, 2012

**Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the locked door of the Christian Aid office on Station Road in Radyr? Christian Aid currently works with 507 partners in 47 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and its mission is to see an end to global poverty. In Radyr, staff are working to raise awareness in Wales of Christian Aid's work through engaging with communities, young people, students, schools, organisations and politicians across Wales.**

At the moment we are busy working towards our main fundraising week, Christian Aid Week 13-19th May! During this week thousands of churches and supporters will stand together to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out to campaign and raise funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. And Radyr is no exception.

During this second week of May, envelopes will be delivered to each household in Radyr and Morganstown. If you would like to donate you can return the envelope as you attend a service at Christ Church or Radyr Methodist Church or hand them in to staff at the Christian Aid office during

office hours. Last year money raised in Radyr and Morganstown was over £1,221. by envelopes returned this way. You can also donate online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org). Thank you to all who gave so generously!

Your donations have gone towards funding transformational projects like one in Tenneh Keimbay's community Gbap. (Gbap is a village in the Bonthe district of Sierra Leone). Her life turned around when the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone started to work in her town/village, distributing tools and teaching farmers simple food production techniques. She talks enthusiastically about the difference this has made. 'Now the children eat two meals all year round, whereas before it was one. They are growing well; they don't cry around me because of hunger. They are happy to go to school because something is in their stomach'. Thanks to the new village development committee, farmers can now share their skills and work more efficiently. The people of Gbap successfully lobbied for a new school and an agricultural work centre for the community. The people of Gbap have taken their future into their own hands.

**Be a part of Christian Aid Week this year in Radyr: if, together, we take small actions we can give people like Tenneh the tools to make big change happen.**

Mari McNeill (Christian Aid, Wales) and Phil Kitcher (Christian Aid Organiser for Radyr)

**THE SHOW ME HOW TO LOOK FASHION SHOW**  
at the **Hilton Hotel - Cardiff**  
Be the first to see Debenhams Spring and Summer collections at Cardiff. Let the experts show you how to best mix and match the new Spring and Summer Debenhams collection. The evening includes a Lancôme make-up demonstration from skincare experts June Marsh and Sarah Lane.  
**Monday 30th April 2012**  
Sparkling Reception 7.00pm for 7.30pm  
Tickets: £10 each  
For tickets contact Sarah Harris at:  
t: 02920 524150 e: [info@gthc.org.uk](mailto:info@gthc.org.uk)

## EATING FOR HEALTH

*Do you want to improve your health? What can you realistically achieve? If improved health or fitness is your priority it is time to change your current eating habits.*

In AD390 Hippocrates said 'Let food be your medicine and medicine be your food' and since then people have used the nutrients in food to support their health. However nowadays we are bombarded on a daily basis with so much conflicting information on what constitutes a healthy diet, it is of no surprise that many of us are confused about what we should eat!

*Prevention is always better than cure.*

An 'optimum nutrition' diet is one that provides all the nutrients required for good health. However, with a busy lifestyle, family and social pressures and poor willpower (when food choices are limitless) it can be a real challenge. Therefore a healthy diet is more about adopting balance and moderation that can be sustained for the long-term.

*Eating for health and well-being.*

With a background in caring for people affected by cancer within the NHS (as a radiographer), it soon became apparent that following treatment many patients decided to take control and sought help to improve their nutrition and well-being. This and my love of food and fitness inspired me to retrain in Nutritional Therapy to be able to apply nutritional science in the promotion of health.

*Realising your health potential.*

Nutritional Therapy helps people to check that they are on the right track regarding healthy eating. But it can also help with nutritional imbalances in order to support the body towards maintaining health. **Nutritional Therapy may help you to: feel more energetic, manage your appetite, improve your digestion, reduce bloating, increase your performance, support you in kicking any fad diets, reduce your cravings, help with weight management, improve mental clarity and concentration, maintain good heart health, manage allergies and intolerances, support hormone regulation, increase your confidence, find solutions that suit YOU and enjoy food!**

Nutritional Therapy recognises that each person is an individual with unique requirements and I will develop a personalised nutrition plan with you. A typical consultation involves a detailed analysis of your nutritional intake, eating habits, health and your family history, followed by personalised advice and encouragement for diet and lifestyle change. I will then write an individual client report containing the recommended dietary and supplement requirements, together with a complete implementation programme. These are also provided following the consultation.

If you would like to consider how Nutritional Therapy could help you, please contact me for a no obligation telephone conversation.

### Joan Jackson

BSc. Nutritional Medicine, mBANT, CNHC, BSc. (Hons.) Radiography, PGCE

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the piano. Rowena studies at the De Leon Drama School in Richmond. She has played the Wicked Witch of the West in the Wizard of Oz, the name part of Shirley Valentine and Miss Cooper in Rattigan's Separate Tables for Peter Hall at the Albery Theatre in London. Rowena regularly appears in review as a member of Three Piece Suite.

Stately as a Galleon can be seen at Morganstown Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £7., concessions £6., available from Welsh's Greengrocery, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook 2084 3176.

## JOYCE GRENFELL

"Stately as a Galleon" is a new show presenting some of the much loved actress and television personality's songs and sketches, including two of her famous Nursery School sketches of which "George, Don't Do That" is probably the best remembered.

Although she made more than twenty four films many of them with stars like Alastair Sim and Margaret Rutherford, including "The Happiest Days of Your Life" and the St. Trinians series, she is best remembered as a television personality in series like Face the Music, of which she was a regular panellist and for her one woman shows.

Joyce Grenfell is considered a comedians' comedian having been voted among the top fifty acts by her fellow comedians. She was the first comedian to be awarded the honour of a Memorial Service in Westminster Abbey, an honour she shares with only Ronnie Barker and Les Dawson.

Joyce Grenfell will be played by Rowena Petty with Sue Howley at

## PENTYRCH ART GROUP

Pentyrch Art Group will be holding their 17th annual exhibition at Pentyrch Village Hall on Sunday, 20th May, 2012. The exhibition is open from 1000 to 1800 hours and admission is free. Free refreshments will also be served. There is ample free parking at the village hall with disabled access. You can be assured of a warm welcome from our members – last year we welcomed over 350 visitors during the course of the day. We look forward to seeing some new faces this year.

## ROTARY IN RADYR

In February we had a presentation from the South Wales districts GSE or Group Study Exchange team before their visit to the Philippines. Group Study Exchanges are cultural visits to another country by a team comprising of a Rotarian leader and four non-Rotarians (Rotarian team leader Gareth Cheesman with team members Nicole, Helen, Gemma and Sarah pictured). They stay with Rotarians and



their families and visit places of historical, cultural and geographical interest. The aim of these visits is to foster international understanding. While in the Philippines, the team will visit Rotary clubs to promote South Wales. This is a return visit after a group from the Philippines visited South Wales last year. Team member Helen Joseph is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cardiff West and we are looking forward to hearing about her four week trip on her return.

Our St. David's Day concert held at Christ Church was once again very successful. Performing for us were Con Voce, a mixed choir from Merthyr Tydfil singing a mixture of traditional and more modern pieces in both Welsh and English, with guest soloists Ben Smith and Bibiana Viazzani. Tenor Ben (pictured with members Delyth and Liz)



has been a member of Only Men Aloud for the last two years and 10 year old Bibiana is an exceptional soprano, who recently wowed listeners of Radio Wales with her performance of Panus Angelicus and we were incredibly fortunate to hear them both.

Refreshments were provided by the Friends of Radyr Guiding and some of the profits of the concerts will go to the Guides, with the rest being distributed amongst Rotary charities.

The end of March sees members selling raffle tickets at Asda in Leckwith for a chance to win a trolley dash in aid of Ty Hafan Children's Hospice and Rotary charities.

We have some interesting up-coming speakers to the club:

**17th April** – Talk by a member of staff from Dyfrig House Hostel for the Homeless

**15th May** – Talk by Dr. Claudine Anderson from Techniquet on "The DNA Database"

Details of both will soon be on [www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com](http://www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com) as are our other club evenings or you can email [sec.cardiffwestrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sec.cardiffwestrotary@gmail.com) for further details.

*Dear Editor,*

Here is a photo taken on the occasion of Inner Wheel Day January 11th 2012 to the residents of Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home.

The women pictured are Mrs Ann Ambler- president Llandaff I.W., Mrs. Barbara Brunt - overseas officer I.W. and Dan-y-Bryn resident Mary.

All the items on the table were knitted using wool collected from the Radyr Chain readers.

Please do not forget, I still need more wool to carry on doing presentations to charity, of knitted garments.

Up-date I am now sending to orphans of the Japanese sunami, Romanian appeal, Welcare and the Neonatal unit in the Heath Hospital, the last delivery to the unit was over 100 very small skull caps.

*Sincerely*

**Barbara Brunt, January 2012**



## R & M FESTIVAL 2012

**Wednesday 9th May  
at 7.30pm**

Morganstown Village Hall

### **Stately As A Galleon** West End Actress **Rowena Petty**

Presents an evening of the songs and comic sketches of

**JOYCE GRENFELL**  
With Sue Howley, piano.

Tickets: £7, concessions £6  
Students £3

**Thursday 17th May  
at 12.45pm**

Christ Church, Radyr

### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT** **TOMOS XERRI** (Harp)

Tickets: £6, concessions £5  
Students £3

**Friday 18th May  
at 7.30pm**

Old Church Rooms

**Literary Event**

### **STORYTELLER** Donald Sturrock, the author of the recently acclaimed biography of **ROALD DAHL**

Tickets: £5, concessions £4  
Students £3

Tickets can be obtained  
from the  
Welsh Greengrocers,  
Station Road, Radyr,  
Nick Hawkins 2084 2561  
or Allan Cook 2084 3176