

## Operation Christmas Child



### Fantastic Response!

With so many demands on people, I am thrilled to report that we have broken our record of number of shoe boxes collected locally. What commenced in a small way in Christ Church Sunday School, now spreads to many people in our community. It is a wonderful achievement, with a total of 207 boxes.

This great wall of colour heralded Christmas for us in a meaningful way on Shoe Box Sunday (17th November).

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest Christmas project – devoted to spreading love, joy and smiles to children in the poorest parts of the world.

You are all stars, but there are a few people I must mention as 'super stars'.

Rose King who is very poorly is responsible for twelve boxes. Gill Davies (RPMG) has knitted 45 beautiful Beanie hats and Hilary Kitcher has knitted colourful bags, hats, dolls and puppets.

A huge thank you to all who have contributed. Amongst those who have packed boxes are Christ Church – Sunday School, Mothers Union, Choir and congregation, St. John's Church – Sunday School and congregation, Radyr and Morganstown WI, Ladies from Radyr Golf Club, Housewives Register, Enerchi, Radyr Parish Music Group and the French Class in Rhiwbina.

Anne-Marie Phillips



## Remembrance Day

Yet again, the weather provided the perfect backdrop and atmosphere for the annual Radyr & Morganstown Remembrance Day Event. Following assembly in Station Road, the Melyn Griffith Band led the initial march to the War Memorial with representatives from the veterans, the armed services and local organisations, where the participants joined representatives from community organisations.

Lt. Col. Suthers co-ordinated the wreath laying, led by Mrs. Marion Drake DL, followed by both community and organisations representatives. This element of the morning culminated in the re-forming of the parade prior to progressing to the Christ Church

Service, where the Rector officiated. Mrs. Drake took the salute at the War Memorial as the parade returned to Station Road for dispersal.

Immediately after the formal events, a reception was hosted by the Community Council at Radyr Tennis Club. Mrs. Drake read the response from the Queen to the Loyal Greetings and Cllr. McKerlich, Chairman of the Community Council spoke on behalf of the authority, thanking all who participated.

The organisers wish to express their sincere thanks to all those who supported

the Poppy Day, including all those who donated wreaths, all those who made the poppy sales so successful, individuals, schools, organisations and commercial business and the many members of our community who supported a memorable morning.



# RADYR CHAIN

Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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"Opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold..."



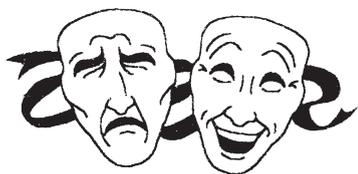
## JACK'S TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH ONLY KIDS ALOUD

I started singing with Only Kids Aloud when I was 9 years old. It has been an amazing opportunity singing with this fabulous choir formed from some of the finest child choristers in Wales.

Last year we visited Saint Petersburg in Russia and sang in Mahler's 8th Symphony with Valery Gergiev and the Orchestra of the Marinsky Opera.

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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)**

### December

- 6 Lighting of the three R&M Christmas Trees plus Fete in Station Road. Contact Nick Hawkins, [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk), 2084 2561, for further details. 6.00pm
- 7 Radyr Primary School Christmas Fair Please come along to the Radyr Primary School Christmas fair. There will be activities, stalls and games for all ages, a raffle with some great prizes, and the odd mince pie or two. This is a great opportunity to support a local school! We look forward to seeing you there. 10.30am
- 7 Local RUGBY/RYGBI lleol. Cardiff Quins. v Brecon [Div. 3 S. East]. Please come to support your nearest rugby club. ALL welcome to socialise in the clubhouse before and after the game. 2.30pm
- 9 Radyr & Morganstown WI Institute meeting - A taste of Christmas. Old Church Rooms. 7.30pm
- 10 Friends of Radyr Woods. Old Church Rooms Christmas planning meeting. 7.30pm
- 11 Railway Correspondence & Travel Society Midland Extremities - from the Somerset & Dorset to the Settle & Carlisle. Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 12 Conservative Coffee Morning. At St Elmo, 36 Heol Isaf, Radyr by kind permission of Mrs Sue McKerlich. Tickets from Sue (20842764) or Louise Rigby or any other committee member at a cost of £2 10.30am

### January

- 5 Family Fun Church at Radyr Methodist Church. Children of all ages, with accompanying adult(s), are invited to join us in our new venture: FAMILY FUN CHURCH. Every first Sunday afternoon of the month for fun, craft, Bible story and song, plus refreshments. From 4pm to 5.15pm at Radyr Methodist Church.
- 8 Railway Correspondence & Travel Society 20 Years of Railways in Wales by Mike Wilcock; Old Church Rooms. 7.30pm
- 8 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. 'WILD ASPARAGUS'. An Illustrated talk by Dr. Tim Rich. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings open to all, talk followed by refreshments and chat! Contact Richard Gregory tel : 02920842084 for more information. 7.30pm
- 13 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Talk on 'Life as a Bluebell girl' by Rachel Williams at OCR 7.30pm
- 16 ANNUAL DINNER. The Radyr and Morganstown History Society Annual Dinner, held at Radyr Golf Club. For details phone Allan Cook 20843176 7 for 7.30.p.m.



## RADYR & MORGANSTOWN HUB

**Yes, Radyr and Morganstown have finally moved properly into social media with the launch of the "Radyr & Morganstown Hub". This is a Facebook Page for the entire R&M Community that we hope local residents, organisations and businesses will come to make their own.**

For some time both the R&M Association and the Webteam have spoken about setting up a Facebook Page to try and improve communication within the community and supplement both the website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) and the Radyr Chain. We want to reach out not just to more people, but also those people our traditional means of communication have not connected with such as younger people and new residents to the area. Our hope is that the R&M Hub will achieve just that and ensure as many people as possible are kept informed of local events. We are not alone in seeing the potential of Facebook for a local community with Rhiwbina, Pontcanna and Cowbridge to name a few having their own Pages and a number of local R&M organisations have them too.

Embracing Social Media is also part of addressing a wider trend in people's information consumption habits. Increasingly people's expectation is for information to be fed directly to them and in one place; they do not go searching round websites any more. This change in habits is being driven by new communication services such as Facebook, Twitter and many more which 'push' their information users rather than depending on the user themselves to 'pull' the information in. They are also highly optimised for mobile platforms allowing people to stay in touch wherever they are. Just about every medium or large business or group now has a page, as do a lot of smaller ones. We hope that by launching our Facebook Page we are keeping pace with these changes and delivering information through the services people want.

For our part (R&M Association) we plan to include information on forthcoming events; details and photos of events which have taken place; and local news items. However, what we really hope is that the entire community embraces the page as being their own. Anyone in the community who has an account can put information onto it. Organisations can use it to publicise their events as part of recruitment drives for new members, or purely to show the community what they do. Businesses will be able to post and talk about their plans or offers. Individuals can share information or try to find others with similar interests. So what we are really trying to say is that "The R&M Hub NEEDS YOU!"

If you already use Facebook we would strongly encourage you to search for the Radyr & Morganstown Hub or navigate directly to [INSERT LINK](#) and come and take a look. You will already find plenty of information on our big community event, the Christmas tree lighting on 6th December, as well as photos from past events and much more besides. Once you've taken a look why not "Like" our page and help us spread the word. You can also suggest our Page to any of your friends or contacts you think may be interested simply by clicking the 'Inviting your Friends to like this page' link in the right hand column towards the top of our page. The more people who do this the more chance we have of being able to communicate with people in the community who do not usually come to events or look at local publications.

As well as publicising upcoming events user will now be able to easily post comments on, let the community know how it went, upload photos and more. Users can comment on what events they would like to see organised and find like-minded people. The message which I hop we will have given by now is that this is Page for the entire community and it is up to the entire community to use it and communicate the information they want how they want to ensure its success. This can only be a benefit to communications in our community long-term and hopefully it will grow to become a service many people in the community benefit from.

For those of you who do not use Facebook, why not start today? There are now over a billion users worldwide and 30 million users in the UK, about half the population! It is incredibly easy to get started by navigation to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) or simply do a Google search for 'How to open a Facebook account' for more information. You will be up and running in no time.

**David Silver**  
Vice Chairman, RMA

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

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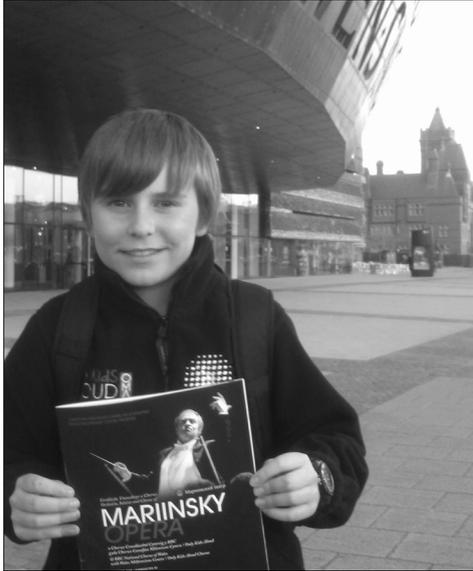
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## JACK'S TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA WITH ONLY KIDS ALOUD

...from front cover



We featured in Danny Boyle's film, signing 'Bread of Heaven' as part of the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games and last Christmas we performed with Only Men ALOUD and Only Boys ALOUD at the Wales Millennium Centre. It was an amazing experience to have taken part.

This year Cape Town Opera have invited the choir to perform with them in South Africa next spring as part of the celebrations to mark twenty years since the end of apartheid. I'm looking forward to going to Cape Town. It promises to be an experience of a lifetime!

My fundraising plans include carol singing with other members of the choir, bike rides, car boot sales and supermarket bag packing.

As a keen competition swimmer with City of Cardiff Swimming Club, I intend to attempt some new, longer distance challenges in aid of this cause beginning with a 400m Individual Medley event at the end of November.

I am also available to cut lawns and wash cars in the neighbourhood. Just call my mum Allyson on 07973 186 521 to arrange a day and time.

I have set up a Just Giving page to fund raise. It would be wonderful if you could help to make this experience happen for me by donating. My Just Giving page address is :

<http://www.justgiving.com/Jack-Cox2>

Thanks for taking time to read my fund raising leaflet.

## TEENAGER HIT BY CAR ON BRYN DERWEN – 4TH NOVEMBER ON WAY TO SCHOOL

As a parent or driver would this be your worst nightmare?

The vehicle was under the 30mph speed limit. However, injuries included a broken pelvis and leg broken in two places. When someone is hit by a vehicle weighing more than 1600kg, it would hurt even at 10mph. Thankfully the teen is now on the mend, although it will be a long process.

The same afternoon I was at Bryn Deri School, there were cars parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school picking up children. A bus was unable to pass through due to cars incorrectly and illegally parked. You see this happening most days outside all schools in our community.

There were 85,814 child casualties on roads in a 500metre radius around UK schools between 2006 and 2011, statistics from Axa Car Insurance and research body Road Safety Analysis show. In this period there were 557,200 vehicle collisions. Roads around Cardiff schools are amongst the lowest for child casualties. For our local information visit [www.axainsurancezone.com](http://www.axainsurancezone.com)

Last year (2012 Statistics) 1754 people died on GB roads. 95% of deaths and serious injuries were down to driver error. 30% of this was attributed to speed. Other major influences include mobile phone usage, tiredness, lack of concentration, drink and drugs. 4% is down to the environment (extreme weather, animals, things beyond our control etc.) and remaining 1% is due to our vehicles (things beyond our control when vehicle is maintained/serviced on regular basis).

- 777 deaths (44%) were in built up areas up to 30mph
- 889 deaths (51%) were on rural, non-build up areas, 40mph+
- 88 deaths (5%) were on motorways

Last year there were 23039 serious injuries

- 15610 (68%) were in built up areas up to 30mph
- 6775 (29%) were on rural, non-

built up areas, 40mph+

- 654 (3%) were on motorways

If you visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) in search tap Road Casualties 2012 you'll find more information, including Welsh figures.

Pretty shocking reading on 30mph roads, so you can see why the majority of speed enforcement is targeted on roads like the ones in our community.

Cardiff City Council have spent a lot of money trying to highlight the problem on Heol Isaf. We have two Speed Indicator Devices (SID) the ones that flash up your speed, then we have the static camera outside Radyr Comprehensive School and a mobile/police unit on a regular basis in Morganstown.

We've also had Automatic Traffic Counters in the village. It's the two strips of rubber across the road with a metal box chained to a street light. It is used to monitor the speeds of vehicles going along the road.

The latest information available from Department for Transport (2010) from these counts show

- 47% of car drivers exceeded the 30mph speed limit
- 16% exceeding the limit by more than 5 miles an hour
- Van drivers (light goods vehicles 3.5 tonnes and under) 49% exceed the speed limit
- 19% travel at over 35mph

In 2001 65% of cars exceeded 30mph speed limits, and since 2005 it's been hovering around 47-50%.

Source

[www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/speeds/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/speeds/) (Look for Speed Statistical Tables index. Charts SPE0102, SPE0106a)

Have you ever gone past either of the two local SID's at 30mph on your speedo? You'll notice it shows up you are doing around 27mph, which is your true speed. So 16% of people who regularly drive 5mph and over the speed limit are actually doing 38mph or faster according to their speedo. Food for thought?

**Mike Hodgetts**

[www.ldcradryr.com](http://www.ldcradryr.com)

## News from Radyr Library

We will be holding a charity Christmas coffee morning on Monday, 2nd December from 10.15am. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat and have a look at what our knitting and crochet group get up to in their weekly meetings. We are hoping to raise money for an autism charity and would be grateful for your support. We will be having various Christmas crafts for children available throughout December – just ask at the desk when you are in the library.

For those children who took part in this summer's reading challenge and those that didn't get round to it this year, we have some great news. The reading challenge website is going to continue all year round with a reading club page with author videos and blogs, ideas for new books to try and competitions. The site is [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) and is well worth exploring. Over the Christmas holidays they will be running a mini challenge on the website. Children add a book that they have read during the holidays to their profile on the site and will then have a virtual badge added to that profile and be able to unlock a video clip of an author's congratulations message. The challenge finishes on 6th January, 2014.

Our iPad course un recently was extremely successful and everyone agreed that they were more confident at using their iPads. We need to say a big thank you to Chris Webber for running the course and providing such excellent support to the participants. Chris also provides one-to-one iPad tuition and some of our participants followed up the course with an individual lesson.

We have recently had the Waste Management Department visiting the library to talk to users about the changes in the garden waste collection for the winter. Calendars of the collection dates are available from the library, as are the green recycling bags and food and dog waste bags. The police are also calling in regularly to offer Cuppa with a Copper, to give people a chance to have a chat to local police over a tea or coffee. Check at the library to see what else is happening.

Story and rhymes times have continued to great success this autumn. They are held on Tuesdays at 10.15 and 2.15 and are suitable for all under 5s and their carers. Our Amser stori continues to be run by a Welsh learner until the appointment of a new Welsh language

speaker to the post, which we hope will be soon. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding during this time.

Lost property continues to be found in the library. The latest finds include a bracelet and two pairs of glasses, one of which might be a children's pair. If you think you have left property in the library please check if it is here.

From the end of November, libraries in Wales will be launching a free e-zine service. Find out more about how to access over 250 top magazine titles from your laptop, PC/Mac, e-reader, tablet or smartphone by contacting us

*Finally, can we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year and thank everyone for the wonderful support we have received during 2013.*

Anne, Jen and Caroline  
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## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

### WI goes to Clink!

As I compile this report, we are now in mid-November and by the time the next issue of the Chain is delivered, Christmas will be almost with us again. WI, together with the rest of the Radyr community will be gearing itself to the celebrations having just spent two busy and sociable months.

The 16th October found a large group of us in "The Clink", the restaurant in Cardiff Prison. Members were very impressed with the elegant table settings, attentive and efficient service and the extremely high standard and choice of the dishes on the menu. Remember – our members, many of whom are talented cooks, are also experienced diners who know how to appreciate good food and all seemed to give this lunchtime venue A Star. Thankfully, all those who attended were "let out" and released back into the Radyr community in time to enjoy the WI birthday party on the 23rd October.

This party (our 56th) was a themed "50s" evening and was shared with members of our neighbouring "link" institutes. The costumes worn were colourful and varied but all reminiscent of the fifties decade and some early sixties. After all, these decades were our era and we knew at first hand about the

clothes of the time. The food was planned and prepared by a specially formed catering committee and served by "Nippies" in the black and white uniforms of the day. Fifties songs were performed by a group directed by Ros Bray and Rubina Davison. It was a well planned event enjoyed by all who attended and the Committee and extra helpers are to be congratulated on its success.

At County Federation level, our WI was represented at the Autumn Council Meeting held on the 4th November at the Princess Royal Theatre in Port Talbot. The guest speaker was Wynne Evans, the singer known through television adverts as Mr. "Go Compare". Still talking of county events, the Glamorgan Federation is holding its annual Carol Service in the St. David's Hall on 2nd December. This year some of our members will be able to be present. In past years, it has clashed with our monthly meeting and has also been held in Swansea. As this year is the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Glamorgan Federation, the Carol Service is also going to be a banner parade. Our silk heirloom will be taken out of its case to be part of the Parade. It will be carried by Jill Newbould.

As well as social events at institute and county levels, our October and November meetings have taken place. Our October meeting was a taster session of spinning and waving by Heather Beckett and in November, the speakers were Yves and Ben Strawson who talked about Guide Dog training. A visiting puppy, now well into puppy walking, charmed everyone.

As always, all our extra curricular activities are following their individual programmes. We now have another craft group who meet midweek in the library. This group, known as the Busy Bees, will be heading up a craft stall as part of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Station Road on the 10th December. On the evening prior to this (9th December), we will hold our last meeting of the year which will take the form of a Christmas celebration. The details are currently still under wraps but as it is hosted by our innovative committee, we are no doubt in for a few surprises.

Meetings resume in January, 2014. Visit the WI website for up-to-date information or contact Pat Williams, our President, on 029 2084 3843.

*Meanwhile, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.*  
LJH

# Rotary in Radyr



The last few months have been busy for the club. In October, we celebrated the Club's formation with our fourth charter night. WE were honoured to have as our guest speaker Peter Davey, who will be President of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland in 2015/16 and is a friend of the club (pictured with President Liz).



We also held a Barn Dance at the New Church Rooms, where we raised just over £500. for Kidney Research Wales. Our ban for the evening, Calennig, was fantastic, leading to an energetic if somewhat exhausting evening for all. In November, our members were stewards at the annual "Sparks in the Parks" run by Cardiff Roundtable in Cooper's Field and we'd like to thank the number of "Rotary friends" who came with us to represent the club.



## Upcoming Events

Early December – we will be carrying out our annual food bank collection. This has been very successful in previous years and we want to express our continued gratitude for your support. We will also have a stall at the Radyr & Morganstown Christmas tree lighting. In January, we have a "Poems & Pints" night, an event we have held before and all thoroughly enjoyed.

At our Spring Concert in February we hope to have Cantemus Chamber Choir perform. One of Wales' finest chamber choirs, they performed at the 2013

Radyr Festival and have been broadcast on Radio 3, Radio 4 and Classic FM. Further information will be on our website and twitter and Facebook closer to the event.

Further details are on our website [www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com](http://www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com) as are our club evenings or you can email [sec.cardiffwestrotary@gmail.com](mailto:sec.cardiffwestrotary@gmail.com) for more information.

Follow us on twitter @CardiffWestRota; like us on Facebook



## RADYR & MORGANSTOWN FRIENDS OF TENOVUS

Chairman Rosanne and her committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support at the Autumn coffee morning held at Radyr Golf Club.

All tables were decorated with pink balloons complimented by fresh pink roses which helped establish the setting for the morning's fund raising event.

The Golf Club was packed to capacity and those present enjoyed browsing all the interesting items on the many stalls. Local friend of Tenovus, Douglas Hogg, very generously donated one of his paintings which was raffled and raised the magnificent sum of £512. for Tenovus funds. The lucky winner was local resident Anne-Marie Phillips who was delighted to receive the painting from Douglas upon her return from holiday.

The Tenovus Christmas cards continue to be extremely popular with sales at the coffee morning this year totalling in excess of £500., which together with all other money raised brought the final total for the morning to £2092. This will be utilised to help support the various Tenovus projects.

On Thursday, 20th March, 2014 we will be holding a Literary Lunch at the Radyr Golf Club when the speaker will be Welsh TV presenter and author, Trevor Fishlock. Further information on this and other forthcoming events will be found on the Radyr website and also in the Radyr Chain.

We continue to be extremely grateful to the local community and all our friends whose generosity ensures that our fund raising events are so successful.

Alison Skidmore

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. JOHN'S

### St. John's Danescourt

Friday, 20th December  
6pm Carols round the crib, followed by refreshments

Sunday, 22nd December  
9:15am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, 24th December  
Christmas Eve  
9pm First Eucharist of Christmas

### Christ Church Radyr

Sunday, 22nd December  
6pm Service of nine lessons and carols, followed by refreshments

Tuesday, 24th December  
6pm Nativity Play  
11pm First Eucharist of Christmas – 'Midnight Mass'

Wednesday, 25th December  
Christmas Day  
8am Holy Eucharist  
11am Family Eucharist

## RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Venue: The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm

Membership Fee: £20.00

Lunch: £6.50. Talk only: £2.00

### Spring Programme 2014

14 January – Medieval Cardiff  
Richard Brittain

21 January – Hidden London  
Rosemary Scadden

28 January – Crime Watch at the BBC, Jill Jones

4 February – Out & About with the O'Connells

Mr. & Mrs. O'Connell

11 February – Fostering Network Wales, Philippa Williams

18 February – Trip

25 February – Half Term

4 March – Musical Upheaval  
Nic Treharne

11 March – My Life in the Met  
Helen Jones

18 March – Trip

Next Term begins on 25 March

Telephone Number  
2084 2461 or 20552610

## Letter to the Editor...



4th November 2013

1st November, 2013

*Dear Residents,*

As you may be aware, we are experiencing problems outside our local schools as a result of the dreaded "School Run" with some parents, guardians, siblings and other responsible adults dropping off pupils in irresponsible places, namely on the "Zig Zag" lines situated outside our schools for the safety of not just pupils, but that of all road users.

Despite our best efforts and the problem slowly but surely improving, unfortunately there are a small minority of drivers who still have no respect for safety nor seem to understand the increased risk of the parking offences by continuing to display the "I'm only going to be two minutes" attitude. Increased patrols have made a difference and now we have pulled out the big guns by getting the pupils themselves involved in this initiative. Between both Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary School, Year 6 students have more than shown that they too are concerned with this problem and the implications it could have on the safety of their community. So much so that they have volunteered to write letters to their parents highlighting how their actions impede their safety.

All of these letters were of course excellent! And my biggest congratulations go out to all pupils who participated. However, please see exhibited for your pleasure and perusal two letters that I feel best highlighted the issues from the pupils own points of view. Congratulations to Anil Patel of Radyr Primary School and Ben Wislocki of Bryn Deri Primary School, both Year 6, on your debut editorials in the Radyr Chain.

Many Thanks

PCSO Beth Langdon  
Radyr & Morganstown  
Tel. 07825 503 741

**Please Note :** Do you need to speak to police but don't require an emergency response? Call 101. The number can be used to report a non-emergency to any force in Wales and England. In an emergency, always dial 999.

*Dear Parents,*

I am a year 6 pupil at Bryn Deri Primary school Radyr. I would like to bring to the attention of all your readers, the dangers of parents parking and dropping their children right outside school. I would also like any driver of a vehicle passing the school to consider their speed and to be vigilant of the possibility of a child stepping onto the road at any time.

According to the BBC, over one thousand children a month are involved in road traffic incidents near schools in the UK. Therefore surely you would all agree that we need a regular reminder on this subject.

If everyone chose to drop their children off right outside the school, wouldn't this create a dangerous situation for the children in our local primary schools? So we can clearly see if we all made the effort to park away from the school, a safer environment would be created.

In this safe environment children on foot or by bike would be less likely to collide with any vehicle and arrive at school and return home safely.

We need to remember that some of the young children attending the nursery and school are as young as three years old! Many with even younger siblings.

Lots of traffic can be frightening and daunting too, for any of the pupils of primary school age.

I understand that when it's raining or when people are running late they want to park outside the school. However, I urge parents to consider parking away from the school or if possible avoid using their car altogether. This way, you save money on petrol, you help the environment, improve your child's fitness and avoid the potential of any road accident happening.

Considering your own child's safety, what policy would you advise other parents to follow? I believe all parents want their children to be safe. Please park away from the school.

Yours sincerely

**Ben Wislocki** - Bryn Deri Primary

*Dear Parent or Guardian,*

There is still a minority of parents or guardians who are parking on the zigzag or double yellow lines near the school and side streets.

As you know, it is against the law and you are putting children in danger! Also it is causing congestion and obstruction not only on Park Road, but other surrounding road.

### **PLEASE PARK SENSIBLY.**

Your cooperation in this crisis situation would be greatly appreciated.

Yours Kindly,

**Anil Patel, Y6 JP** - Radyr Primary

*Dear Editor,*

Please may I use the Radyr Chain to express my thanks for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that I have received on my retirement from Radyr Health Centre.

I have been privileged to work as a GP in Radyr for the last 28 years and have been able to care for four generations of some families. Radyr has altered substantially in the years I have worked there with all the new housing and a large increase in population. My job has changed through the years with the advances in medicine and the increasing demands of the today's health service. I have been fortunate to finish my working life in the modern health centre and I am sure that everyone will continue to receive good medical care.

Thanks to everyone for all the good wishes in my retirement – as I have said to everyone, say "Hello" if you see me but not when I am about to hit the golf ball!

**Dr. Margaret Price**

### **Radyr Comprehensive School**

**Radyr PSFA (Parents Staff Friends Association), are running a coach trip to Bath on Saturday December 7th. We will be leaving the school car park at 8am and leaving Bath for the home trip at 6pm. Cost of the tickets is £10.00 per person, as this is a very popular event, book now.**

**This trip will give you the opportunity to pick up any last minute Christmas presents, or have a lovely day out in the Beautiful City of Bath.**

*Sian Yeoman*

**A new group being formed to give performances in the community...**

**Do you sing and read music?**

**Enjoy classical music and have some previous experience?**

**Would you be interested in being a member of a new Radyr & Morganstown Choral Society and sing the great choral works?**

**Sound interesting?**

**We would be pleased to welcome you to hear and discuss proposed plans for this new group which is due to sing in the 2014 Radyr Festival and other events.**

**Come and meet Peter Esswood, Director, on Wednesday 15th January, 8.00pm at the Old Church Rooms to find out more.**

**Looking forward to welcoming you.**



### **AGE CONNECTS LOW COST NAIL CUTTING SERVICE EXTENDS TO RADYR**

If you're having trouble looking after your feet, you're not alone; nearly one in three older people can't cut their own toenails. This is where Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale can provide a helping hand at one of our many Nail Cutting Services throughout Cardiff and the Vale and now recently extended to Radyr.

Good foot care is crucial in helping you stay active and independent but you may struggle to care for your feet due to sight impairment, arthritis, or simply find it impossible to reach your own feet.

Only patients who are at high risk of foot complications can get routine foot care on the NHS. The Age Connects nail cutting service was launched to provide care for those who are judged to be low or moderate risk, at a reasonable cost of £10. per session.

The service is provided by our nail cutting technicians, who are trained via an award winning NHS podiatry developed training course to assist people to take care of their nails and to provide basic advice on foot care. It is a simple low cost nail-cutting service ideal for people who otherwise have healthy feet, but perhaps need some help with cutting their nails.

So if you need help cutting your nails, why not come along to one of our fortnightly Thursday sessions at Radyr Medical Practice or at one of the services on offer in Grangetown, Ely and Barry. For more information please contact Age Connects on 029 2056 0952.

### **GEORGE THOMAS HOSPICE CARE**

On Sunday, 28th April, George Thomas Hospice Care had a Canapé Lunch at Park Road in Radyr. Lots of local friends bought tickets and enjoyed a very convivial few hours, drinking wine and eating nibbles. The weather held and we made £1,420.

On Wednesday, 24th July, we had a coffee morning in Radyr Golf Club, selling cakes, crafts and jewellery. Thanks to The Golf Club and all who came along – we made £700.

Many thanks to all who support us tirelessly - in Radyr and beyond.

Pam Williams.

## **CHAIN COOKERY CORNER**

### **Salmon Fillet with Pesto & Lime**

Following rich Christmas cooking a recipe that is quick, easy and healthy.

- 900g (2lbs) whole salmon fillet
- 2 tbs chopped fresh coriander
- 2 limes
- 100g (4oz) butter
- Small pot crème fraiche
- 2 tbs green pesto sauce

Heat oven Gas 5/375F/180C

Place salmon on foil or baking parchment

On fish side, spread 1 tbs pesto, grated rind and juice of 1 lime, 1 tbs coriander and two knobs of butter

Turn and repeat on skin side  
Cover with foil

Cook for approximately 15-20 minutes

Remove from oven

Remove skin and place on serving dish

Use last lime (rind and juice), mix with crème fraiche and serve as sauce

Delicious with new potatoes and salad. Is good hot or cold.

Serves 6

*Christmas Greetings*

*and*

*Good Wishes*

*for 2014*

*from*

*Treforgan WI*



## 'Tis the Season to Keep it Local!

Christmas is fast approaching, which means Radyr is simply brimming with festive treats this season. From tinsel to trees to turkeys –

**Vicky Patterson of the Pugh's Garden Village marketing team insists that the local community has Christmas all wrapped up!**

From a personalised service to a wider variety of goods, Radyr provides plenty of excuses to boycott the big name brands and keep it Cymraeg this Christmas.

Independent retailers give local high streets their distinct character – which means there's never been such an important time to support our independent shops if we want to ensure that they are still a part of our landscape next Christmas. Besides, where's the festive spirit in joining the herd to wander – or rather, be pushed and shoved – around a cloned shopping centre or supermarket?

Not only does shopping locally mean that you'll be supporting your local community – you'll also be treated to a wealth of exclusive products that simply can't be bought anywhere else. Aside from the spectacular Welsh Christmas ornaments that have been specially hand-crafted for Pugh's Garden Village, Radyr's bijou boutiques are brimming with exclusive festive finds, making them the ultimate places to hunt down unique, locally crafted gifts that make perfect presents and stocking fillers for all the members of the family.

What's more – thanks to their naturally smaller nature, owner-managed businesses offer a personalised service that far surpasses that of their big chain counterparts. From helping you source the ultimate festive purchases to tailoring your shopping experience to suit both your personal requirements and timescales, local businesses have the ability to go that extra mile to ensure your Christmas shopping is a breeze!

Supporting local businesses by purchasing locally sourced items this festive season can also significantly reduce your carbon footprint. Those pre-packed sprouts and potatoes at the supermarket may boast a desirable price tag but their journey across countless thousands of miles means that the environment foots the bill. With such fantastic farm shops, delicatessens and greengrocers on our doorstep offering an abundance of fresh, seasonal and locally grown produce, there's never been a better time to tuck in.

Local retailers are also renowned for giving back to the local community, and this year, your local garden centre is pleased to announce the arrival of Santa to Pugh's Winter Wonderland, with proceeds of all photos purchased going to the local Rotary Club and George Thomas Hospice. What better excuse to shop locally and share the festive cheer?

**Pugh's Garden Village**  
Tynant Nurseries, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8LB  
Tel. 029 2084 2017  
[www.pughsgardenvillage.com](http://www.pughsgardenvillage.com)  
Find Pugh's on Facebook & Twitter!



## Community Focus at Bryn Deri Primary



The community plays an important role in the everyday life of children and staff at Bryn Deri Primary School and continues to provide us with a rich source of learning experiences. The autumn term has provided us with a wealth of opportunities for which we are very grateful.

### Sharing and caring – What you plant now you will harvest later!

On Friday, 11th October, Class 2 presented their Harvest Thanksgiving Assembly. They also shared their presentation with Radyr Good Neighbours. We were exceptionally proud to see Dosbarth 2 present and sing so confidently after only a few weeks in their new class. They certainly have stepped up to the mark! Thank you to all those who supported this celebration and provided such generous donations of food which were displayed in the hall and entrance area then shared with Radyr Good Neighbours and the Cardiff Food Bank Collection.



### Caring for our Environment

A huge thank you to all members of our local community who shared their expertise with Dosbarth 4. The children were able to research different types of birds which live in our grounds and build bird boxes and bat boxes with the help of our experts. Dosbarth 4 have also visited Kenfig Nature Reserve and Forest Farm as part of their topic (Context for Learning) this term and have discovered some interesting facts about plants and animals from the Park Rangers at Forest Farm.



### On the Beat

Members of Dosbarth 6 have joined forces with our local PCSO team as part of the Young PCSO Scheme. The children have received their initial training as part of PSE lessons and have been out on the beat to ensure the safety of all both children and adults during busy times. It is hoped that we can all be extra vigilant and follow a few key road safety rules.



### Reduce, Recycle, Reuse

Congratulations to all our Eco Committee, pupils, parents, staff, families and friends in the community for the enormous effort that has been made in collecting a staggering 1538kg in unwanted clothes. The clothes were recycled as part of the 'rags2riches4school' scheme in which we collected more than any other school in Wales and raised a total of £1,105.48. The money raised has made a significant contribution, alongside monies raised through a range of PTA fundraising last year towards purchasing The Peaches Tower as part of our vision to enhance outdoor learning facilities for our children. We have another collection planned for March next year and will arrange a final collection before the end of the school year. Fingers crossed we can reach the very top again!



### Silence in Court!

Pupils in Year 6 have been busy this week in court! Judge and Jury were involved in the serious business of making important decisions in a case of shoplifting! Luckily they were under the expert guidance of local magistrates,



including Mr. David Cargill, who were able to provide pupils with a brief history of magistrate's courts in Britain and the roles of each of the court members. A range of sanctions were applied and an opportunity for the accused to modify their behaviour was given! Well done Dosbarth 6 - a great decision was made by all involved!

### RAGS 2 RICHES 4 SCHOOLS @BRYN DERI PTA



The PTA at Bryn Deri Primary school is always looking for new ways to raise money. We have considered a number of creative and innovative fund-raising ideas. While many of these ideas would work well in a "mafia style" organisation, there would be some practical difficulties for the PTA to implement them. But we agreed on a plan that would be able to raise money in an environmentally friendly manner and also help solve a domestic problem for me.

My domestic problem relates to clothes shopping. It's so difficult to choose the best colour, style and size of clothes. So it's often best to buy everything in the shop and possibly return items that are not needed. But this approach has presented problems with wardrobe space at home. The "Rags 2 Riches" scheme solves this problem. We have invited our family and friends to have a clear out and donate all those unwanted clothes to the scheme.

It was so easy to organise, we set a date and brought our bags to school. Rags to Riches picked them up, weighted them and paid us £0.65 per kilo. Our first collection in November 2012 weighed in

# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



By the time you read this, the Community Council will have submitted its responses to Cardiff Council's Local Development Plan (LDP). You can find copies on our website : [www.radyr.org.uk/7607](http://www.radyr.org.uk/7607), or contact me as above. We held a public meeting on October 7th to which 114 local residents came and asked questions and gave their views on the LDP. There is unanimous concern about the scale of the proposed development in NW Cardiff which will be larger than Carmarthen. Our paramount concern is the uncertain plan for infrastructure, particularly transport and we support the Cardiff Metro top priority of a re-opened rail line between Fairwater, Creigiau and beyond. We believe that this is the only solution to prevent NW Cardiff from becoming impossibly grid-locked.

We have worked closely with our neighbouring community councils in Pentyrch and St Fagans, with the Llandaff Society and the RMA to pool

our resources and expertise. All the six community councils in Cardiff signed a joint letter addressing the common concerns across Cardiff. We have taken legal advice on our submissions and commissioned a follow-up review of the transportation issues from Transport Planning Associates.

Once again, the community of R&M had a big turnout on Remembrance Sunday and we were impressed, as always, by the super turnout from our young people.

Councillors continued their tradition of working with schools to make bird and bat boxes and had a lovely day at Bryn Deri Primary School.

We are starting to receive local history from WW1. We have an account of the opening of a VA hospital in June 1917 from the Radyr Parish Magazine. Here is an extract : "On Saturday May 12th, this Hospital was formally opened for the reception of invalided Soldiers.

Notwithstanding some rain which came down just about the time appointed for the opening ceremony, there was a large and representative gathering to welcome Mr. J. Herbert Cory, M.P. of Coryton, Whitchurch, who had kindly undertaken the inauguration. The Hospital, both house and ward, had been very beautifully done up, no pains having been spared to make the whole attractive and beautiful; it wouldn't have been Radyr Ladies if there had been any shirking".

If you have any family memories or objects that relate to this important time in history do get in touch.

### Helena Fox

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at 580KG and raised a fantastic £377. We thought this difficult to exceed but our families supported us and in April 2013 our unwanted clothes weighed in at 680kg which raised a whopping £442. We were notified in July that we were in second place out of all the schools in Wales and would need just 230kg to be top. This prompted us to have one last clear out for the year and we managed to weigh in at 287kg - another £186. This also earned us a winning prize of a further £100. In total the support of our families has helped us raise £1,105.48. just from recycling our old clothes. We feel and look good and our children are able to enjoy their new "peaches tower" as a result.

We have a new goal in sight for this year and we are aiming to make a greenhouse from plastic bottles and further enhance our playground and the children's sporting opportunities with a multi-functional sports area.

We have another collection planned for March next year and will arrange a final collection before the end of the school year – fingers crossed we can reach the very top again!

If you would like to support us with our future collections, please contact the school office on 029 2084 3328.

### We will remember

We were once again honoured to be asked to form part of the wreath bearing party at Radyr and Morganstown Remembrance Sunday Service this year. It was moving to see so many of our pupils representing not only the school but the uniformed associations which many of the children attend in the community and which many of our parents are committed leaders.



Year 6 pupils were able to pay their respect with a clear knowledge of how war has left its mark on people and places locally having studied names remembered on the cenotaph in Radyr with the help of The Imperial War Museum who visited earlier in the year. The children also had the opportunity to visit the museum in London to enhance their learning. This understanding is clear in the words of our Year 6 poems:

### Remember

Men marching onto a freezing plain,  
Trees blow as they walk on uneven ground  
Grey clouds floating past hour by hour  
As guns fire on the battlefield  
Voices of innocent men screaming in pain

Commands as they march, gunshots to heads, legs shaking  
Roaring planes above  
As they fall one by one

Years later they lie in graves  
Today, silent as a mouse on the battlefield

Remember

Archie Clegg



## AUTUMN TERM AT SCOUTS

*This term we have been doing a variety of different activities including:*

### Community Challenge Badge

We have been working towards our community challenge badge. As part of this we had to do six hours community service. We helped make Dan-y-Bryn Woods a more pleasant and cleaner environment. We scrubbed the paths, wiped the benches and chopped the branches that were sticking out. Matthew managed to lose his shoe. We finished the work on a Saturday morning with family and friends and were kept warm with Graham's half price Aldi soup. We showed teamwork and at the end we were very pleased at how much we had done.

### Orienteering

This term we have also been working on our skills on orienteering. We had

been registered into an orienteering competition on 6th October. So on that day eight scouts, two leaders and one parent went for the orienteering competition in Hay-on-Wye. Dan, one of the leaders, showed his skill of using a map before we had even got there by going the wrong way. When we got there we were told about the course and how to find the checkpoints. Graham was very upset when he was told you didn't need a compass. Dan and Todd found it very amusing. Josh, Adam and Matthew ran the whole way but missed two of the checkpoints. Beau went for a walk, Rhys Tom and I started following the explorer scout track by mistake. The only person who could find all the checkpoints was Sarah. Although we didn't win we can't wait to have another go.

### Cooking

WE also had to try and improve our cooking skills from the Miskin camp.

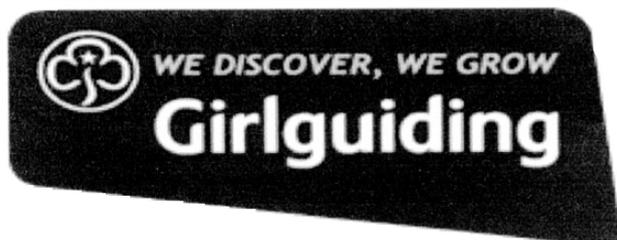
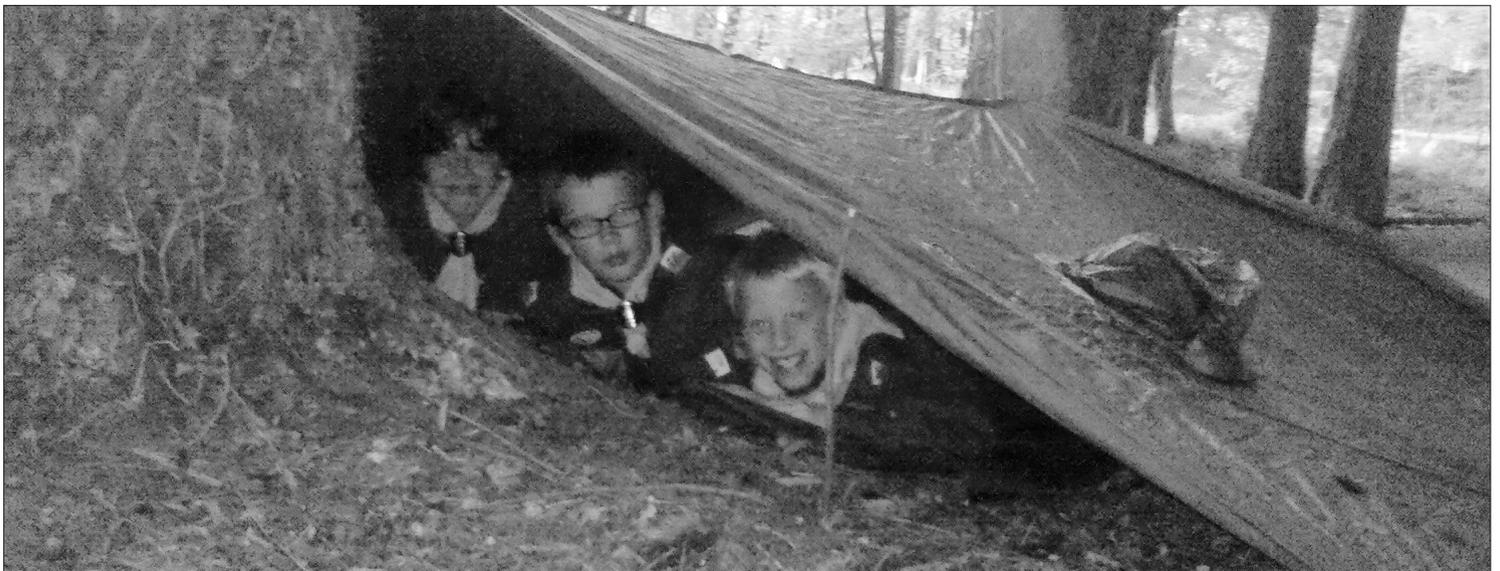
We were split up into two groups, one would do pancakes and one would do burgers. I was in the burger group with April, Adam and Tom. We were judged by our leaders on presentation and taste. We scored 10/10 for both. Dan said it was better than a burger at a restaurant and it was.

### Ghost Walk

Two weeks ago we weren't on a ghost walk led by Jim Cowan in Llandaff. We heard about the history of Llandaff and some terrifying stories about white witches, men in dark cloaks, ghosts of children and more. I must admit I have never seen Josh and Callum so quiet. I'm sure all the scouts had a good night's sleep!

Some scouts also did a shooting competition led by Steve and Andrew.

Nathan Lloyd  
(Aged 11)



## RADYR FRIENDS OF GUIDING POSH NOSH EVENING

29th March, 2014.  
7 for 7.30pm

To celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Radyr Guide Centre opening and also raise funds for expensive structural repairs Radyr Friends of Guiding are holding a Posh Nosh Supper on Saturday, 29th March 2014 with a chance to meet friends old and new over a glass or two of wine and an enjoyable meal.

Tickets £20.00. Licensed Bar

Contact Judith 029 2084 3371 or Julie 029 2084 2023 for further details, purchase tickets or book a table (8 persons)



## RADYR TENNIS CLUB

It's been another fantastic summer season at Radyr LTD with the courts in constant use for team matches, tournaments, coaching and social tennis. And plans are already in store for our centenary season next year with a celebration of one hundred glorious years with a dinner/dance at Cardiff City Stadium on 6th June.

In the open tournament, Teresa Evans was crowned ladies' singles champion and she also took the ladies doubles crown with Dawn Hodnett, as well as the mixed doubles with Andrew Greaves.

Club coach Drew Lumb took the men's singles title as well as the men's doubles alongside Colin Ramsden.

Matt Barnes and Dawn Hodnett were crowned Handicap singles champions, Jane Winstanley and Lynda Williams won the ladies doubles and Charmaine Juniper and Dave Palser took the mixed doubles title.

Jane Winstanley and Hazel Robinson won the women's doubles in the Veterans category with men's captain Chris Gray and Graham Williams triumphant in the men's.

All winners who are listed on our website [www.radyrtennis.co.uk](http://www.radyrtennis.co.uk) picked up their silverware at our annual fancy dress night, which this year was themed The Good, The Bad and The Ugly. Lynda Williams and John Roll were both awarded most improved players of the year.

The tennis doesn't stop for the winter however and members are able to play throughout the winter months, thanks to our all-weather courts and floodlights. With another fantastic fireworks night under our belt (despite the poor weather conditions) the club is now looking beyond to 2014, where there will be many celebrations for our centenary.

All members and friends will be welcomed to the Cardiff City Stadium for a dinner/ dance and there will be plenty of events throughout the year to get involved in. All our news is on our website, which is regularly updated with news, events and photos and if you fancy picking up a racquet and giving tennis a go, info on how to join and what coaching sessions are available is also on the site.

And don't forget, if you have a special function to organise, our rooms are available for hire at a very competitive rate.  
[www.radyrtennis.co.uk](http://www.radyrtennis.co.uk)

## CYD CYMRU

*Wales is coming together to  
reduce our energy bills*

The Cyd Cymru collective energy switching scheme is grouping individuals in Wales together to bulk buy energy for a better price. The scheme was launched last week and has already received an enormous amount of interest from people in Wales. At a time when tensions are high and energy prices even higher, Cyd Cymru provides a unique opportunity for Wales to group together to collectively save money.

The first step is to register your interest and provide some information about your energy use. An energy auction will then take place, where Energy suppliers will give their best price to the collective of registered users. Next, you will be contacted with a personal offer for you, based on the information you have provided. If you accept the offer, you will be assisted to switch to the new cheaper tariff.

This is the first time we've tried a collective switch in Wales and the Cyd Cymru scheme is backed by the Welsh Government. Similar switching schemes that have previously run across the UK and in Europe have seen great results. At a time when the costs of energy seem to be going up, ways to save some money have never been more important.

Cyd Cymru will also provide its registered participants with plenty of energy efficient advice to help them save more money on energy bills and reduce the nation's carbon footprint. There will be information on how to switch energy suppliers in future too, so participants will be fully informed on how to switch again if they want to.

Everyone in Wales is welcome to join the scheme and the more people we can get to sign up, the better discounts we can negotiate with the energy supplier.

You can register your details with us by filling in the online form on the Cyd Cymru website, [www.cydymru-energy.com](http://www.cydymru-energy.com) or calling the contact centre on 0800 093 5902.

For more energy saving tips please visit  
[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/wales](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/wales)  
**Switch on to cheaper energy.**

## RADYR METHODIST CHURCH CHARITIES FAIR

The annual Charities Fair was a great success with Christian Aid, Tenovus, George Thomas Hospice and Traidcraft selling their Christmas cards, wrapping paper, crackers etc. In addition there were lots of gifts to choose from on the Traidcraft stall and the charity PONT were selling handmade items from Mbale in Uganda. The Scouts brought their stamps and the Guides were there with their homemade jam, marmalades and Christmas crafts. There was shoe box filling and wrapping for Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse), Family Fun Church were making Advent calendars and cakes and bric-a-brac were sold in aid of Christian Aid. Together with copious amounts of coffee, biscuits and chatter the following amounts were raised:

Christian Aid	£340.61
George Thomas Hospice	£145.00
Traidcraft	£270.00
Tenovus	£203.56
Guides	£93.00
PONT	£55.00
Scout Stamps	£200.00
Samaritan's Purse	£150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1457.17</b>

*Thanks to all who helped and supported this event.*

*My name is Daiyy. I am 8 years old. I really enjoy delivering the Radyr Choir. At one time when I was helping grandma the owner opened the door and asked me "Do you like vegetables?" I grow none in my garden." I said yes and I was given a giant cucumber. I am following in the footsteps of my Grandad, Grandma, Auntie, Uncle, Mum and Dad who have been delivering since the first issue in 1979*

*By Daiyy Middleton*



## Merched y Wawr Cangen Bro Radur

Croesawodd Nia Jones, ein llywydd am y tymor 2013-2014, y criw niferus ddaeth i noson agoriadol y gangen Nos Fercher, Medi 11eg. Rhoddodd groeso arbennig i'n gwestai, Dr Christine James, yr Archdderwydd gan ei llongyfarch ar gyflawni ei dyletswyddau mor rhagorol yn yr Eisteddfod eleni.

'rhwng y llinellau' ydy teitl cyfrol gyntaf o farddoniaeth Christine, a gyhoeddwyd eleni,



Eirlys Eckley (Ysgrifennydd), Nia Jones (Cadeirydd), Rose Evans (Trysorydd)

a dewisodd hi nifer o'r cerddi [daflunwyd ar sgrîn i ni] gan egluro, yn ei dull naturiol a chartrefol, yr ysgogiad i lunio'r rhain. Trwy gyfrwng cerddi fel **'wyna, Tynewydd ymweliad â Fferm Tynewydd, ym mlaenau Cwm Rhondda, tua 1963, arddangosfa** (i'r *Gusan, Auguste Rodin*), **blodau Mair** (i *Madona'r Geian, Raffaello Santi* [Raphael]), **lluwch geirie, deffro'n fardd, cyffyrddiad llais, goslef llaw yn ysbyty Cambridge, Cambridge, Mass., 16 Hydref 2002.**

**disgwyl** *Aber-fan, Hydref 2006* a llawer o rai eraill dilynwyd camau merch fach fagwyd ar aelwyd ddi-Gymraeg yn Nhonypanyd i'w dyrchafu yn ferch gyntaf i swydd Archdderwydd Cymru. Cyffyrddodd â nifer o elfennau yn cynnwys ymateb i gelf a lluniau, pwysigrwydd Cristnogaeth iddi, bod yn fam, cyfnod salwch a chafwyd ambell gerdd ysgafn hefyd.

Wrth ddiolch i Christine mynegodd Rhiannon Evans mor freintiedig oeddem i gael dynes mor urddasol a gostyngedig i'n cyfarfod agoriadol. Dyfynnodd y geiriau hyn o ragair 'rhwng y llinellau' - 'gwn yn iawn am allu geiriau i gyffwrdd, i gyffroi, i annog ac i ysbrydoli gwrandawr neu ddarllenydd'. Dyna'n profiad ni y noson honno ac anogodd

Rhiannon hi i roi'r union sgwrs pan fydd yn mynd i annerch amryfal gymdeithasau ar hyd a lled y wlad. [Adroddiad gan Meri Griffiths]

Daeth nifer dda iawn o aelodau i gyfarfod Mis Hydref Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur.

Croesawyd pawb gan ein llywydd, Nia Jones, gan roi croeso arbennig i aelodau newydd. Ar ôl y cyhoeddiadau a'r trefniadau, fe gyflwynodd Nia ein siaradwr gwadd – Lowri Haf Cooke.

Ganwyd Lowri yng Nghaerdydd a chafodd ei haddysg gynnar yn Ysgol Y Wern ac Ysgol Glantaf cyn mynd i Brifysgol Aberystwyth i astudio Cymraeg a Daeryddiaeth, cyn gwneud ei M.A. mewn Astudiaethau Theatr, Ffilm a Theledu. Ar ôl gadael y brifysgol bu'n gweithio fel ymchwilydd i Radio Cymru am ddeng mlynedd. Wedyn aeth i grwydro'r byd ac ymweld â sawl dinas gan sylweddoli fod Caerdydd hefyd yn ddinas llawn cymeriad, a chystal ag unrhyw brifddinas arall. Dechreuodd fynd ati i ysgrifennu llyfr o'r enw 'Canllaw Bach Caerdydd' i wneud cyfiawnder â Chaerdydd. Aeth o gwmpas y brifddinas ac ysgrifennodd am y gwestai a'r tai bwyta, yr hanes a'r adloniant, y celfyddydau a.y.y.b. – y cwbl ar ein stepan drws yng Nghaerdydd. Roedd ei brwdfrydedd yn amlwg i bawb, ac fe fwynheuon ni bob munud o'i sgwrs. Dyma lyfr fyddai'n plesio fel anrheg amser y Nadolig – dw i'n siwr!



Lowri Cooke gyda rhai prynwyr 'Canllaw Bach Caerdydd'

Mrs Eirlys Davies ddiolchodd iddi ar ein rhan a daeth noson hynod o ddifyr a diddorol i ben gyda chymaint o'r aelodau eisiau prynu 'Canllaw Bach Caerdydd'. Diflannodd y pentwr ddaeth Lowri gyda hi yn syth a'r diwrnod wedyn bu'n dosbarthu rhai ychwaengol i'r rhai oedd yn siomedig o fethu â chael un ar y noson. [Adroddiad gan Elen Lewis]

Ar Dachwedd y chweched cawsom wledd o ddiwylliant ac adloniant yng nghwmni'r Barnwr Eleri Rees. Hi yw Cofiadur Caerdydd sydd â chyfrifoldeb am lysoedd y Goron yng Nghaerdydd, Casnewydd a

Merthyr lle mae'n delio â hanner gwaith trosedd Cymru.

Yn wreiddiol o Landre, Ceredigion, aeth i golegau Lerpwl a Llundain a dod yn fargyfreithiwr ym 1975. Dychwelodd i Gymru a chael swydd clerc ynadon yn y llys yng Nghaerdydd. Yn yr wythdegau cafodd benodiad yn bennaeth ar y llys yn Bow St. i ddelio ag achosion troseddol ac achosion teuluol, o bethau dibwys i bethau difrifol. Diddorol oedd clywed am yr hawl i roi trwydded i actorion ifanc i berfformio tramor, a'r profiad o eistedd fel llys tramor.



Delyth gyda'i chwaer Y Barnwr Eleri Rees ac Elsbeth

Dau beth oedd yn arwyddocaol o'r sgwrs hynod diddorol gan y Barnwr sef ei hymwybyddiaeth o bwysigrwydd yr iaith Gymraeg a'i chonsyrn am y gwahaniaethu o ran rhyw sydd yn bodoli ym myd y Gyfraith. Hi yw Barnwr cyswllt yr iaith Gymraeg sy'n gwarchod yr hawl i ddefnyddio'r iaith ac yn arolygu safon a chywirdeb y cyfieithu ar y pryd. Cychwynnodd ei safiad dros hawliau merched wrth iddi wrthod cyngor yr ysgol nad oedd y gyfraith yn yrfa i ferch. 'Roedd yn gyfnod pan oedd disgwyl i ferched gael graddau llawer uwch na bechgyn cyn cael eu derbyn i astudio'r Gyfraith. Er i bethau newid rhywfaint, mae'r ystadegau yn pwysleisio'r lleiafrif bychan o ferched sydd ym myd y Gyfraith yng Nghymru.

Erbyn hyn mae Eleri Rees yn Farnwr Cyswllt Uwch ac yn cael ei chyfarfod fel eich Arglwyddes, ac fe roddodd noson o hanes personol a siwrne gyrra arbennig iawn i ni yn Radur.

Wrth ddiolch iddi am noson mor safonol, addysgiadol a difyr dywedodd Elsbeth Edwards ein bod yn ffodus iawn fel cangen i gael gwesteion mor arbennig i ddod atom, a hynny'n aml iawn drwy gysylltiad teulu neu ffrindiau. Lwcus bod Delyth Williams yn perthyn i Gangen Bro Radur. Doedd Eleri Rees ddim wedi annerch cymaint o ferched gyda'i gilydd o'r blaen a doedd neb o'r aelodau wedi cael sgwrs gan ferch o farnwr.

[Adroddiad gan Cath Edwards]