



World War I Commemorative Event



12th - 14th June

Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr

This free event organised by the WWI Committee volunteers and supported by both the Heritage Lottery Fund and R&MCC offers something for everyone. You can find out about the names of the fallen on the village War Memorial and discover how people at home were contributing to the war effort.

There was a Red Cross Hospital near the centre of the village staffed by many local people. We have discovered the names and addresses of those working there and have a photograph of the recovering soldiers with their nursing staff. Many people of the Parish supported the Hospital by putting on social events, making garments, contributing food items.

You may want to research your family's military history or take a look at our unique Red Book of Radyr Parish Council's "War Records 1914!". It lists the names, addresses and military units of Radyr & Morganstown men who joined the armed services during the conflict. Also see the fascinating diary, military records and photographs of Radyr's very own World War I pilot.

There will be lots of photographs and memorabilia, medals, weapons and uniforms to see plus local school children's WWI commemorative work on display.



For children, there will be an opportunity to try on clothes of the era ... dress as a nurse, a soldier; have their photograph taken in an "Aunt Sally"; play with toys of the era and make some simple toys themselves, do rubbings, use an old fashioned pen and ink.

We know that WWI soldiers made some interesting items such as paper bead necklaces and sweetheart cushions – you can have a go yourself! You will be able to see how people lived a hundred years ago and how they kept their food fresh, lit their homes and kept warm.

On Sunday, 14th June, there will be three Punch & Judy performances at noon, 2pm and 3pm along with a BBQ & Bar.

We look forward to seeing you. Further details are on the enclosed Radyr Chain flyer and also available on the www.radyr.org.uk website.

Timetable:

Friday 12th June - 13.00 to 21.00 (19.30 Official Opening)

Saturday 13th June - 10.30 to 17.00, Sunday 14th June 10.00 to 16.00

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PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Of course, the award comes just after the end of a very successful 2015 Festival when a cheque for £10,000 was presented to the NSPCC – an ample demonstration of all the work the Association does. David Silver, Chairman of the RMA, said, *“We are flattered and honoured to receive this award which recognises the work of the RMA since its foundation in 1987. We are a hard working group of individuals who care deeply for the whole Radyr & Morganstown Community and its future. The nomination for the award was made by the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council and we thank them for seeking this recognition for us.”*

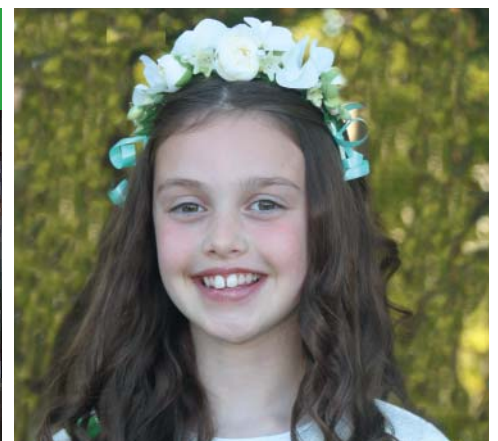
We are delighted to announce that the Radyr & Morganstown Association is a recipient this year of the ‘Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service’.

This unique UK national honour was created over a decade ago by Her Majesty The Queen to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and to recognise the outstanding contributions that groups of volunteers make to local communities. It has an equivalent status for voluntary

groups as the MBE has for individuals. It is an exceedingly prestigious award; in 2014, there were only 111 recipients in the whole of the UK – and only one in Wales. So it is fantastic that the Association has been recognised this way.

The citation for the award reads *“Providing a social framework for a growing Community, making Radyr & Morganstown a great place to live and work, and fund raising for an annual Charity.”*

NSPCC BEAR AND FRIENDS OPENING THE 2015 FESTIVAL



COMING EVENTS



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

June

- 10 RCTS South Wales. The Great Western Upgrade & the IEP. OCR 7.30pm
- 10 RDS Play Reading. Radyr Drama Society is holding a series of play readings at Christ Church New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr. Tonight's play is 'Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders' by Derek Webb. All are welcome, especially newcomers. 7.30pm
- 12-14 WW1 Exhibition. Radyr and Morganstown at Home and at War Exhibition in the Old Church Rooms- a free exhibition for all the family including activities and Punch and Judy Shows (Sunday only for P&J 12, 2 and 3pm.) BBQ and bar (cash only).
- 15 R&M ASSOCIATION General Meeting Old Church Rooms. Our speaker is Prof. Peter Barrett-Lee, Consultant Clinical Oncologist and Medical Director, Velindre Cancer Centre 7.30pm
- 18 R&MCC Monthly Meeting 7.30pm
- 18 RDS AGM and Play Reading. Radyr Drama Society is holding a series of play readings at Christ Church New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr. Tonight's play is 'Out of Focus' by Peter Gordon and will start at 8.15 pm following the group's AGM at 7.30 pm. All are welcome, especially newcomers. 7.30pm
- 20 Radyr Primary School Summer Fayre All welcome! Fantastic summer fun for families, loads to do and see. BBQ and licensed bar as well as stalls, games and prizes galore! Doors open at 2pm, come along and have some fun! 2.00pm
- 25 Visit to the Mary Rose. The main visit by the R&M History Society is to the Mary Rose Museum at Plymouth. A coach will leave Radyr at 8.15. The visit will include the Mary Rose Museum and a boat trip around the historic dockyard. Lunch can also be arranged in one of the dockyard buildings. Coach £14 Entry to the Museum and boat trip £14. To book or for more information contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176. 8.15am
- 28 Tenovus Sponsored Walk and Strawberry Tea. Sponsored Walk from Cardiff Castle to Christchurch where free Strawberry Tea will be served to all walkers. Please ring 20842096 for sponsor forms or with

any queries. For Strawberry Tea tickets (for non walkers) £5 and £2.50(children) please ring 20842887. 1.30pm

July

- 5 Get Positive: Positive Birth Workshop Pregnant? Thinking About Birth? Get Positive! The Positive Birth Movement have launched one day workshops across the globe to give women the tools they need to have a positive birth. Contact: Catrin - cjarman54@gmail.com - 07474400214 for a booking form ASAP as spaces are limited to 12 per workshop. www.positivebirthmovement.org Workshop will be held in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. 10.00am
- 8 Annual Salmon Lunch. Conservative Salmon Lunch at Radyr Lawn Tennis Club. Tickets £14 available from committee members or Sue McKerlich on 208427641 2.30pm
- 12 Table Top Sale. Old church rooms, Radyr. 10am - 12pm. Raising funds for Radyr Primary School. 50p entry fee for patrons (children free) and £6 per stall for sellers (must be booked in advance) for more information see the Radyr and Morganstown Buy-Sell-Swap shop on Facebook or contact Hayley on hayleystone85@gmail.com 10.00am
- 13 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Going, going, gone - talk by Yvonne Rees. OCR 7.30pm
- 16 R&MCC Monthly Meeting 6.30pm



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On behalf of the Radyr committee of the NSPCC I would like to thank the Festival Committee and the Radyr & Morganstown Association for their advice and support during this Festival year when the magnificent sum of £10,000 was raised for children and families in Wales with further funds promised by Radyr Golf Club, who have adopted NSPCC as one of their charities for 2015.

I'm sure very few who attend the Festival have much idea of the amount of planning which goes into running it and of the time and effort given by a small number of individuals year on year. Radyr is very lucky to have such people and would be a much poorer place without them.

Thank you to all who have donated raffle prizes and supported the NSPCC so generously during Festival fortnight. The money raised will go towards funding Childline and other support services provided to children and parents at the charity's centre in Cardiff addressing sexual abuse and drug and alcohol issues in families already struggling in present economic climate and helping vulnerable children suffering from abuse and neglect throughout Wales.

If you are interest in supporting the NSPCC either by donations or taking part in fundraising events you can contact Jan Doody, chairman of the local committee on 029 2084 2478 or the Wales fundraising team on 0203 188 3658 or at walesappeals@nspcc.org.uk

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

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News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

As I write, the Radyr Festival is nearly at an end. As usual, WI members have been supporting many events. The bottle stall at the fete raised £70. for the Festival's named charity, the NSPCC. The General Election has taken place with dramatic results. Our WI has held its own election at our general meeting and many changes have taken place. Our President, Pat Williams, has come to the end of her three year term of office and has stepped down. Enid Brooker, our former social secretary has taken over as President. Thanks go to Pat for her hard work and innovative ideas and we wish Enid good luck in the post. Gaynor Leaf is stepping down as secretary. Her work has been extraordinary and her diligence has been much appreciated. Ginny Jenkins, our former treasurer, is to be secretary and Frankie O'Brien is to be our new treasurer. Many long-standing committee members have stepped down and our thanks go to all of them for the work they have done in recent years. We have three new intrepid volunteers as committee members – Babs Hanson, Liz Bryant and Judy Billington.

The election process took place under the auspices of Carolyn Davies, the Glamorgan Federation Chairman. She was most complimentary about our institute, claiming it was well run, offered a great many activities and interests to members and had a high profile in the community of Radyr. She did, in fact, point out that such a busy institute could benefit from two further committee members. Perhaps two of our newer members could be tempted. Speaking from experience, it's one of the best ways to make friends and to find out what's going

on.

The May meeting was a particularly busy night. It began with the presentation of the WI award to a student from Radyr Comprehensive for outstanding work within the school and the wider community. This year the recipient was Emily Burnett who was able to be present together with members of her family. The Director of Sixth Form, Dr. John Roe, sent a glowing written report of all her activities and achievements, the most important of which was the role of head girl. She gave a very graceful acceptance speech.

We then moved on to the resolution to be put forward at the NFWI centenary Annual General Meeting in the Albert Hall on Thursday, 4th June. The 2015 resolution is "This meeting calls on HM Government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care in the assessment of needs of individuals in order to advance health and well being. Megan Delf and Lesley Hall gave members information on issues arising i.e. assessment funding and care provision and concluded that the proposed resolution be adopted in spite of recognising its limitations. All members agreed to its adoption. Our elections then took place, the outcomes of which were reported earlier and after thanks to everyone, the complex May meeting was concluded successfully thanks to the planning and preparation of all concerned.

We now move on to the summer's planned events which are as follows: Live transmission of the NFWI Centenary AGM at Radyr Golf Club, on Thursday, 4th June Lunch at Arbennig Restaurant, Pontcanna on Tuesday, 23rd June Link group event. Welsh Evening stories and music at King's Road

Church Hall, Pontcanna on Tuesday, 14th July Federation Summer Walk from Rhossili on Monday, 6th July. Our subsidiary groups continue to meet regularly for reading, walking, genealogy, craft and internet learners. However, the backbone of our institute remains the monthly meeting on the second Monday of the month. Our speaker for June will be Dean Powell and his subject will be "Glyn Houston" – a black and white actor. Our monthly speakers are varied and their subject matter wide ranging. At our April meeting, Dr. Helen Lawton from our own Radyr Medical Centre gave us a very informative talk on Dementia Friends. She dispelled misconceptions of dementia e.g. it is not the result of old age but is caused by a disease of the brain. She also illustrated the great variations in its development.

Presentations from able speakers embrace serious and light-hearted subjects throughout the year. In fact, this institute has always tried to offer something for everyone and I'm sure it will continue to do so under its new management.

Should you need further information, visit our website at radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com or phone our new President, Enid Brooker on 029 2084 3412. LH



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PUNCH AND JUDY

As part of the Exhibition to commemorate World War I, Professor Pete Milson will be bringing his traditional Punch and Judy show to the Old Church Rooms on Sunday, 14th June. He will give three different half hour long shows at 12 noon, 1400 and 1500 hrs. Hopefully the weather will be kind and he will be able to set up outside.

This is part of the exhibition to show children what life was like a hundred years ago, they will be able to dress up in clothes of the period, have their photograph taken in an "Aunt Sally" and make the kind of toys their ancestors played with.

The Radyr & Morganstown Association will be providing a Bar and BBQ on the Sunday so why not come and make a day of it.

The Exhibition, entitled Radyr & Morganstown at Peace and War, 1914-18 will run from Friday, 12th June to Sunday, 14th. Inside will be a fine collection of medals, equipment post cards and photographs. Find out about Radyr's World War One fighter pilot and where the Read Cross Hospital was, see a four foot model of a Sopworth one and a half Strutter. You will also be able to research your families' military history.

A leaflet inside this edition of The Chain will give you more details of opening times etc.



CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Pork Tenderloin wrapped in Parma Ham

Quick and very tasty. Serves 4

2 x 225g (8oz) pork tenderloin
[English free range if possible]

259g Mascarpone [or crème fraiche]

1 large lemon – rind and juice

2 tsp dried sage or small bunch fresh

110g (4oz) Parma ham

Seasoning

Sage leaves to serve

Preheat oven – 200C, 400F or Gas 6

Mix together Mascarpone, lemon rind, sage and seasonings.

Cut incisions along the tenderloins, approx. 1/2" apart.

Do not cut all the way through.

Fill the pockets with 1/2 the Mascarpone mixture.

Wrap the pork with Parma Ham.

Place tenderloins in small roasting tin

Roast in oven for 30 minutes.

Remove from tin and allow to rest in the warm, covered with foil

Make the sauce.

Place roasting tin over medium heat, add remaining Mascarpone mixture with lemon juice.

Stir until well combined.

Cut pork into diagonal slices to serve accompanied with sauce and garnish.

A.M.P.

NOTE

We apologise for the omission of 2 level tsp of baking powder in the Sultana Cake recipe. We hope it did not lead to disaster.

MARY ROSE

The R&M History Society are visiting the Mary Rose Museum on Thursday, 25th June. Coach and entry to the Museum, which includes a boat tour of Portsmouth's Historic Dockyard, is £28. AND THERE ARE STILL A FEW PLACES AVAILABLE. The coach will leave Radyr at 8.15am, returning about 9pm. For more details, phone Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

The Mary Rose sank off Southsea Castle in full view of the French fleet and King Henry VIII on 19th July, 1545, in a battle in the Solent in which a French fleet, larger than the Spanish Armada, was attacking the English fleet. Nobody knows why the thirty five year old Tudor warship sank; it might have been that she was carrying too much armament. A sudden gust of wind caused her to keel over and take in water through her gun ports. Most of the five hundred plus sailors and soldiers on board were caught below decks and drowned, their shouts could be heard from the shore, only 35 survived. As she went down so suddenly she has become a Tudor



time capsule, claimed by some to be "better than Pompeii" because the silt of the Solent preserved her. Not only do you get the feeling of a fighting ship but you also get the everyday living arrangements of the crew and soldiers, their cooking and sleeping arrangements and the games they played in the boring hours between engagements.

She was re-discovered in 1971 and raised in 1982. The work was so exacting that new techniques of underwater archaeology were needed to salvage and preserve this incredible Tudor treasure trove. A new Museum was built around her which opened in 2013 and which was voted the Museum of the Year in 2014.

A BIG fruity thank you from FRUITYLICIOUS EDIBLE BOUQUETS

Hello again.... My name is Fiona and as some of you already know, I have a quirky local business called *Fruitylicious* based in Morganstown. I make edible bouquets from fresh fruit and strawberries dipped in Belgian chocolate!

I can't believe it is actually three years since Fruitylicious attended our very first RMA Fete and our first interview with the 'intrepid reporters' appeared in the Radyr Chain!!

A lot has happened since then...

Our first (and only!) fruit bouquet back then was the Chocolate Sunny Days (with pineapple daisies, juicy fresh cantaloupe, galia and watermelon wedges, citrusy orange and kiwi pieces, tasty grapes and of course delicious chocolate strawberries!) But now our range has expanded into quite a fruity menu! There's always the nutritious and delicious fruity option but for a real indulgent treat, our most popular arrangement is the Chocolate Strawberry Sensation made of 30 yummy strawberries attached to skewers, like stalks, coated in rich Belgian chocolate and arranged into a

mouth-watering bouquet! YUUUUM! A treat for your eyes AND your tastebuds!

From Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary and Congratulations to Get Well, Good Luck and just Thank You, we now deliver our fruity creations all around Cardiff and supply 7 tier chocolate strawberry towers, edible table centrepieces and chocolate strawberry favours for weddings across South Wales.

But it would not have been the same without the friends we have made along the way. Particularly Dawn and Jo, the lovely ladies in The Orchard who have sprung to my rescue on several occasions, lending their beautiful vintage cake stands for displaying chocolate strawberries and stationery dispensers for leaflets!!! What are friends for?! And a big shout out to all the girls in Salon Nia, who have supported and promoted Fruitylicious from the very beginning and been lovely customers too! And it doesn't end there. As our little business has grown, and I have been busy on deliveries around Cardiff I realised we needed a 'collection point'. One of my Radyr customers suggested Pugh's Garden Village! Genius. I spoke to Pedro, the Manager at the Tynant Farm Shop and now Fruitylicious customers can collect their fruity creations from there. Pedro has

even agreed to take Fruitylicious orders too. Thank you! And hopefully some extra new business for our local Farm shop too.

So as you can imagine, we outgrew the family kitchen (trying to get chocolate strawberries to set in a south facing kitchen, in the summer, as the kids piled in after school was no mean feat!!) I gave up on that and expanded into the garage...! We had a fab local builder to convert the space into the Fruity Kitchen – complete with THREE sinks (yes, really!) masses of counter space, two fridges and a portable air con unit!!! We were inspected by the Food Standards Agency – and received the highest rating - Level 5 - Very Good - Da Lawn. Hooray!

So, I'm very pleased to report that this little local business is happy. We'd like to thank all our loyal Radyr and Morganstown friends for your continued support and wish you a very fruity summer!

If you'd like to find out more about Fruitylicious we can be contacted on 029 2084 4219 or via our brand new website www.fruitylicious.co.uk

If it's fruity and delicious, it must be Fruitylicious!

News from Radyr Primary School – May 2015

We have been very fortunate to welcome a wide range of visitors to school over recent weeks.

In February we had a fascinating visit from Rentokil UK (Rentokil UK are visiting schools across the UK with every mile travelled converting into cash donations for the Malaria No More charity). Our visitors used swabs to outline to our Foundation Phase children the importance of washing our hands thoroughly and in the afternoon, they opened the Pestaurant to Key Stage Two pupils, introducing Entomophagy (insect eating) and the reasons why insects may well be a sustainable and nutritious food source option in the future. The children identified parts of the world where entomophagy is popular before sampling some of the snacks on offer which included cheddar cheese mealworms, bacon and cheese crickets and for those with a simpler more sensitive palette, plain roasted crickets and locusts. Delicious!



Parent and Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr Mustafa visited Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to explain the work he carries out 'fixing children's heads' following accidents on pushbikes. Dr Mustafa used a video experiment to show the huge difference a cycle helmet can make should a head meet a solid object.

The Magistrates in the Community brought the courtroom into our Year 6 classrooms to consider the case of criminal damage to a wind turbine. The jury returned a guilty verdict resulting in 200 hours community

service and damages for the amount of £1200 awarded to the energy company.

Debbi Evans (author of The Secret Society of Dragon Protectors) returned to talk to our Key Stage Two pupils about her new adventure series 'The Secret Adventures of Rolo' and representatives from the British Transport Police talked to the whole school about the dangers of playing near railway lines.

During National Science Week, we enjoyed visits from Mr Russill who outlined the possibilities created through 3D mapping (which included a 3D map of our school hall and main entrance), Mrs Lear who introduced pupils to the topic of fossils, Dr White-Cooper who outlined her work on genetics, Mr Dishaw who introduced pupils to the world of geology, Mr Sommers who examined the science of flight, Mr Jones who carried out a range of scientific experiments culminating in a giant (yet controlled) explosion, Carillion who will built cranes with Y6, Mrs Constantine who will be explored biodegradable materials and Mrs Clapham who explained the science behind rockets.

Mr Thomas (our science co-ordinator) even managed to arrange a Solar Eclipse for the end of the week which the children watched through safety glasses.

The RSPB visited Y5 to carry out a survey of the school grounds and to assess the school's bio-diversity. The children counted plant and animal species and noted animal tracks and then analysed the data to create a report on the range of life choosing to inhabit our school grounds.

Caddyman visited school in March to present Catrin (Y5) with her prize for her winning recipe as part of the Really Rubbish Campaigns drive to reduce food waste.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome Great Grandma Mrs Rhidian Williams into school on VE Day. Mrs Williams kindly volunteered to share her



experiences of the Day and life during WWII with Year 5. Mrs Williams explained that whilst VE Day itself was a day of celebration, the overwhelming feeling was that of relief, relief that the hardships of the war would never happen again. The children were fascinated to learn about life during the war, paying particular interest to the 'Gravy Browning on the Legs' trick. Mrs Williams brought the past to life and it really was very worthwhile for the children.

A huge thank you to all of our visitors for giving up their time to enrich our pupils' learning.

Events:

In March, the children dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day and shortly afterwards they wore 'funny faces' to show their support for children in need. The school also hosted its first 'Stand Up Comedy Awards' which was a great success. The school raised £401.29 for the charity.

Olivia, Bobby and Ollie (Y5) took part in the 'Public Speaking Competition' at Howells School. The trio held debate on the topic of school meals and were judged by representatives from the English Speaking Council.

17 teams of girls visited Radyr Primary School for a football festival in April. It was a fabulous afternoon enjoyed by all who took part and we were delighted that our Year 4 girls won the 'Fair Play' award for their smiles and enthusiasm throughout. *continued*

The Radyr Festival Parade was a spectacle of colour. We opened and closed the parade with a fabulous display of Taiko drumming on the Saturday and then on the Monday, following a tiring fun run, we joined dancers from Bryn Deri at Windsor Gardens to entertain the Festival Queen and her attendants.

On the final Saturday of the parade, our choir and Only Boys Aloud group along with the school rock bands entertained the crowds at the Concert in the Park.

Our Y6 pupils enjoyed a fabulous week at the Stackpole Outdoor Education Centre canoeing, climbing, biking and working to improve the natural grounds around the centre which resulted in each pupil receiving the John Muir Award for showing awareness and responsibility for the national environment.

Congratulations:

During the Spring and Summer Terms we gave our congratulations to a wide range of talented children who played, swam, ran, rode and threw their way to success in their spare time. The congratulations included



Bethany (Y5) who has been selected to represent Wales for U12 Girls' Cricket.

Harvey and Jack who recently became Welsh Champions winning the DC Thomas Cup at the Millennium Stadium with Cardiff and the Vale Rugby.

Orla who also became a Welsh Champion with Whitchurch Girls' Hockey Team playing the final of the Welsh Cup in Wrexham.

Seb (Y2), Harry D, Harry B, Caroline, Evie and Lottie (Y3) and Rhys and Jago (Y4), were awarded their Chief Scout Award by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff.

And finally Jessica (Y6), Ollie (Y5), Cerys (Y4), Harry (Y3), Indiana (Y2), Holly (Y1) and Lily (Reception) who took first place for Radyr Primary School in the Festival Literary Competition.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council **Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan**



We have said goodbye to two councillors in the last few months. Judith Marsh has given many years dedicated service to the community, taking a special interest in planning, the LDP, the quarry and worked on the One Voice Wales national committee. David Silver has also served the community for many years, and continues to do so as Chairman of the RMA. He was Chairman of R&MCC three times and Vice Chairman four times and led on the Village Plan. We thank them for all their hard work and dedication. It is greatly appreciated.

We welcome Ralph Vaughan and Fiona Dubberley as new councillors

and look forward to working with them.

As to the LDP, we are waiting for the extra public consultation over six weeks on the Matters Arising Changes Schedule. This will be our very last opportunity to influence the LDP. The Inspector's report is expected towards the end of the year. We will publicise the consultation as soon as we hear.

We have agreed to move ahead with plans to refurbish and extend the OCR in Park Road and are finalizing details with our project manager.

You will see elsewhere in this issue an invitation to our WW1 centenary commemoration exhibition over the weekend of June 12-14. We are very excited about all the information that has come forward from the community and are extremely grateful for all the loans and to the project team who are working so hard. **Helena Fox** - Clerk to R&MCC

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The Sunshine Boys



If you missed the Radyr Drama Society's recent production of *The Sunshine Boys* in April, you missed a treat – and I suspect many of you did miss it as there was only a 'select audience' on the (first) night I attended.

The Sunshine Boys, by Neil Simon, has what looks at first glance a tedious plot – two cantankerous old vaudeville players, Willie Clark (played by Neil Davies) and Al Lewis (played by Roger Page) being forced out of retirement for a final showing of their most famous skit, the 'Doctor sketch'. The two sparring partners hate each other, blame one another for breaking up the act eleven years before and haven't really spoken in all that time. Willie's nephew and would-be agent, Ben Silverman, (played by Mike Gelder) tries to get the pair together again for a CBS show on the history of comedy.

Doesn't sound good does it? However, Neil and Roger were a tour de force, making the most of this fantastic comedy. Originally produced on Broadway, the leading roles were played on the London stage by Danny DeVito and Richard Griffiths and on film by George Burns and Walter Matthau – famous names but Neil and Roger were their equals.

The first act was largely and endless string of perfectly timed and very rapid 'one-liners' as the two protagonists tried to score points off each other. The pace was relentless and we were all in fits of laughter; I could have sworn the spirit of Groucho Marx was alive on stage. Even when they were not firing at each other, Gill Evans' superb direction brought humour out of every corner even in the simple acts of making a cup of tea or rearranging chairs. Mike Gelder's role of Ben was wonderfully observed with just the right balance between attempts at conciliation and outbursts of exasperation providing the perfect background to the humour and mayhem all around.

The set, expertly built as ever by Dave Burgess, Raymond Rivron and Allan Cook as a rather seedy New York hotel room, was just the right backdrop to the action. Raymond, with his great eye for detail and authenticity,



produced the photos on the wall, the askew Venetian blinds, the Warhol-like string of Campbell soup tins, the badly-functioning TV set and the bolts on the door – the last providing yet more basis for humour. The expertise of Tony Watson (Sound) and Wayne Brewer (lighting) controlled some tricky situations seamlessly.

The second act opened out the action into the CBS studio (by cleverly building an inner set inside the hotel room) and introduced us to a raft of other characters. I must mention all their names as there was not a weak link amongst them. – Graham Pearce as 'The Patient' said virtually nothing but looked so professionally miserable that you had to laugh; Brian Willis and Helen Blundell played the exasperated CBS TV Director and his assistant; Ian Ogden was more than convincing as 'The Announcer'. Gill made Brian and Ian part of the action as opposed to just being 'voices off'; a nice touch. Bev Jones played 'The Nurse' in what must be one of the most outrageous costumes seen in Morganstown Village Hall and Nicky Webber was formidable as 'The Registered Nurse' who came to look after Willie in the final part. Everyone held their American accents convincingly – not an easy thing to do – and no-one spotted a single fluffed line. Amazing, given the pace and intensity of the first night action.

Having praised everyone, I must return to the two main players, Neil and Roger, and notably Neil. Roger has been in many RDS plays, in many roles and is always superb. This was a first outing for Neil with the RDS and he was dominant in the role. Making humour real – and funny – is not for the faint hearted. It requires timing, positioning, facial expression and even sensitivity. Neil was on stage for the whole show with no lapses of concentration; his performance was riveting. Very, very well done.

Gill Evans (assisted by Sheila Phillips) must have been very proud of the

performance and I whole-heartedly congratulate them and the RDS on what must be one of their best productions. As I said at the beginning, not many attended the first night. If you did miss the show, make sure you book tickets early for the RDS' next show in November.

MERCHED Y WAWR BRO RADUR

Nos Fercher Mai 6ed cynhaliwyd ein Cyfarfod Blynnyddol dan Lywyddiaeth Carys Puw Williams. Cawsom adroddiad ffafriol am ein sefyllfa ariannol gan y Trysorydd Jean Sailsbury. Diolchwyd i'r holl Swyddogion am eu gwaith trylwyr yn ystod y flwyddyn, a dymunodd yn dda i'r Swyddogion newydd am 2015/16.

Brethyn Cartref oedd thema'r noson a chawsom gyfraniad gan ddwy o'n haelodau sy' wedi symud i'r ardal yn ddiweddar.

Daeth Hafwen Roberts atom o Lanfair Caereinion. Soniodd am ei bywyd cynnar yn ardal Hen Golwyn, ei dyddiau yn y Coleg Normal cyn priodi a symud i nifer o ardaloedd yn cynnwys Lerpwl a Bethesda ac erbyn hyn Pontypridd. Gweithiodd yn ddiflino dros y Gymraeg yn yr holl ardaloedd, trwy'r Mudiad Meithrin, yr Ysgolion Cymraeg a Merched y Wawr. Dangosodd Hafwen enghreifftiau o'i gwaith llaw cywrain iawn, rhywbeth sy'n rhoi pler mawr iddi.

Ganwyd a magwyd Linda Gruffudd yn Nhreforus, hi roddodd ail gyfraniad y noson i ni. Soniodd yn gynnes iawn am ei bywyd teuluol clos yn ardal Treforus a'r dylanwad gafodd gweithgareddau Cymraeg Capel y Tabernacl arni, gan enwi yn arbennig y diweddar Barchg. Trebor Lloyd Evans. Soniodd am ei dyddiau yng Ngholeg Cyncoed Caerdydd, cyn dychwelyd i ardal Abertawe fel athrawes mewn nifer o Ysgolion Cynradd Cymraeg a gorffen ei gyrfa drwy sefydlu a dod yn Bennaeth Ysgol Gymraeg Gelli Onnen.

Diolch am y noson hwyliog a difyr gawsom yn dilyn hynt bywydau diddorol ac amrywiol Hafwen a Linda.

Eirlys Davies

Nantgarw China Works and Museum



During the last few years, the nearby Nantgarw China Works and Museum has existed with a large question mark over its future. Many people were unaware of the interesting history of this extensive site where the famous Nantgarw porcelain was produced. It was overgrown and the museum and buildings were gradually falling into a state of disrepair. A few artists continued with classes and studios but in less than ideal conditions.

Now, things are changing. An enthusiastic group of trustees and volunteers are working to bring life back to the site and Museum. It is very exciting to see the remains of the old buildings and kilns emerging from cleared undergrowth. A model on display

in the Museum gives an indication of the extent of the site and how it must have looked when the Nantgarw China Works was in production.

Naturally, this initiative requires funding and the volunteers are keen to promote the facilities offered by the Museum. The Radyr Art Group, for example, in exchange for a donation, recently spent a very pleasant afternoon sketching in the Museum building and outside in the grounds. Tea was provided in the small tea shop.

An interesting programme of events has been arranged by the volunteers. These include Craft and Antique Fairs, children's ceramic workshops, willow making workshops, evening talks and much more. The dates of all these can be seen on the website. <http://nantgarwchinaworksmuseum.co.uk> Tel: 01443 844131.

The Museum is accessed from the A470, Caerphilly turnoff. Sign posting is still an issue yet to be resolved but directions are on the website.

The opening hours are from 10am-4pm, Wednesdays to Sundays. Volunteers are available during these hours to show people around and are very well versed in the interesting history of the Works and the people involved.

This important relic of our industrial past is coming back to life again, thanks to some very hard work by the dedicated supporters and is certainly well worth a visit.

Jane Evans



Radyr & Morganstown Choral Society

Reformed in January 2014 we have now enjoyed giving three concerts in Christ Church Radyr and wish to thank members of the public for your support.

I thought you might like to hear of future plans and a little of what happens during our rehearsals each week. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-9.30 in the New Church Rooms and usually start with vocal 'warm ups'. Firstly breathing in order to feel relaxed and then various technical exercises based upon different vowel sounds, listening to ensure our sound is focused and blending nicely. We work on pitching intervals, hearing the sounds in our head in order to gain confidence in meeting the demands of our repertoire. When we are all warmed up its time to get down to the heart of the evening and explore the musical aspects and how phrasing and characterisation plays a vital part in shaping the music.

Our next concert will not be in June as previously mentioned, but on Saturday, 5th December, when we celebrate the season of Advent with Vivaldi's and John Rutter's Gloria. The programme will be complemented with seasonal music with some well-known carols. Looking further ahead to 2016 and Easter, we are going to sing Handel's Messiah. You might wonder why in Lent? I think it is fair to say that the text of this wonderful work is appropriate at any time of the year and such marvellous music. The members just can't wait to start rehearsals.

So do you sing and read music? Have some choral experience and would enjoy being part of singing the great choral works of Bach, Faure, Handel and Vivaldi, just to mention a few composers? Please be in touch as you would be most welcome to become a member of your local choral society where people sing for enjoyment and make new friends within the community.

I look forward to welcoming you at one of our future concerts or better still, becoming a member.

Peter Esswood – Conductor and Musical Director
esswoodp@hotmail.com

IMAGING 2000 PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

1st Michael Sullivan 2nd Michael Sullivan 3rd Kate Price

DUCK DASH

1st Meggan Rosser 2nd Megan ? 3rd Hilary Mann

FUN RUN

Radyr Primary School

1st Boy Alex Brown
 1st Girl Ella Jackson
 Year 3-4 Girls
 Year 3-4 Boys
 Year 5-6 Girls
 Year 5-6 Boys
 Years 7-9 Girls
 Years 7-9 Boys
 Years 10 -13 Girls
 Years 10 - 13

Bryn Deri Primary School

1st Boy Joe Taylor
 1st Girl Isabel Morgan
 Ammabelle Watt, Gracie Booth, Ceris Griffiths
 Nathan Hill, Danny Saunders, Connor MacNamara
 Alama Hill, Ella Jackson, Isabel Morgan
 Alex Brown, Dena Williams, Joe Taylor
 Nia Riley, Rebecca Kingsbury, Ceris Jones
 Sammy Peacock, Will Jameson, Cian Morgan
 Rhian Jones, Lucy Derwent,
 Boys Harry Thomas, Daniel Mckerlich

Adults

Female

Billie Pritchard
 Eve Davies
 Katja Empson

Male

Mark Eldridge and his dog
 Andy Brown
 Paul Hill

Festival Literary Competition 2015

Radyr Comprehensive School

Results

<i>Year 7 House</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
Gelert	Sophie Thomas	Megan Evans
Dwynwen	Ellie Whelan	Rebecca Kingsbury
Ifor Bach	Joella Wilkins	Joe Nicholls
Llywelyn	Luca Prince	Lily Terry
	Trophy	Sophie Thomas

Radyr Primary School

Results

<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
Year 6	Jessica Fudge	Ella Thomas
Year 5	Ollie Sanders	Isabelle Hardyman
Year 4	Cerys Griffiths	Phoebe Coombs
Year 3	Harry Williams	Meerab Farhan
Year 2	Indiana Rayner	Henry Baldwin
Year 1	Holly Vittle	Ethan Coombs
Reception	Lily Treharne	Elin Russill
	Trophy	Jessica Fudge

Bryn Deri Primary School

Results

<i>Year Group</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
Year 6	William Smith	Holly O'Neill
Year 5	Lyra Page	Reuben de Maid
Year 4	Danny Sullivan	Sharmeeela Bragg
Year 3	Megan O'Neill	Maisy Withers
Year 2	Jacob Thomas	Anais Shepperd
Year 1	Amog Mohan Babu	Lily-May Ions
Reception	Emma Ellery	Grace Riley
	Trophy	William Smith



Festival 2015 "Carnival" in aid of the NSPCC

In the words of our Festival Queen, Isabel Morgan " I was so excited to be chosen as Festival Queen as I knew what a lovely time my sister Grace had when she was Queen in 2012. It all began on a very wet Saturday morning when we had the Carnival Parade! It was a good thing that we had umbrellas, however the rain did not spoil it. Everything went to plan and we had a great morning. Later that night, we had the amazing brass band; they were brilliant.! Monday was a special day as I was crowned and I watched the Maypole dancers and folk dancers from the two primary schools. I ate a lot cake at the Children's Tea Party and more cakes at the Methodist Church prepared by the WI. During the two weeks I have had a lot of wonderful experiences; some of my highlights would be judging the fancy dress at the Gymkhana, getting three beetles at the Beetle Drive and receiving my framed photograph from Mr Sullivan at the Audio Visual Evening. My favourite day has to be the final day of the Festival as it was so much fun. It started with the Duck Dash at Gelynis Farm putting 500 ducks in to the river, then on to the Dog Show where we gave out rosettes and judged the dog with the best tricks and the fancy dress section. In the evening we went to the concert at Christ church with the beautiful singing of the Ardwyn Singers I've had the most amazing experience as Festival Queen; one which I will never forget. I would like to thank Maggie and the Festival Committee for a wonderful 2015 Festival.



With the celebration of 150 years of the Welsh inhabiting Patagonia the theme this year was Carnival. Harry Robinson of the Scarlets graced our Festival Parade and opened the Fete on a cold and damp morning. The fete was largely indoors due to the inclement weather, however this did not stop a number of outdoor activities - Zumba dancers, barbecue, Tenovus gardening stall, cake and the Twinning Bar braving the elements. Indoors were many stalls with the NSPCC providing tea and cakes. Entertainment was provided by Shine Drama Group. Upstairs there was a display of photographs by Imaging 2000 with Mick Sullivan winning the overall competition. The RAF St Athan band provided a good send off with some rousing items at Morganstown Village Hall. The weather improved slightly, on the next day to ensure that the Football Tournament was a great success and a very interesting History Walk around Gwaelod y Garth and the site of the coal mine where 12 men and boys were killed in an explosion.



The inter-denominational service was led by leaders of all faiths and followed by a Community Council Reception where Mrs Fiona



Curtis of NSPCC outlined the work of the charity. Monday brought out the Fun Runners., covering five kilometres around the village. In the afternoon the Festival Queen was crowned by our County Councillor, Rod Mc Kerlich. The maypole and folk dancers performed for the Queen before their visit to Dan y Bryn Cheshire Home and the tea party at Morganstown Village Hall.



Allan Cook excelled once again by organising a number of arts events - Hedd Wyn, Eddie Butler at the Golf Club with his amusing anecdotes regarding Welsh rugby, two lunch time concerts and a superb evening with Karl Daymond giving his performance of "Lowering the tone". Improvising many famous composers he also involved the audience in the revelry with a duet performed with Peter



Borrow. The Tenovus Quiz, which was over subscribed , was won by the R P Music Group in a closely fought out contest. Nick Holmes, the quiz master, kept the evening ticking along with a variety of questions.

CUBE provided the music for the Twinning Jazz Night with Raymond Rivron in fine form.

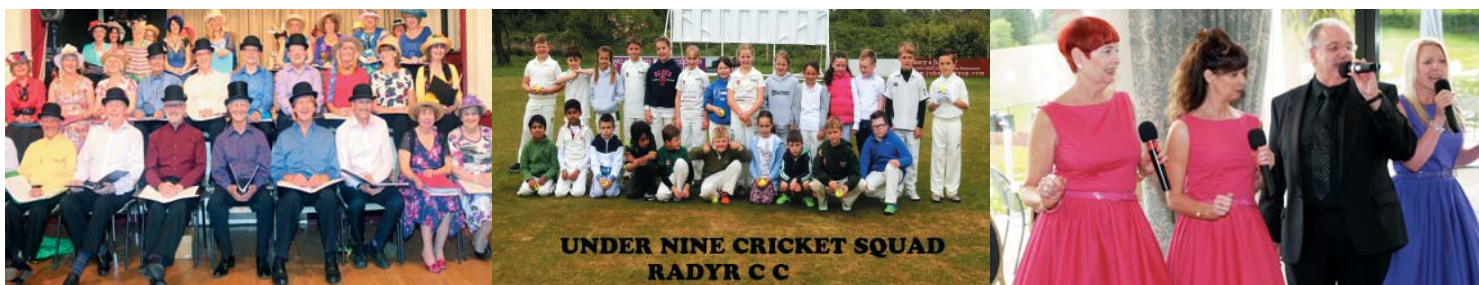
Lots of harmony and improvisation. This group generously gives its time to the community each year. The weather was still a bit iffy and on the Saturday it was touch and go as to whether



the Gymkhana would get finished. The fancy dress competition is always a favourite, judged by the Festival Queen and her attendants.



The Radyr Parish Music Group picked up the theme of the Festival with a Carnival of Music. Gill Evans gave one of her amusing monologues as she got lost in Amsterdam. They all seemed to be in good form, following their successful production of "Pirates of Penzance". Whilst the boys and girls were demonstrating their cricketing skill the Golf Club was hosting a "Hog Roast", but not on the patio. Over 120 enjoyed food, drink and songs from Octave, with music from the 70s and 80s.



Bryn Deri School won the Junior School Boules Tournament on the second Monday of the Festival. A full house shared the emotion of the BAFTA winning film "The Theory of Everything" starring Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones. As already reported the Festival Queen managed to get three beetles in the Beetle Drive at the Guide Hall. The AV Night on the last Friday provided an update of the Festival so far with additional films of "The Pirates of Penzance" and a tribute to the late Robin Jones. An early start on the Saturday to erect two marquees, bar and barbecue along with all the electrics providing the sound equipment for the Concert in the Parc. An excellent crowd turned up to support the local schools bands and choirs, who all gave a first class performance. Ben Powell, a professional tenor and a teacher at Radyr Primary School gave a number of songs from the shows, whilst Jonathan Bussy ably led the "Funk Sinatras" to end a splendid day. As the crowd disappeared the dismantling Team moved in to restore the park area to its original state. Its thanks to the Tennis Club for providing power and to Chris St Leger and Mike for their technical skills. The work to set up this event is quite an effort and its thanks to the volunteers who assisted us - we need more and younger !

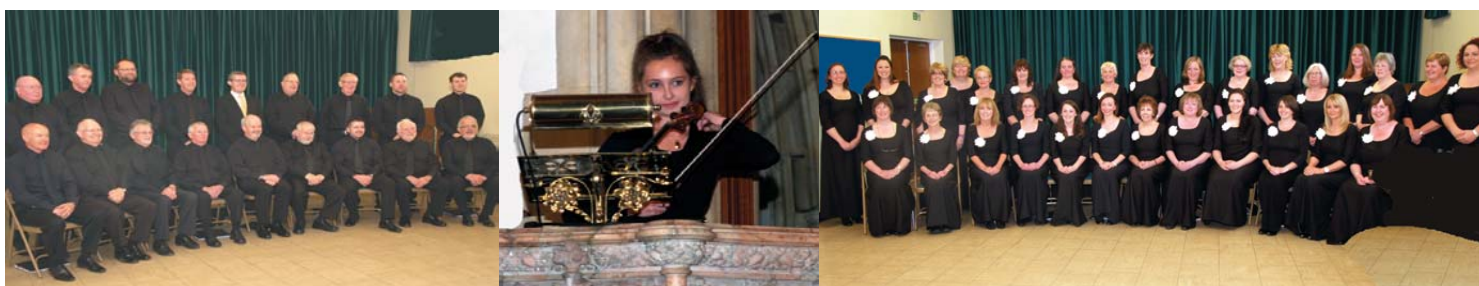


The last Sunday brought another three events. The Duck dash in the morning with 500 ducks being put in the river to swim down stream in a race to Gelynis Farm bridge. The winner was Megan Rosser, followed by Megan from Morganstown and third was Hilary Mann.

Meanwhile the vintage tractors were making their way to Radyr for the Dog Show and Tractor Exhibition. Work was going on setting up the arena in Radyr Sidings along with the bar, barbecue and many other stalls. Laura Morgan, the judge started the unenviable task of selecting the best six from each category. In the end they were all winners. There were a number of stalls around the Show, including members of the new Residents Association for Lychgate Gardens, who are still concerned about the state of the community play area.



Packing everything away for another year the team had to prepare themselves for the evening concert at Christ Church. The Cardiff Ardwyn Singers had agreed to support our village charity NSPCC by performing a concert - "This Shining Light". The Ardwyn Singers is one of Wales's leading mixed choirs, enjoying a reputation for its varied repertoire. A solo performance on violin was given by Alice Howell, a 6th form student from Cardiff High School. She was accompanied on piano by Janice Ball. The choir was led by their conductor David Leggett. A first class way to finish the 2015 Festival. A provisional cheque was presented to the Chairman of the NSPCC for £10,000. This included all the activities of the local committee and the Association since Christmas 2014. Allan Cook, who has been responsible for many years in arranging concerts and theatre events was presented with the Ken Innes Bowl for his professional services to the Festival.



Princesses Olivia wrote:

After 3 years of trying I was excited the day I was chosen for the Festival princess 2015. Ever since I was little I have always enjoyed joining in the Festival parade and dancing around the Maypole. It is no surprise that the day I will always remember and enjoyed the most was the crowning ceremony. The sun was shining and I felt so proud to be part of such a big event - I think I smiled all day. After many photographs we were led out for the Ceremony and to watch the dancing and then on to Dan y Bryn Cheshire Home and back to Methodist Church for cakes. The day ended when we were guests of honour at the children's tea party and lots of little girls wanted to photo us.



Princess Amy wrote:

Having done our hair and a dress fitting, I was excited that the special day was finally here. When we arrived at the Carnival Parade we had our photos taken and we got into the open top car. We drove slowly around the village. It was great to know that once I looked up to the Festival Queen and princesses and wanted to be one, one day.



The NSPCC Committee were out with their collection buckets and selling raffle tickets to help boost the funds. David Silver, Chairman of the Association presented the cheque to Fiona Curtis and Allan receiving the Festival Bowl. It is thanks to our sponsors and advertisers for their support and the Community Council for a grant towards the Carnival Parade and the Concert in the Parc.

Following the Festival Cllr Sue McKerlich was visiting the three schools to present the Literary prizes. Year 7 at the Comprehensive School with an early morning presentation, followed by Bryn Deri Primary School and finally Radyr Primary School. All winners!

Keith John, our local artist, produced a number of drawings for the children at the two primary schools to colour. There were large number of entries with 50 prize winners. These were presented at the two schools at the end of the Festival. Lots more pictures on the various web sites - www.radyr.org.uk Our new Festival website www.rmfestival.org.uk and click on gallery. On facebook - Radyr and Morganstown Hub and our twitter account is @RMHub. Another successful Festival - but we do need more help! - Come and join us next year.

David Cargill - Festival Chairman

FESTIVAL RAFFLE

PRIZE

1. Round of Golf at the Vale Golf Club donated by SET
2. Bed & Breakfast for two at the Park Thistle Hotel
3. £50 voucher donated by Gwaelod y Garth Inn
4. Bottle of Champagne donated by Evans & Jones (Solicitors)
5. Bottle of Sparkling wine donated by MGY Estate Agents
6. Bottle of wine donated by SPAR
7. Bottle of wine donated by Whites, dentists
8. Box of chocolates donated by the staff of Martins
9. Box of Martell Cordon Bleu Cognac + 2 crystal glasses
10. Classic cream tea for 2 donated by Pettigrew Tearooms
11. Dry cleaning voucher donated by Cathedral Dry cleaners
12. Family meal for 4 donated by the Tynant Inn
13. Fire safety and First Aid equipment donated by Prodem Ltd
14. Gift voucher donated by ener-chi
15. Hamper donated by Meinir Evans, Solicitor
16. Large box of Ted Baker toiletries
17. Portable DVD player donated by Thomas Wood, Estate Agents
18. Everyman theatre tickets - Shakespeare
19. Everyman theatre tickets - Musical
20. Toiletries gift set donated by the Co-op Chemists
21. Voucher for lunch donated by Chichetti
22. Voucher for sunglasses donated by Radyr Eye Care
23. Voucher for Headway
24. Voucher donated by Andrew Cox, barber
25. Voucher for cut and finish donated by Solo Hairdressing
26. Voucher for photography
27. Box of cosmetics
28. Box of chocolates
29. Voucher for photography

WINNER

- Mrs J. Fyfe
- Enid Evans
- Les Howells
- Barbarfa Stoneman
- Mrs J. Smith
- A Brunt
- Ann Palmer
- Una Scott
- Val Convery
- Ian Jones
- Dorothy Samuel
- Tony Gutteridge
- Mick Scott
- H. Davison
- Scott Palmer
- Margaret Jones
- Mrs Brierley
- Mrs Ladd
- Linda Willis
- Nia Thomas
- Mark Bowen
- Julie Davies
- L. Davies
- Sue Eades
- Janet Lindsay
- Bob Pearce
- David Bailey
- Ben Cox
- Mrs P Williams

