

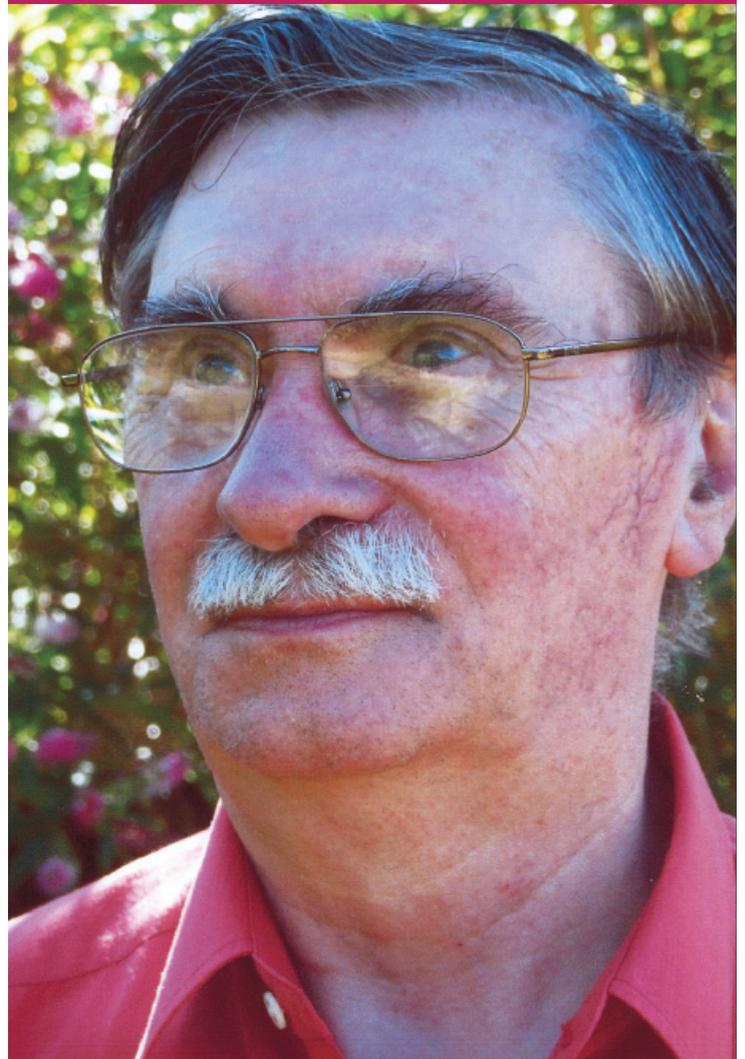
## VAL ALLEN AWARDED BEM



We are very pleased to announce that Val Allen, who lives in Radyr, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for her Voluntary Service to Rider and Equine Safety. Since the early 1980s Vale has trained young riders for the British Horse Society and Pony Club riding and road safety test. As a member of Pentyrch Pony Club in the 1950s, she decided to give something back and started her own club.

For many years, Val has been on the Radyr and Morganstown Festival Committee and has herself organised both the Gymkhana and the Dog Show for the Festival. She has also raised large amounts for charity. Congratulations for a very well deserved award.

## A RETIREMENT AND A NEW MEMBER



It is with great regret that with this issue, we say goodbye to Jerry Bray. Jerry has been in charge of advertising in The Chain for the past fourteen years. He took over at a time when the financial future of Radyr Chain was far from secure and it is due to his enthusiasm and hard work that it is now reasonably comfortable. We thank Jerry and wish him every future happiness.

In his place, we welcome Linda Turner and look forward to co-operating with her in the coming editions.

## Radyr Library Closure Protest

A large crowd of residents and school children gathered at Radyr Library to protest at the proposed news of closure. The library was only rebuilt in 2012 at a cost in excess of £500,000. Most of this money came from Section 106 funds associated with Radyr Sidings development. It does not seem very long since the community were discussing the future location of the library!

Our local Community Council is considering a number of options. However, the residents of Radyr and Morganstown are clear in their demands – *“Keep our Library Open”*.

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# RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

February 2015

## Bryn Deri Primary School unveils results of £100K Energy Makeover



### Winning pupils of British Gas Generation Green Energy Makeover competition meet local MP Kevin Brennan and AM Mark Drakeford

9th January, 2015: Pupils at Bryn Deri Primary School in Cardiff met

with local MP Kevin Brennan and AM Mark Drakeford today to reveal the results of a £100k British Gas Energy Makeover, won in 2014.

In the spring, British Gas offered schools the chance to win an Energy Makeover worth up to

£100k to help improve the energy performance of their school\*. Bryn Deri entered the competition as it was fitting with the school's aim to "act locally, think globally about our environment". Bryn Deri wanted to give pupils a more hands on and exciting way to learn about the importance of sustainability and teach them why it is important to look after the planet. The Energy Makeover has further enhanced the good practices already embedded by the school's existing Eco Committee.

A range of exciting new technology has now been installed, including solar panels, LED lighting and controls and hot water pipe insulation. A new interactive display screen, which presents live information such as energy generation from the solar panels, weather and energy saving tips is displayed to the children, teachers and parents.

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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)

### February

- 7 Library Closure Protest. A second protest photo call is being held outside Radyr Library at 11am. Please bring your posters. 11.00am
- 9 Radyr & Morganstown WI. History like your teacher never taught you - talk by Phil Caradice 7.30pm
- 11 Festival Auditions for the position of Festival Queen and 2 attendants will take place on Wednesday 11th February at Radyr Guide Hall. Applicants should be 11 years old or nearly for the Festival in May. Please make sure your diary is clear to attend all required Festival events. Festival will run from Saturday 2nd May until Sunday 17th May inclusive. Further details from Maggie 2084 2995 or Julie 2084 2923 or e-mail [bobandmaggieradyr@hotmail.com](mailto:bobandmaggieradyr@hotmail.com) 19:30
- 11 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "Natural Histories - The Art of Small Things". A talk by Laurie Young who will discuss and show examples of botanical illustration. All Welcome. New School Rooms, Christchurch, Heol Isaf. See Village Notice Boards or contact Richard Gregory (02920842084) or [richardjgregory@btopenworld.com](mailto:richardjgregory@btopenworld.com) 19:30
- 11 RCTS South Wales. Island Lines - Survey of the Isle of Wight since 1948. OCR 7.30pm
- 12 NSPCC soup & sandwiches lunch at Radyr Golf Club. From police constable to chief constable - stories along the way; with Peter Vaughan 19:30
- 12 Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society. Annual General Meeting. Old Church Rooms. All are welcome. 7.30pm
- 18-21RPMG Presents - The Pirates of Penzance - the popular comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan, performed with an orchestra, at the Bishop of Llandaff High School. For tickets go to [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg) or call Maggie Roberts on 029 2084 2995 or Sue Thomas on 029 2031 0894. On sale now! 7.30pm
- 19 R&MCC Monthly Meeting. OCR: 7:30pm
- 20 Lent Lunches. Christ Church New School Rooms. Home-made soup, bread & cheese, tea/coffee. £4.00. Profits to Christian Aid. Short Reflective service in Lady Chapel at 12.15pm. 12.30pm
- 26 Film Night. Showing by the R&M Association of 'What we did on our holiday' in the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4 from ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins, 2084 2561 and Allan Cook, 2084 3176. For full details and on-line sales go to [rma.ticketsource.co.uk](http://rma.ticketsource.co.uk) 7.30pm

- 27 Lent Lunches. Christ Church New School Rooms. Home-made soup, bread & cheese, tea/coffee. £4.00. Profits to Christian Aid. Short Reflective service in Lady Chapel at 12.15pm. 12.30pm

### March

- 5 R&MCC Committee meetings. OCR: Finance (7pm) and then Environment (7:45pm) Committees 7.00pm
- 6 Lent Lunches. Christ Church New School Rooms. Home-made soup, bread & cheese, tea/coffee. £4.00. Profits to Christian Aid. Short Reflective service in Lady Chapel at 12.15pm. 12.30pm
- 9 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Folk dance from Morris to Mazurka 7.30pm
- 11 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening club. "A Mongolian Challenge in aid of Help For Heroes". An Illustrated talk by Diana McCrea who will trace her trek through Mongolia and the flora and fauna seen. All Welcome. New School Rooms, Christchurch, Heol Isaf. See Village Notice Boards or contact Richard Gregory (02920842084) or [richardjgregory@btop](mailto:richardjgregory@btop) 7.30pm
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- 13 Twinning Wine Quiz. Twinning Fellowship Wine Quiz. Old Church rooms on Friday 13th March starting at 7.30pm. Teams of 8. Bar. Cheese & pate platter Raffle. All welcome..if you are on your own or with a smaller group do come along and we will sort the teams. Tickets £8.00 from Maggie 029 2084 2995 or any committee member. 7.30pm
- 19 Conservative Coffee Morning. Coffee Morning at 50 Heol Isaf, Radyr hosted by Mrs Louise Rigby. Tickets £2 from committee members or Sue McKerlich on 20842764 10.30am
- 19 R&MCC Monthly Meeting. OCR: 7:30pm
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- 21 Radyr and Morganstown Choral Society Concert at Christchurch featuring Faure's Requiem. 7.30pm
- 26 NSPCC coffee morning. to be held at Radyr Golf Club. Silent auction, cakes, tombola, jewellery, raffle. Tickets £2 10.30am
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## Radyr & Morganstown during the Great War

The AGM of the History Society will take place on Thursday, 12th February at 7.30pm at the Old Church Rooms when the existing programme for 2015 will be unveiled including three visits outside Radyr and Morganstown.

Once the main business is finished around 8pm, Allan Cook will give a talk on **Radyr and Morganstown during the Great War**. He has been researching the subject through the Parish Records and found interesting details like the installation of the first gas lights through the village, the Dig for Victory campaign and that perennial thorn in the flesh, Radyr's own Fire Brigade.

### RADYR & MORGANSTOWN SCOUT POST 2014

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

I wish to thank the staff of the following local businesses for their efforts in selling scout post stamps this year:

**Ener-chi, Station Road**  
**Pugh's Garden Centre,**  
**Morganstown**  
**Pzazz Hair Designers, Castle Court**  
**Radyr Library, Park Road**  
**Solo Hair & Beauty, Main Road,**  
**Morganstown**

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

Scout Post is organised by the Cardiff and Vale Scouts for the collection and delivery of Christmas greetings in the Cardiff and Vale area. The collection and delivery of post is organised by local area scouts and voluntary organisations in areas where there is no scout group.

During this year's Scout Post our team handled around 50,000 cards in the scout hall.

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

We look forward to your continued support again next Christmas.

JBT

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

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## BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL UNVEILS RESULTS OF £100K ENERGY MAKEOVER

from front cover...

The school will now expect to see a nominal reduction in its gas usage and a reduction in electricity of nearly 40%. Last year, the British Gas Generation Green programme invested £1 million installing energy saving equipment in schools. Previously the 2013's winning schools saved an estimated £100,000. a year on energy bills\*\*.

Head teacher Claire Davies said "We are delighted to have made Bryn Deri a more energy efficient place for the children to learn. The school has now achieved the Eco-Schools Wales Green Flag award for the third time and is working towards the Platinum Award. The interactive display screen allows for the children to see how much energy we're saving in a really engaging way and our new technology will be used to each children about energy efficiency for years to come".

Kevin Brennan MP said "It's fantastic to see how the energy makeover will help the children learn about energy and how it will improve the school's energy efficiency. I welcome this type



of investment and schemes such as Generation Green which can make a real difference to the school. It's great to see their energy bills will be reduced as a result".

Mark Drakeford AM said "It's great to see that Bryn Deri's energy bills will be reduced as a result of the Energy Makeover. I hope that the children take these messages about saving energy back home and into the community".

Abi Robins, Director of Corporate Responsibility at British Gas said

"We're glad the children and teachers love their new energy saving technology and they enjoy learning about the benefits of being energy efficient. The investment will provide a lasting legacy of energy and carbon savings to the school for the next generation of young people".

**For more information about the British Gas Generation Green and to register for free-of-charge learning resources, please visit [www.generationgreen.co.uk](http://www.generationgreen.co.uk)**

## Bryn Deri Primary Eco Committee Report

On Friday, 9th January, the ECO Committee at Bryn Deri Primary School welcomed some special visitors. Representatives from

British Gas, local Cardiff West MP Kevin Brennan and AM Mark Drakeford arrived to see the £100,000. Energy Makeover that had been carried out in the school.

Bryn Deri won this prize by entering a competition run by British Gas in

the South Wales Echo. Mrs. Jo Vigliotta, the ECO teacher co-ordinator had to take part in a telephone interview to win the money.

The ECO committee took the visitors on a tour around the school so that they could see the solar panels, the boiler insulation and the new sensor lights in action. They also looked at the energy monitor and ECO display. Over some tea and biscuits, especially, the shortbread, there was discussion time. We talked about the other environment-friendly actions we take part in at school such as recycling pens and batteries. Year 5 talked about their project to learn about renewal energy and Year 6 told our visitors all about the Food Coop that we run every Friday.

We are very pleased with the makeover and we can already see it making a difference to save energy. This should help us win our Platinum Green Flag Award.



# The Schoolmistress

Pinero's classic Victorian farce was played out in the round with verve and energy by a last cast who certainly wouldn't have fitted on the stage safely!

Directed by Allan Cook ably assisted by Gill Evans, it takes place in the premises of a school for young ladies. These include the recently married [unbeknown to him or his wife] daughter of a rear-admiral.

Actors purposefully veered around the set including being perilously close to a splendid celebratory cake, causing stage manager Nicky Webber palpitations.

Suitable period music relayed by Tony Watson was interspersed throughout alongside costumes resourced by Sheila Phillips for this era.

The standout performance was that of Peter Griffiths playing the much-vexed Hon. Vere Queckett; a good-for-nothing, impecunious, foreign gentleman from minor aristocracy. He combined excellence in accent, timing and expressions, together with hilarious physical comedy.

The schoolmistress of the play's title, Miss Dyott, was carried well in both stature and bearing by Julia Hallinan. She combined that part of her life with that of a delighted blossoming musical comedy star on the side – compensating for her increasing disappointment with her prospective betrothed, the wretched Vere. [The Drama Society steadfastly denied refunds afterwards to those with expectations arising from the publicity posters depicting a more scantily clad character].

The music comedy or oratorio [or was it the other way round?] had been written by the enthusiastic and persistent Otto Bernstein – Brian Willis in full throttle German comic accent mode.

Roger Page grumped and frowned his way very effectively through the bumbling and curmudgeonly Admiral Ranking.

While Pauline Watson transformed seamlessly from his twittery down-trodden wife into assertive mother at the end.

Hayley Jenkins discharged her sober role well as their daughter, while Joshua Williams enjoyed himself as her belligerently jealous husband, Paulover.

The schools young ladies included the young governess Miss Hesselridge, played with tremendous skill and verve by Helen Blundell and another of the

pupils Gwendoline, portrayed with obvious delight by Bev Jones.

As is the way of such situations in drama they met up with and paired off with naval officers attending the party to celebrate their colleagues' wedding. No Shakespearean complications arose.

Ian Ogden was a perfect such Officer, Lt. Jack Mallory, in both bearing and commanding voice. Will Fox as an exhausted Junior officer, Mr. Saunders, acted well both asleep and awake and his character notably perked up when seized upon by the predatory Gwendoline.

No institution would be complete without long-suffering servants adding their pragmatism and reality to the other-worldly inhabitants. Huw Williams as the manservant, Tyler and Jane Sinclair, as Jane Chapman conveyed these well, including appropriate grumblings, aside observations and rubbing of bad backs.

Tyler's penchant for fireworks resulted in a fire burning down the school.

This led to the appearance of two firemen played by Messrs. Willis and Williams both wearing quite splendid brass period helmets. The helmets designed and constructed by the ever resourceful Raymond Rivron were worth an act of their own, as was the splendid reproduction photograph.

One of the play's best moments is during the fire when the manic Vere finds he has not posted off the fire insurance premium despite his having preserved it alone from the funds left him by the schoolmistress – the rest having gone on goodies including champagne, for the party.

This was Geoff Davies' last illuminating session, his having lit every play but the first since RDS's start. This was marked by a presentation.

Thanks went too to Adam and Sam from the Comp, who lent much needed and welcome assistance in many areas throughout the production.

## KEYBOARD CLASS IN RADYR

Do you fancy learning to play that electronic keyboard of yours in an informal and friendly group? We have just a few places available in our class which is held in the School Rooms at Christchurch from 10.00 till 12.00 each Monday morning. Please contact Martin Coysh on 02920 842954 or [martincoysh@outlook.com](mailto:martincoysh@outlook.com) for details.

## NSPCC – RADYR FESTIVAL 2015

NSPCC volunteers in Radyr and Morganstown have announced that more than £560. was raised for children and families in Wales during the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. The fundraisers were out in force during the evening in Radyr on 5th December.

Jan Doody, chair of the Radyr District branch of NSPCC fundraising volunteers, said: "Despite inclement weather, the switching on of the Christmas lights proved its usual success and more than £560. was raised for the NSPCC through the sale of baubles and Christmas chutney, a bran tub lucky dip, a tombola and a bucket collection, supported by our own "Teddy Bear" mascot".

*"We are absolutely delighted with the amount raised. All those who attended from Radyr and Morganstown have been incredibly generous in supporting us with our fundraising to help children and families through the NSPCC's services here in South Wales".*

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On 30th March, "A Flurry of Flowers", Library Knitting and Crocheting Group Family Coffee Morning with a floral theme and activities for children in aid of the Cardiff Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Radyr Library  
10.30-12.00

### LENT LUNCHES

For six weeks – commencing on Friday, 20th February – lunches are served at 12.30pm at Christ Church New School Rooms. Delicious home-made soup, bread and Cheese, tea or coffee - £4.00. All profits are donated to Christian Aid. At 12.15pm in Christ Church Lady Chapel There will also be an opportunity to Come together for fifteen minute Reflections – gentle music, readings, Meditation and prayer led by members of Christ Church and Radyr Methodist Church

# Radyr and Morganstown District Gardening Club

A Happy Gardening New Year to you all, not that the current weather encourages much outdoor activity. In the time taken to write this piece there have been squally winds, thunder, hail, sleet, rain and even some watery sunshine! Over the past few weeks seed and plant catalogues have been dropping on the doormat so at least whilst this weather persists one can dream of how the garden and allotment could look later in the year. And for more inspiration why not join us at a Gardening Club meeting.

The second half of our 25th season started with an illustrated talk by Roy Bayley-Wood which he called "Orchids I Grow". He first introduced the genus which is not confined to the tropical rain forests but has over 25,000 species worldwide, 55 occurring in the UK and 35 of these in Wales. Mr. Bayley-Wood went on to discuss the two or three orchid varieties most commonly available as house plants, before talking about some of the wild orchids to be seen in Wales and particularly in South East Wales. We then came to the unusual *Masdevallia* species which are his main interest. In the wild these grow principally in the North Western reaches of South America up as far as Panama and at altitudes up to 3,500 metres; he grows many of the fascinating and unusual hybrids of this species and these were described and beautifully illustrated by an enthusiast who gave us a fascinating insight into the world of orchids.

Our 25th season continues through to April with:

**11th February** - *"Natural Histories – The Art of Small Things"*  
with Laurie Young.

Laurie Young is an artist and illustrator and will talk about botanical Illustration.

**11th March** - *"A Mongolian Challenge in aid of Help for Heroes"* with Diana McCrea. Diana McCrea will talk about her trek through part of Mongolia, undertaken to raise funds for Help for Heroes and in doing so some of the flora and fauna seen during the trek.

**8th April** - *"Gardens and Plants in Science Fiction"* with Peter Graham, Think of 'Triffids' and Peter Graham will

show how science fiction writers and programme/film producers have taken everyday plants and imagined how they would look and perform in alien conditions.

Full details of these talks and the rest of the programme are available on the Radyr website.

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

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome – so come along and get some garden inspiration.

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 any committee member or our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084)

## Harp Concert

On 6th December, 2014, the Over 30 musicians gathered together in Radyr to celebrate 'A Harpy Christmas Concert'. Under the direction of Harpist Shelley Fairplay, the concert included performances by the two Radyr based harp groups "Dynamic Harps", harp solos from primary and secondary school children from South Wales and songs from the Canu O'r Galon quartet with vocalist Deborah Morgan Lewis. The event was in aid of Cardiff Foodbank and the students raised over £200. for the charity and a substantial food collection was taken to the Foodbank following the event.



In September 2014, Radyr resident Shelley launched two new harp ensembles, Dynamic Harps who meet weekly to rehearse at Radyr Methodist Church. They have now enjoyed four wonderful terms together playing music from a vast array of genres, rehearsing and working together on ensemble and general harp playing skills. Many of the songs the ensembles learn come directly as request from group members and are then arranged specially for the group.

The next performances for Dynamic Harps take place on the 25th January at the Swansea National Waterfront museum and then on the 7th February at Cardiff Metropolitan University as part of the Camac Harp Weekend's Saturday night harp concert: The Three Strands; Passion, Sorrow and Joy. On the 13th/14th June, they are very excited to be returning to perform at the National Botanic Garden of Wales 'Hand-on-Harps' weekend!

Dynamic Harps meet on a Monday and Tuesday during term time. For further details on the harp ensembles next performances, please visit [www.dynamicharps.co.uk](http://www.dynamicharps.co.uk) For those who have never played the harp before various hands-on-harps events take place regularly, including Shelley's [www.harpistforaday.co.uk](http://www.harpistforaday.co.uk) With events such as this everyone can have their chance to try the truly incredible National Instrument of Wales!

The musicians involved in the December performance would like to thank the audience members for their attendance and support, with special recognition to Huw James for arranging the Methodist Church Hall hire, Helen Nolan from Cardiff Foodbank for coming and addressing the performers on the night and finally to Bob Pearce from Radyr Chain for supporting the group and this article!



What's happened to Bert Chapman, "The Shoe Repairer"? His neighbour Maldwyn "The Green Grocer" is usually on hand with an explanation. Bert has retired at the age of 72. Bert was part of the fabric of the village life. Taking shoes for repairs while you wait. Bert set up in the village in 1922 when his workshop was lit by candle light, then gas and finally electricity, which enabled him to buy a lathe, a grinder and a polishing machine

*Bert's shop was situated where Nicky's Sandwich Shop is in Station Road.*

#### Fund Tops £5000

The Guide Association is intent on providing a HQ for the Guide Movement in Radyr. At the moment the biggest problem is the procurement of a suitable plot land.

*The Guide Hall was subsequently built in Bryn Derwen In 1983.*

#### Super Hot Dogs

This pop group was formed a year ago. There are six members of the group. They have recently bought a set of drums making the band more effective. They make up their own songs and have three songs of their own. They are available for children's and adult discos. Contact either Matthew Griffiths or Stephen Pitt to make a booking. They need a piano for their performance!

## Radyr Library Closure Protest

*from back cover...*

More protests are likely to take place in the New Year so keep looking at the website – [radyr.org.uk](http://radyr.org.uk) the Soapbox, the village Facebook page and the poster board in Station Road for more information. Caroline Noall, who retired as the senior librarian in November has been collecting signatures to present a petition to the County Council in January.

Radyr Library serves a large area of North West Cardiff, including Pentyrch, Creigiau and Gwaelod-y-Garth. Hopefully these communities will be supporting us in our campaign. If the County Council carry out their plans for 7000 new

#### Danger - Chain Gang at Work

Consists of a small group of people who spend two months assembling the Radyr Chain. The Chain is funded from advertising. The cost of printing each issue is around £150 and income from £120. The gap is made up of a generous grant from the Community Council. Once the adverts and articles are collected they are typed ready to be stuck on to sheets. The paper is then taken to the printer. The work does not stop there, for next is delivery to every house in the village. This is the way in which Radyr Chain reaches your door

#### Chess

A Chess tournament was held at the Central Hotel in Cardiff to find the best Primary School players in Wales. The tournament attracted 150 children. 4 members of the highly successful Bryn Deri team entered the competition. Edward While and Nicholas Thornbury gained 2 ½ victories. Stephen Brownsell gained 3 points. Most successful was Stephen Gait who was unlucky not to finish with maximum points and share the title. Bryn Deri School Chess team has been in existence for one year is still unbeaten in Cardiff.

#### 1979 Floods

*Elizabeth Nicholas aged 7 from Radyr Primary described the floods in lower Radyr.*

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> December lots of people's houses were flooded in South Wales. I saw the River Taff over flowing. My mum said it was the first time we had seen it overflow in all the time She had lived in Radyr. (18 years)

A week later I walked along the Taff Trail to find lots of litter clung to the trees, sand and mud was everywhere and trees had been uprooted.

One of my friend's house was flooded and all five rooms on the ground floor were flooded. His family are now staying in a hotel until everything can be put straight again.

homes along the Llantrisant Road a bigger local library will be a necessity.

**David Cargill**

## Radyr Library Petition Update

This came about not through any official body but through a spontaneous surge of feeling by ordinary Library users. Despite a short time span at a difficult time of the year, over 1400 signatories attested to the high local value placed on our Library, the closure of which would save relatively little public money. Thank you to all signatories and apologies to the many who would have liked to sign but whom we did not have time to access. Particular

thanks to those individuals, especially busy mothers of school-age children, who canvassed for signatures and to the local shops, businesses and societies who all gave what support they could, some with heartening fervour. The Community now owes a further debt of gratitude to recently retired Librarian, Caroline Noall, for her unstinting work on behalf of the Petition and her invaluable knowledge of and research into the current situation.

Caroline and I were given a deadline of Thursday, 8th January to present the Petition to the Economy and Culture Scrutiny Committee where I was permitted to speak for three minutes in its support. Later Caroline was given the opportunity to outline to the Committee the importance of Professional Librarians. The Members of the Scrutiny Committee, representing all the main political parties, listened with close attention. Unfortunately this Committee only makes recommendations to The Cabinet which insulated from contact with members of the general public, makes the final decisions.

Also speaking to the Committee were representatives of the newly-formed Friends of Whitchurch Library and a couple speaking about Lisvane, Llanishen and Rhiwbina Libraries. The blatant discrimination of Cardiff City Council against Libraries in North Cardiff was made manifest.

This fight, and I am afraid many more on behalf of Cardiff as a City where we have been proud to bring up our children, is not over. I am not hopeful that our current effort has achieved a great deal. However, I would pass on to other reluctant campaigners the encouragement afterwards given to us by the courteous Local Government Officer who has guided us through the experience. He thanked us for what we had done, told us that first hand representation by members of the Public was more meaningful than anything that could be said by the Officers and asked us to make further contact about any local issues which were of concern. **Zoë Pearce**

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Following the article by Rhodri Morgan "Reunion with Radyr wartime refugee Bruno Sussemilch" in the last edition of Radyr Chain, do any members of the community remember or recognise those in these photographs.

Rhodri Morgan would be interested to know and can be contacted through the editors.



Radyr Guide Centre celebrated it's re-opening by saying 'Thank you' to friends from the local community who had supported their fundraising over several years. All their hard work made it possible to repair the damage that subsidence had caused to the main hall and also refurbish the Guide Centre. The Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Playworks After School Club, Yoga & Extend class members are now enjoying their weekly meetings in a safe, warm and friendly environment. Radyr Guide Centre is available to hire for parties, meetings etc – for further details please contact our Booking Secretary on 029 2084 3537

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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Baked Sausages with Pears, Honey and Rosemary

Very tasty and quick. I recommend low-fat good flavour sausages. Serve with jacket potatoes and buttered cabbage.

- 1 Tbs Olive Oil
- 8 good quality sausages
- 1 large onion cut into wedges
- 2 large (just ripe) pears
- 4 sprigs rosemary
- 15g (1/2oz) butter
- 6 tbs honey
- 2 tbs balsamic vinegar

Heat oven – 190C/375F or Gas 5

Heat oil in frying pan

Prick sausages with fork and brown all over. No need to cook through  
Move to ovenproof dish, large enough to hold these and pears in single layer

Place onions in pan and cook until pale golden. Add to sausages

Halve and quarter pears – do not peel. Remove cores.

Add to dish with rosemary sprigs

Heat butter in small pan. Add honey and balsamic vinegar. Stir to melt.

Pour over items in dish. Toss everything around to coat.

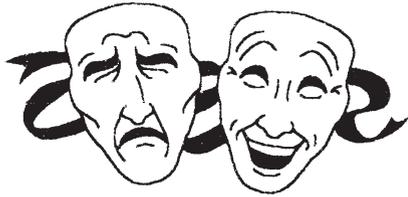
Finish with pears cut side up

Bake for 45 minutes

Taste and season if needed (it depends on spices in sausages).

The pears should be golden and the sausages cooked through.

A.M.P.



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

## RADYR DRAMA SOCIETY

presents

### THE SUNSHINE BOYS

by NEIL SIMON

This is a fabulously funny comedy by Neil Simon, the world's most successful playwright, who has had dozens of plays and almost as many major films produced.

The play introduces our audience to a retired, vaudeville duo, known as *Lewis and Clark*, who have not

spoken to each other for more than eleven years. The stubborn, irascible Willie Clark has hated and blamed the wiser Al Lewis for breaking up the Act all those years ago. When CBS, a television company, invite the two to reunite for a Special on the history of comedy, Willie's nephew, Ben, has the onerous task of trying to get the cantankerous pair to meet up again.

We have a great cast lined up, including some new faces and some old favourites. We hope our audience will also include some new faces and some old favourites! We continue to appreciate the support that we get from you all.

Performance dates are Thursday, 23rd April – Saturday, 25th April. At Morganstown Village Hall. Check our website for ticket details or call 2084 2585 / 2084 3176.

held at local, federation and national level. On Saturday, 7th March, a service and banner parade will be held in Llandaff Cathedral. Our Institute will be represented by two committee members and two institute members selected by ballot. Space will be at a premium as all Glamorgan Federation will be represented.

To find out more about the organisation at all levels, contact us on [radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com](mailto:radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com) or ring our President, Pat William on 029 2084 3843. *Happy New Year!* L.H.

### LIBRARY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GROUP'S COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

The Knitting and Crocheting Group would like to thank all those who attended their Christmas Coffee Morning and who gave so generously. Thanks as always to the Librarians who supported us in every way. A cheque for £261. has been appreciatively acknowledged by The Alzheimer's Society.

Our next fund-raising coffee morning will be on Monday, 30th March 10.30-12.00 in aid of the local Motor Neurone Disease Association. Children will be welcome and there will be an activities table for them. There will be a floral theme so come and buy something to decorate your Easter Bonnet or Bowler with!

### BEAVER NEWS

Congratulations to 1st Radyr Beavers Section who have received an "Understanding Disability Award 2014" in recognition of their work in promoting a positive understanding of people with disability.

Leo Taylor has Down's Syndrome and has been an active member of Wednesday Beavers for a number of years. He has achieved a number of badges including The Chief Scout Bronze Award which he has proudly attached to his Beaver jumper.

Leo received the award for the section from the Lord Mayor of Cardiff at an awards evening last November. Also present were Ruth Goddard, the Wednesday Beaver Leader and Rhys Goddard who has supported Leo in Beavers.

Leo has now moved on to the Thursday Cub section of the Group. JBT

## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

It seems a long time since the tree lighting ceremony on the 5th December but those of you who were there must have been impressed by the colour and vibrancy of the event. Our WI stall raised £81., which will be donated to the WI's own charity Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) whose aim is to help under privileged women in the third world.

Our last meeting of 2014 took place on 8th December and was hosted by the Committee. This year the surprise speaker was John Sheen, uncle of the actor Michael Sheen, a retired head teacher, public speaker and amateur actor. This was a repeat visit as John had given an entertaining talk at our summer group meeting. His talk in December was "My Twelve Christmas Crackers", a miscellany of Christmas poetry, prose, jokes and personal memories. The Committee served canapés, sausages and nibbles to help soak up the Prosecco and the evening ended with Christmas Carols.

Our speaker on Monday, 11th January, 2015 was Jane Masters and her talk "Don't Put your Daughter on the Stage" was just what we needed on a wet January night. This vivacious lady had a background in musical theatre and was the daughter of a stage struck mother who had begun her career in

the theatre, whilst still in her teens, in the Ralph Reader Gang Shows whilst serving in the Women's Air Force in WWII. Jane followed her mother's footsteps and now her own daughter is in west end theatre productions. Jane has her own theatre company "Applause" and puts on shows in venues in and around Cardiff, including St. David's Hall. One of the local venues in which her group performs is De Courcy's Manor in Pentyrch. Her energy, humour and vitality launched our 2015 programme and got the year off to a great start.

Our programme this year is very wide-ranging covering history, mental health, folk dancing and GI's in South Wales in WWII, to name only a few topics. Other extra-mural activities for the next few weeks include a meal at The Clink on 29th January, a theatre trip to see "One Man and Two Governors" on 12th February and the St. David's Day Walk on Monday, 2nd March, followed by lunch at Morganstown Village Hall. On 24th March, the Glamorgan Federation is organising a guided City Walk of Bristol.

2015 is an important year for the WI nationally. The first WI meeting in the UK was held in Llanfairpwll, Anglesey on 16th September, 1015. Now, at the start of its centenary year, the organisation is the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK with over 212,000 members in 6,600 local institutes. Special events are being



On 18th-21st February, 2015, at the Bishop of Llandaff School, the Radyr Parish Music Group will be performing one of Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular operettas, *The Pirates of Penzance*. The Music Group last performed 'Pirates' in 1992 and a few stalwart members from that production will be on stage once again, together with many new faces.

*Pirates of Penzance* combines all of the essential G&S ingredients for a well-rounded thoroughly enjoyable production: Swashbuckling Pirates under their Pirate King played by Chris Dale, a Squad of very Nervous Policemen under their Sergeant, played by Ian Ogden, a Major-General played by Kevin Morgan, with a bevy of beautiful daughters, love interest between Apprentice Pirate Frederic, played by Joe Moore and Mabel, one of the daughters, played by Sarah Jane Griffiths and as usual, a series of Gilbertian coincidences, pus and misunderstandings!

With Director Jane Tabbener and Musical Director Ben Pinnow and a Radyr Orchestra conducted by Simon Davison, songs include 'The Policeman's Lot' and Major-General Stanley's infamous Patter Song.

Tickets are available from Maggie Roberts on 029 2084 2995 and Sue Thomas on 029 2031 0894. Or purchase online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg)

An evening to remember!

Licensed bar open from 6.30pm.

It is still not too late to become a 'Friend of Radyr Parish Music Group'. By becoming a 'Friend', you can provide vital financial help to the group and in return receive valuable benefits. Our Friends' Coordinator, Tessa Davies, [tessajdavies@gmail.com](mailto:tessajdavies@gmail.com) would be happy to send you details.

To find more about our friendly group, go to [www.music.radyr.org.uk](http://www.music.radyr.org.uk) or find us on Facebook under [radyrparishmusicgroup](https://www.facebook.com/radyrparishmusicgroup) or even [Twitter@RPMGweb](https://twitter.com/RPMGweb).

Martin Coysh

Chair – Radyr Parish Music Group  
[martincoysh@outlook.com](mailto:martincoysh@outlook.com)

## Wales and South America

In October, Radyr resident Sir Martin Evans gave an informative illustrated talk on a cruise that he undertook to southern South America. By coincidence this was a fitting introduction to the 2015 Radyr & Morganstown Festival which takes as its theme Wales and South America. Think Rio Carnival, the World Cup, Gauchos, the Tango, Incas, Aztecs, Mexico and all the colour of that amazing continent.

The reason for choosing South America as the theme of the 2015 Festival is that it is the 150th anniversary of the establishment of a Welsh colony in Patagonia – Y Wladfa in Welsh.

The colony was set up by Professor Michael D. Jones a Welsh nonconformist minister from Bala. The reason why Patagonia was chosen was that the Argentinian Government were happy to give the settlers 100 square miles of land around the Chubut river in southern Patagonia. On 28th July, 1865, 153 Welsh settlers arrived in a ship called The Mimosa from Liverpool. It cost £12. for an adult and £6. for a child. Welsh men and women continued to join the colony until the early twentieth century, but thereafter colonists tended to come from other parts of Europe.

To this day as many as 12,000 people in southern Patagonia speak Welsh as their first language and another 25,000 speak it as their second language, their first language being, of course, Spanish.



Rishart Arwel



Stephanie Gibson



Fred Jones

There are towns like Treliw and Trevelin with Welsh names and the point on which they made their first landfall is called Puerto Madryn after the Welsh estate, Porth Madryn.

The Parade on the first Saturday of the Festival should be a colourful affair and already events with a South American theme are being booked.

We hear that classical guitarist Rishart Arwel is coming to give a lunchtime concert of classical guitar music and music with a South American flavour. The Welsh Academy of Voice, that finishing school for the operatic stars of the future, is also whispered to be giving a lunchtime concert.

Two other events which are hotly tipped are Eddie Butler, the journalist and well-known Rugby commentator, who will be talking about his first published novel, *The Head of Gonzo Davies*, also on a rugby theme. The closing concert, proceeds from which go to the Festival Charity, the NSPCC, will be given by the Radyr-based but internationally known Choir, The Ardwyn Singers.

Viva Mayo.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR! FROM ANNE AND JEN AT RADYR LIBRARY

We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of Radyr Library and for taking the time to complete the consultation document over the Christmas period. The consultation period has now ended and we will keep you updated with any news.

We have some lost property items in the library, which include a hat, an umbrella, some soft rabbit toys and a small purse with money in. If you think any of them belong to you, please pop in and we can reunite you with your property.

We are pleased to say that our storytime sessions are still going strong, with on average twenty children in the morning and fifteen in the afternoon (not forgetting Mums, Dads, Nannies, Granddads and Childminders) helping to raise the roof with nursery rhymes and fun every week. If you'd like to join us, sessions are free and run Tuesdays (term time only) 19:15 and 2:15, we'd love to see you.

We also have an Amster Stori session on a Wednesday run by Menter Caerdydd. This again is a free session and starts at 10:30. Come along if you're a Welsh speaker, Welsh learner or just fancy learning some Welsh rhymes.

Our knitting and crochet group still meet every Monday in the library 10-12noon. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and effort knitting some gorgeous stockings and decorations that were for sale over the Christmas period. They did a fantastic job hosting a coffee morning in December which raised over £260. for the Alzheimer's Society.

The next charity coffee morning will be held on Monday, 30th March 10:30-12, with an Easter theme. Call in for some refreshments and give a small donation to their chosen charity (to be announced).

We would like to congratulate Radyr Primary School who had the highest percentage of finishers of the Summer Reading Challenge in the whole of Cardiff. As a reward, they have won some Amazon vouchers. We hope that they come in useful and would also like to thank all the children for taking part in the challenge this year. Radyr Library had the second highest number of finishers in Cardiff, only coming second to Rhiwbina Library by less than 20. Hopefully this summer we can come first! We have been told that Radyr Library has ranked sixth in the whole of Wales for Reading Challenge finishers. Not bad for a part-time library!

Don't forget we still provide green recycling and food caddy bags here in the library. We would like to apologise on

behalf of the waste team for the lack of bags over Christmas and the New Year – this was due to supply problems. Hopefully by the time you read this, we should have had some delivered (fingers crossed!) Can we politely ask people to consider the number of rolls of bags that they take as we only get a limited number of bags per week and are running out quite quickly.

If you had a new tablet or computer for Christmas and don't know where to start (like Anne!), pop down to the library on a Friday afternoon between 3:30 and 5 for our computer assistance drop-in sessions run by communities 2.0. There's no need to book, just turn up and John will try and assist you.

Hope to see you in the library in the near future.  
**Anne and Jen**

### GREENHOUSE

Size 6' x 4' needs a new home, missing a few panes of glass but otherwise in good condition. To be collected from current location in Radyr.

Offers please.

**Please contact Linda on  
02920 843562**

**Treforgan WI  
And  
Radyr and  
Morganstown  
Community  
Council**

Present a

## Spring Tea

Open to all Residents aged 60+

**Friday March 20th  
The Old Church Rooms  
2.30pm**

**Come to catch up with friends  
and enjoy some delicious cakes**

Tickets £1  
Booked via RMCC  
Clerk  
20842213 or  
clerk@radyr.org.uk

## Rachel Runs Again for Hospice

On Sunday 8th March, hundreds of runners will again be supporting George Thomas Hospice care's charity 5K Fun Run, this year sponsored by Watkins and Gunn Solicitors.

One of the joggers taking part will be Rachel Jones, whose father was cared for by the hospice.



*Rachel Jones*

Rachel, who recently ran the Cardiff Half Marathon, wanted to do even more for the care centre. "The care that George Thomas Hospice gave my dad and the whole family was first class. Even little things such as a bereavement card meant so much. If I can take part, stay fit and give something back I'm more than happy."

The 5K run starts at Blackweir Changing Rooms at 10am on Sunday 8th March and goes through beautiful Bute Park. Everybody that takes part gets a T-Shirt, goody bag and medal

It is £10 to enter and people can register by phoning George Thomas Hospice Care on 029 2052 4150 or visiting [www.gthc.org.uk](http://www.gthc.org.uk). Once registered, the charity will send out sponsorship forms.

George Thomas Hospice care is the major provider of specialist palliative care to those suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in Cardiff. The hospice also provides care to those in the Vale of Glamorgan with its consultant-led multi-disciplinary team.

The hospice is presently caring for several hundred patients and their families and takes on over 12 new patients every week. Since its establishment in 1984 George Thomas Hospice Care has supported over 22,000 patients.

To fund its core services, the hospice has to raise over £1.3 million each year.

### George Thomas Hospice Care Ty George Thomas

Whitchurch Hospital Grounds  
Park Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff  
Telephone: 029 20524150  
Email: [info@gthc.org.uk](mailto:info@gthc.org.uk)

## “BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT”

Treforgan WI has been to clink. No clanging doors, no uniforms with arrows on but tasteful décor and smartly dressed young men.

‘Clink’ for us meant a restaurant just outside Cardiff prison walls. We went for lunch – a sophisticated meal prepared and served in a professional manner by young offenders. They are working towards gaining NVQ qualifications – training with a forty hour week and hands-on experience just like the real world, to enable them to be absorbed into the community and avoid re-offending. Mentoring continues after the offenders release with help to deal with their everyday concerns. For example, using a bank account is something most of us take for granted but these young people often find difficult. Clink charity is there to help.

We saw only ‘front of house’ personnel but behind the scenes, training continues to grow, maintain and produce as much of the food we ate as possible – even meat and honey. The young men learn how to print the menus, make the furniture we used, look after uniforms, in fact anything connected to this enterprise is covered. The range of skills is amazing and although taught in the environments of the restaurant, are relevant to all sorts of jobs in the outside world.

There are souvenirs to be bought – pens, mugs etc., perhaps a ‘Clink’ apron to wear while on WI tea duty. So we were able to support this charitable project in the easiest most enjoyable way. We ate a delicious meal prepared from sustainable, organically produced Welsh food in comfortable surroundings [vegetarians and coeliacs are catered for]. More fun than marathons in the rain – no matter how laudable they are!

As well as Cardiff, there are Clink restaurants in Brixton and Highdown. Another is due to open in HMP Styal in Spring 2015.

Have a look for yourselves at [thelinkrestaurant.com](http://thelinkrestaurant.com)

Information about Treforgan WI from [sallybateman@doctors.org.uk](mailto:sallybateman@doctors.org.uk)

Barbara Sylvester

## Cardiff West Rotary Club



### Young Musicians of the Year 2015

Cardiff West sponsored Ben Lewis, who attends Radyr Comprehensive, in this year’s Area Final held at Whitchurch High School.



Ben played J.S. Bach’s Cello Sonata Third Movement and Cello Suite Prelude and Allemande. There were ten competitors in the Instrumental competition and five in the Vocal competition. President Geoff Pollard and Liz Davies joined Ben to congratulate him on his fine performance. The audience was treated to a wonderful evening of performances, which would have graced any professional stage.

The task of choosing the competitors to go through to the District Final fell to Christiana Mavron and Frank Kelleher in the Instrumental competition and Kate Woolveridge and Gail Pearson in the Vocalist competition.

If you would like to know more about your local Rotary Club, please contact our secretary, Phil Head [029 2089 0675]

### Local Rotarians go International!

Eric Blackwell and Liz Davies of the Rotary Club of Cardiff West joined members of Cardiff East and Port Talbot on a trip to Valkenburg and Monschau. The party arrived in time to join in the celebrations for St. Nicholas. There were plenty of fellowship helped along by the gluwain, the holiday atmosphere in the towns and the Christmas markets. Monschau is a small German town whose history dates back to the twelfth century.

Our base for the trip was the Dutch town of Valkenburg. Here we saw the



Christmas Parade on the Saturday evening. One of the many highlights was a train ride through the underground maristone caverns. We walked past a mile-long queue waiting to go into the Christmas Market in the caves to board a small train to take a guided drive through the caves, which date back to Roman times. We saw the wall paintings from the different periods of the cave’s history. It had served as a source of stone for the castle, a hospital in both world wars and had been enlarged to provide a shelter in the Cold War period.

We arrived home safely, already looking forward to our next trip. If you would like to know more about your local Rotary Club, please contact our secretary, Phil Head on 029 2089 0675.

**A Big Thank You** to all the residents of Radyr whose kind donations to our Christmas collection raised over 500 kilos of groceries for the Food Bank.

We would like to thank the staff of Radyr Library who continue to help us by having a drop off point in the Library.

We were really pleased to receive another offer of help from Angela Stone who was inspired by our collection to organise a collection in her workplace.

Thanks also to everyone who gave us toiletries, which were taken to Women’s Aid.

If you would like to learn more about Rotary in Radyr, please contact our Secretary, Phil Head (029 2089 0675).



# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



Two big issues have dominated R&MCC in the last couple of months: the LDP and the future of Radyr Library.

You will no doubt know that Cardiff Council is proposing to close Radyr Library, along with others, as part of their budget cuts. We have met with senior Cardiff officers and members of the Cabinet and argued against this because of all the benefits to community well-being that the library brings. In the next few weeks we will know Cardiff's decision. In the meantime, R&MCC has looked into the possibility of a community-run library funded by the community through R&MCC, with some services still provided by Cardiff, a couple of staff members and many volunteers. This is a back-up plan if Cardiff goes ahead with closure either now or in the future. Our initial investigation suggests that this will cost the community some £30,000 a year. Before R&MCC makes any formal commitment to such a plan we will consult with the community. We have

allocated £10,000 in our budget for 2015-16 in case the library does close, you do agree to run it as a community facility and we need to prepare for the transfer of the service and assets to us. We will keep you informed.

Before the LDP becomes a statutory document it has to be examined by a Planning Inspector who may make binding changes to it. The Hearing for this started on January 13 with sessions running until the end of February. We are attending all the sessions that relate to our concerns for NW Cardiff and R&M in particular, eg infrastructure, transport, housing and developments, green belt. The sessions are attended by representatives of Cardiff Council, sometimes Welsh Government, landowners and developers, bodies like Dwr Cymru and RCT County Borough Council, Cardiff Civic Society, concerned residents speaking for themselves, community councils and residents' associations. Most of the people in

agreement with us are there as volunteers and the city owes them thanks for giving so much free time to argue for the public interest. Without them, the developers would have little opposition. Our arguments were strongly supported by our AM, Mark Drakeford at the session on Site C – the land mostly south of Llantrisant Road which is planned to have 5,970 homes and other community facilities. The Examination is our last chance to have the LDP amended to reflect what we feel are the realistic effects on Cardiff of development in NW Cardiff. We continue to argue for the Metro to precede development. We may not get that but we may be able to slow development and tie it more tightly to needed infrastructure.

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

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## FILM CLUB

Those selecting the films seem to be showing a particular skill at choosing winning films. The January choice *Boyhood* won three awards at the Golden Globes in Hollywood, including best film and is also nominated for the Oscars. The September choice, *Grand Budapest Hotel*, won the award for the best comedy in the same competition.

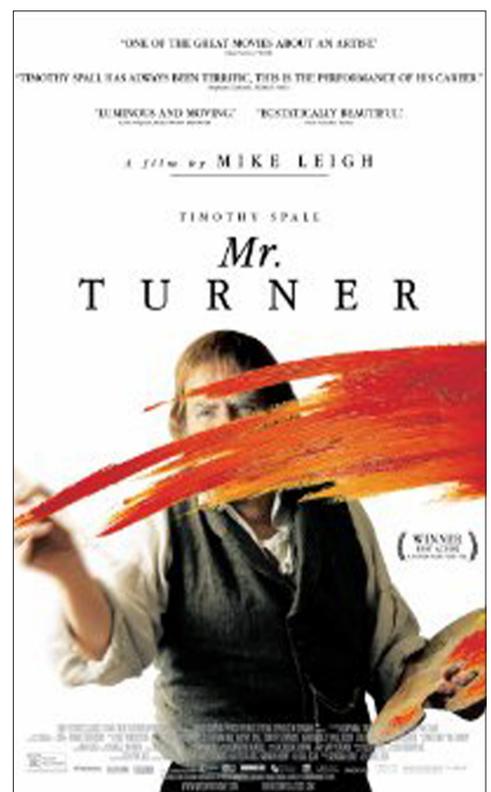
I wonder how well the February and March choices will do? The February choice is *What we did on our Holiday* a heart-warming, uplifting comedy for all the family, from the creators of the BBC comedy series *Outnumbered*. *What we did on our Holidays* can be seen in the Old Church Rooms at 7.30pm on Thursday, 26th February.

Doug (David Tenant) and Abi (Rosamund Pike) and their three children travel to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie's (Billy Connolly) birthday party. It's soon clear that when it

comes to keeping a secret under wraps from the rest of the family, their children are their biggest liability ...

The March choice, to be seen at 7.30pm on Thursday, 26th March is *Mr. Turner*. The film explores the last 5 quarter century of the great if eccentric British painter, J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Profoundly affected by the death of his father, loved by a housekeeper he takes for granted and occasionally exploits sexually, he forms a close relationship with a seaside landlady with whom he eventually lives incognito in Chelsea, where he dies. Throughout this, he travels, paints, stays with the country aristocracy, is a popular if anarchic member of the Royal Academy of Arts, has himself strapped to the mast of a ship so that he can paint a snowstorm and is both celebrated and reviled by the public and by royalty.

Timothy Spall who plays Turners, will no doubt collect an award somewhere along the line for this monumental performance. The



film is directed by one of the greatest British film directors, Mike Leigh.

Tickets are still £4.00 and can be reserved from Ener Chi, Station Road, Radyr, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 and on line at [www.rma.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.rma.ticketsource.co.uk)



## CRICKET FESTIVAL WEEK

Programme of Events –  
25th July – 2nd August, 2015

**Saturday, 25 July** - League Fixtures 1.00pm, Vice Presidents Lunch 12.30 for 1.00pm Beer & Cider Festival 3.00pm [first pint drunk by Radyr CC Patron] Live Music in the Marquee – “The Coalition” 8.30-11.00pm

**Sunday, 26 July** - Sunday League Fixture – 2.00pm

**Monday, 27 July** - Welsh Club Cricket Conference Select XI – 2.00pm Sponsored by Glamorgan Telecom

**Tuesday, 28 July** - MCC – 11.30am [The world’s most famous cricket club will play Radyr CC for the first time]

Sponsored by CGI

**Wednesday, 29 July** - Jamie & Nicky Robinson Celebrity XI 20/20 game – 5.30pm [the two former Wales Rugby Internationals and Radyr members will be leading a Celebrity XI]

**Thursday, 30 July** - Radyr CC Under 18’s –v- Radyr CC Over 45’s

**Friday, 31 July** - The Royal Household Cricket Club – 1.00pm [the cricket club who play in the grounds of Windsor Castle and whose Patron is Her Majesty the Queen and President is the Duke of Edinburgh play at Radyr for the first time]

**Saturday, 1 August** - League Fixtures – 1.00pm Live Music in the Marquee “The Crisis” 8.30-11.00pm

**Sunday, 2 August** - Sunday League Fixture – 2.00pm

### RADYR CRICKET CLUB 125TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2015

In 2015 Radyr Cricket Club is 125

years old and to celebrate this milestone a series of events have been arranged throughout the year with the highlight being a Cricket Week between 25th July and 2nd August.

Games have been arranged against the MCC; the world’s most famous cricket club, the Royal Household, whose Patron is Her Majesty the Queen and a Celebrity Invitation XI led by the former Wales internationals, Nicky and Jamie Robinson. A marquee will be erected and as well as a Beer Festival on the first weekend, there will be live music on both Saturday evenings. On Thursday, 30th July, a whole day will be dedicated to our junior members and their parents – a day for the whole family. Visitors will be most welcome throughout the week as while this is a club event, it is also an event for the whole of Radyr and Morganstown.

## News from the Autumn term at Radyr Primary School

### Staff Changes

At the close of the Summer Term we said goodbye to Mrs. Frances Hollington who retired at the end of term. Mrs. Hollington has worked at the school for fifteen years and leaves us with many happy memories. The governors, staff, pupils and parents would like to convey their thanks for her hard work and commitment to the school and also their best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

There was also a change at the top during our first governor meeting of the year as Cllr. Rod McKerlich stepped down as chair after nine years as chair of governors. We were delighted that Cllr. McKerlich is staying with us as school governor and are also delighted that parent governor Jane Griffiths was elected as new chair of governors. Mr. Nathan Jackson (also a parent governor) was voted in as vice chair. We were sad to lose Mrs. Rosemary Hardy who’s term of office as community governor finished this term and we gave a warm welcome to former Headteacher Mr. John Wilson who has been appointed as new community governor.

Finally, after 29 years of service to the school, Mrs. Jeanette PryceMorris took the very difficult decision to step down from her teaching post at the end of the Autumn Term. We are delighted that Mrs. PryceMorris is able to work with us on a part time basis for the remainder of the academic year, providing support for the leadership term and teaching staff with regards our assessment practices.

### Events

Road Safety Officers from Cardiff Council provided tuition to our Year 6 pupils in the

art of ‘Safe Cycling’ and Mrs. Wernock from Cardiff Road Safety, along with parent volunteers Mrs. Ashby, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Wales and Mrs. Treharne helped our Year 2 pupils develop their Kerbcraft skills.

Just before her retirement, Caroline from the library visited school to present a fabulous number of medals and certificates to those pupils (and Mrs. PryceMorris) who successfully completed the Cardiff Libraries’ Summer Reading Challenge. In addition, we were delighted to learn that William in Year 2 was selected out of the Cardiff draw of Challenge Completers to win £50. worth of Amazon vouchers. William had a clear idea as to how to spend the vouchers. He had seen a gap in our stock of Horrid Henry books and decided to donate the vouchers to school in return for (in his words) ‘all the help they have given me with my reading’. And if that wasn’t enough, we learned this week that Radyr Primary School had the largest number of pupils complete the challenge from one school and therefore we have been awarded a further £100. of vouchers to spend on books. Reading books truly is amazing!

Our Eco-Council have been working tirelessly in preparation for Green Flag assessment and following a visit from assessor Julie Giles, we were awarded our first Eco Schools Green Flag in October. The Eco Council developed an action plan two years ago to address issues such as energy waste, food waste, the amount of paper we use and using areas of the school to grow our own produce. Ongoing analyses carried out by the Eco Council have proved that the school have become an eco-friendly school. The children were fabulous during the assessment and were able to provide detailed answers for all of Julie’s questions. Many thanks also to

pupils and staff who have worked with the council to reduce our waste and special thanks to Mrs. Bale who has co-ordinated the work of the council.

In January, we were delighted to raise the flag for the first time thanks to a fabulous donation of a brand new flag pole by staff at Waterstone Homes who are currently involved in the Morganstown Development. School governors John Wilson, Gail Davies-Walsh and David Currie joined our Eco Council and Mr. Thomas to witness the event (eagle eyed readers will note the flag in an upside down position on the photograph; we did rectify this shortly afterwards).

Finally, in December, our choir travelled to the Motorpoint Arena to take part in ‘1000 Voices’ which combined children from schools across South Wales along with performances by Nu Skool and Bars and Melody.

*Another very busy term awaits.*

