

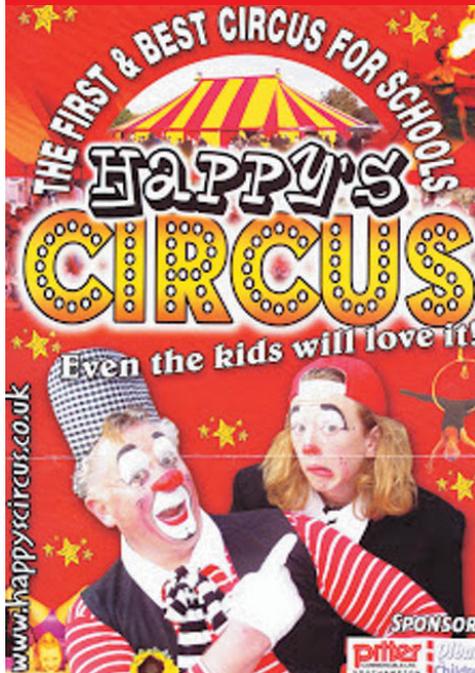
The Circus is Coming to School!

on 17th July 2014 at 6.00pm

at Radyr Primary School, Park Road

Tickets available at £8 per person

Please contact Stephanie on [radyrpta@gmail.com](mailto:radyrpta@gmail.com)



## Radyr beauty crowned Miss Wales



I thought it might be of interest to you, that my daughter, Alice Ford (centre) was crowned Miss Wales 2014 this weekend - she'll go on to represent Wales in the Miss World competition in August. We live in Radyr and Alice attended Rayr comprehensive. Sam Watt (mum!)

## Weekend of the Great Wind!

Gill's Open Garden 2014 will be remembered for the great wind that blew through on the Saturday. The sudden gusts started the gazebo tap dancing but it was manfully held down by the willing visitors. In fact it inspired quite a community spirit as they enjoyed their tea and cakes on the patio.

All was not lost, however, and although it wasn't the best of weather, there were far fewer showers than the 'weatherman walking' had forecast and even some sun on the Sunday. (The only shower we had blew through at quite a speed!)

A huge thank you must go to the support of my neighbours, to the many friends who provided the cakes and served the refreshments, to the generosity of visitors who came to support the event and for the many donations that I have received. A special hug to my grandchildren who organised "Front of House" and sold the plants at knockdown prices!



Everybody's enthusiasm made it a great success and we raised in excess of £1000 for Velindre Cancer Research – My Grateful Thanks.

The pleasure I have from my garden is enormous but I always feel apprehensive of opening it to the scrutiny of others who are far more knowledgeable than I

could ever hope to be – i.e. they can remember the names of their plants!

There are many lovely gardens in Radyr and Morganstown worthy of being opened for the pleasure of visitors. Every gardener has something different to say and every garden has a new delight to share.

*Sunny Days and Green Fingers – Gill x*

# RADYR CHAIN

Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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## Community Raises £6500 for Latch

With the completion of the 2014 Festival a cheque has been presented to the Festival Charity LATCH for £6500. David Silver, chairman of the R&M Association presented a cheque to His Honour Judge Philip Price, Chairman of LATCH, at the Peter Karrie Concert. This payment includes funds raised by the two primary schools, the tennis club, the Christmas tree lighting event and of course the current Festival and the associated Organisations within the village. Thanks to you all!



*As it is a tradition of the Association to present the Ken Innes Bowl to a supporter of the Association and helper during the Festival, David Silver presented the bowl to Chris Dale for his services for providing music and sound equipment at the Christmas event and the Fete.*

## Running the London Marathon



Back in September last year, I received a letter from the Virgin Marathon organisers that I had been accepted to run the 2014 London Marathon, which was quite surprising, since I hadn't actually, on this occasion, applied! Due to the huge numbers of people applying each year, the organisers arrange a ballot and having applied previously three times and been rejected, I'd given up. However, my daughter decided that she wanted to run this event and applied without telling me, for both of us. The only problem with her arrangement was that unfortunately she was rejected!

She then arranged for an entry place through the Micro and Anophthalmic

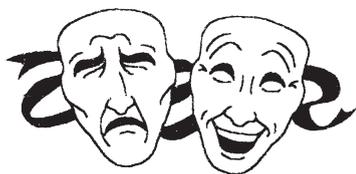
Children's Society (MACS) who are a very small charity supporting around 500 families across the UK who have children born without eyes or severely malformed eyes. For more information, see [www.MACS.org.uk](http://www.MACS.org.uk)

For this place we had to guarantee to raise £1,250. – which we both agreed to work to raise together.

Having previously run a number of half marathons, we both thought we were aware of what was needed to attain the fitness levels required. However, what we didn't really account for was the time needed to reach those levels. Our training schedule started immediately in the New Year and we increased the distance by one mile each week from the start base of around ten miles until by the end of March we reached our end goal of 22 miles in a single run. By this

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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)

### June

- 6 French Visitors arrive from our Twin village of St.Philbert De Grand Lieu will arrive at OCR approx 6pm for the weekend 6.00pm
- 9 French visitors from St Philbert De Grand Lieu depart for home 8am approx. 8.00am
- 9 Radyr & Morganstown WI. The Japanese way of life by Midori Pritchard. Old Church rooms 7.30pm
- 11 Railway Correspondence & Travel Society Looking Back by Society President Hugh Gould. A wide ranging look back at trains and other forms of vintage transport. Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 12 NSPCC coffee morning to be held at Radyr Golf Club - cakes, tombola, jewellery, bedding plants, raffle. Tickets £2 10.30am
- 13 Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society. A visit to the Houses of Parliament, which will include both chambers and Westminster Hall. Optional extra Whithall Banqueting Hall. Coach £17. For more details contact Allan Cook on 20843176 or at [cookatradyr@fastail.fm](mailto:cookatradyr@fastail.fm) Limited availability. 8.30am
- 16 R&M ASSOCIATION General Meeting Come and hear Simon Davison talk about his life with the Welsh National Opera Orchestra. Old Church Rooms. All residents of Radyr & Morganstown are eligible to be members of the Association and are invited to attend. 7.30pm
- 21 Radyr Primary School Summer Fayre Everyone is welcome. BBQ, many stalls and a ZOO. Adult entry £1, children FREE. 2.00-5.00pm
- 26 VOCA LYRICA CHOIR - BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, U.S.A. The Choir are on a Performance Tour of the United Kingdom. They are visiting Cardiff and RADYR METHODIST CHURCH will be hosting the Concert. Admission by ticket only. Tickets are £7 to include light refreshments. Available from Angela Williams 20419651; Pauline Tang [pctt@tesco.blackberry.com](mailto:pctt@tesco.blackberry.com); Audrey Brierley and Gill Phillips (Radyr Methodist Church Stewards) 7.00pm
- 29 Tenovus Sponsored Walk along the Taff Trail from Cardiff Castle to Radyr for free Strawberry Tea for all sponsored walkers. Please ring 20842096 for sponsor forms. 2.00pm
- 29 Strawberry Tea at New School Rooms Radyr. Tickets £5 adults £2.50 children. Please ring

- 20842887 3.15pm
- July
- 5 Radyr Woods working party meet in Taff Terrace car park - weather permitting. 9.00pm
- 5 Bryn Deri Primary School Summer Fayre 2014 All welcome to come and enjoy a variety of stalls and activities as well as support a local primary school. The fun starts at 10 am and ends at 12 noon. Entrance £1 (16 yrs & under free) 10.00am
- 6 Family Fun Church (New Venue) Children of all ages, with accompanying adult(s), are invited to join us in our new venture: FAMILY FUN CHURCH. Every first Sunday afternoon of the month for fun, craft, Bible story and song, plus refreshments. From 4pm to 5.15pm at Christchurch URC/Methodist Church, Pwllmelin Road, Fairwater 4.00pm
- 14 Radyr & Morganstown WI. Science Today by Wendy Sadler. Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 17 Happy's Circus is coming to town!!! Please join the pupils, parents and staff at Radyr Primary school as we welcome a very special event! Happy Circus is touring Circus coming to Radyr for just one night. Tickets available from [radyrpta@gmail.com](mailto:radyrpta@gmail.com) £8 p/h. All welcome - tickets must be bought in advance

## VOCA LYRICA CONCERT @ RADYR METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday, 26th June, 2014 at 7pm  
Admission by ticket only: £7.00 with light refreshments

Tickets are available from Angela Williams (029 2041 9651)

Pauline Tang  
([tang.pctt@tesco.blackberry.com](mailto:tang.pctt@tesco.blackberry.com)),  
Audrey Brierley and Gill Phillips  
(stewards)

Voca Lyrica, founded in 2001 by Artistic Director Virginia Kerwin, is committed to sharing the beauty of the choral art with Big Rapids and the Western Michigan area and to supporting music education in the schools and community through concerts and various programming events. The group is on a performance tour of the British Isles. They are visiting Cardiff and Radyr Methodist Church will be hosting the Concert.

Come and join us for an outstanding evening with the Choir. You will be thrilled with the quality of the music and the fellowship.

## PENTYRCH OPEN GARDENS

Saturday & Sunday  
5th & 6th July, 2014  
10.00am to 5pm  
(Sunday 11.00am start)

Around twenty gardens in the village of Pentyrch will be open on the weekend of 5th and 6th July. Pentyrch Open Gardens was started in the year 2000 and the event was such a success that it has now become an annual fixture, with many regular visitors returning year after year. Come for a great day out in this pretty hilltop village of Pentyrch, which nestles at the foot of Garth Mountain, opposite Castell Coch, just outside Cardiff.

Our gardens vary from tiny bijoux spaces to broad expanses with stunning views, from exotic jungles to manicured lawns with formal bedding schemes. There are vegetable patches, traditional cottage gardens and family gardens – something to suit everyone's taste in a garden. Some have been Cardiff in Bloom winners and NGS "Yellow Book" participants. All of them have enthusiastic owners.

Start your visit at Pentyrch Village Hall (post code CF15 9QR) which will be signposted off Bronllwyn. This is where you can buy your programme and map (£6. per person; children are free).

There will be several refreshment opportunities, one of which, the Village Hall, will be serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. A free minibus service will circulate around the village at regular intervals to help you to get from garden to garden, should you need it.

A wide variety of plants will also be on sale in one of the gardens.

More information can be found by visiting the website [www.pentyrchopengardens.co.uk](http://www.pentyrchopengardens.co.uk) or phone 029 2089 1337. Half of the profits of the Pentyrch Open Gardens will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, the other half will be used for community projects in Pentyrch.

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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## The Radyr Court



Work has started to restore this very old building back to something exciting and good, hosting a coffee shop, quality restaurant, bar and private function suite.

**Snippets of history; Did you know?** The name **DANESCOURT** comes from **DANES**brook Manor and Radyr **COURT** farm of which is now The Radyr Court. In 1469 Thomas Mathew, the third or fourth son of Sir David Mathew (died 1484) of Llandaf, inherited the land through marriage to Catherine, heiress of Radyr, and built Danesbrook manor house on the site of what is now The Radyr Court pub. The house was used as a court and although it was largely destroyed by a fire in the 19th century, **the three large dungeons** survived and can still be seen at the Inn. On Thomas' death shortly before 1470, his lands passed to his eldest son David and then to his younger son William Mathew (died 1528), who was knighted by King Henry VII at the **Battle of Bosworth** in 1485. Sir William accompanied Henry VIII to the Field of the Cloth of Gold in 1520. His successor was his eldest son Sir George Mathew who became MP for Glamorgan constituency and in 1545 Sheriff of Glamorgan.

Sir George created a deer park that partially caused the decline of the family fortune, as it ranged so far north of Radyr that it caused the previous income from tenant farmers to cease when they were evicted from their farms. He also had 24 children, (he was more fertile than the land his tenants farmed) eight of whom were illegitimate. Many were daughters and Sir George needed large sums of money for their dowries. On his death Sir George's lands passed to his eldest son William, who also became a Member of Parliament and invested in the Pentyrch ironworks. This was an astute move as feudalism was giving way to early industrialisation. William's

descendants inherited a diminishing fortune. Captain George Mathew, the last of the family to live in Radyr, married Elizabeth Poyntz and the couple departed from Radyr to live on her estates at Thurles in County Tipperary (apparently it's a long way to....), Ireland during 1625.

Radyr's new owner was a wealthy landowner, Sir Edward Lewis who was knighted by James I. Sir Edward owned St Fagans Castle and its surrounding lands, scene of the Battle of St Fagans in the **English Civil War**. The Lewis fortune passed to Elizabeth Lewis, who married the Other Windsor, 3rd **Earl of Plymouth**, the principal landowner in Cardiff, Penarth and Barry. A survey in 1766 shows that the Plymouth family owned the freeholds of most of Radyr. It continues to do so today.

The probable reason the house was built where it is, is because of "*In the parish is a spring of very cold water, called Y Pistyll Goleu, "the bright water-spout," issuing from the side of a hill, under a considerable depth of earth over a limestone rock: it has by some writers been termed mineral"* and sure enough under an unassuming manhole cover in a garden we have discovered a very old stone well down to the underground spring. Tastings commence soon???

Dick and Steve, (local lads) with the guidance of a cool designer Tim Rice are sympathetically and professionally injecting new life into this grand old building and will be opening this quality venue this summer (2014). Lots of jobs are available and further releases will be made nearer opening.

A comprehensive website [www.radyrcourt.co.uk](http://www.radyrcourt.co.uk) will be published very soon and we would like to offer the residents of Radyr and Morganstown a very warm welcome.

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Chocolate and Cherry or Blackcurrant Muffins

Very rich and indulgent muffins. I like to use frozen blackcurrants and you hit that gorgeous fruit when you take a bite. Makes 15.

Heat oven 200C or Gas 6

200g (7oz) softened unsalted butter

150g (5oz) caster sugar

4 medium eggs

200g (7oz) strong white flour

1 1/2 tsp baking powder

Pinch salt

Splash milk

150g (5oz) dark chocolate, chopped

470g jar pitted morello cherries drained or

200g (7oz) frozen blackcurrants

Place paper cases in muffin tray or line muffin moulds with scrunched squares of parchment.

Cream butter and sugar together until light

Gradually beat in eggs

Sift flour, baking powder and salt

Fold into mixture with milk

Add chocolate and two thirds fruit

Share between paper cases

Press remaining fruit into surface

Bake for 15-20 minutes until golden and firm

Sieve a little icing sugar over to serve

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## IMPROVING AWARENESS TO HELP THOSE WITH DEMENTIA

Dementia is a very real challenge for some of us as we age. One in three of us will have a form of dementia at the time of our deaths and currently one in five people over the age of 80 has dementia. By 2021, the number of people with the condition in Wales is projected to increase by almost a third, but it could rise by as much as 44% in some rural areas. The Welsh Government has invested more than £130m in capital funding to provide new elderly mental health facilities across Wales.

The National Dementia Vision for Wales, which is now part of the Together for Mental Health strategy sets out the Welsh Government's commitment to provide support for people in Wales with dementia and their families. It identifies priorities, including early diagnosis and more timely interventions and improving information and support for people with dementia and their carers.

Lifelong learning in the health and social care field in contemporary Wales goes far beyond the narrow confines of the workplace. It is known that making life as good as it can be for some of our most disadvantaged fellow citizens depends upon changing the attitudes of society at large. Nowhere is that more true than in the field of mental health. The third sector has an especially important part to play in helping to change attitudes and challenge stigma.

As the vast majority of people with dementia live in the community, this is a good place to start. Having dementia-friendly and supportive environments – for example in local shops, cafes, libraries or leisure facilities – where people understand dementia, is at the heart of this.

Sadly, less than half of people with dementia say that they feel part of their local community. Last month, the Alzheimer's Society launched their Dementia Friends Wales programme. In an effort to tackle the social isolation often experienced by people living with dementia, this programme aims to make people aware of and understand more about dementia; raise awareness of available help and support amongst people with dementia and their carers;

and to help people with dementia feel included in their community, be more independent and have more choice and control over their lives.

The Alzheimer's Society wants 4,000 people in Wales to attend a Dementia Friends session by 2015. A dementia friend is someone who takes part in an information session and learns more about what it's like to live with dementia. They are then able to turn this understanding into practical action which can help someone with dementia in their community. Both Kevin Brennan MP and I are strong supporters of the campaign to create dementia friendly communities in Wales.

It provides a set of learning opportunities for anyone willing to be part of this collective effort. That can be from something as small as going along to a short information session, through to becoming a Dementia Friends Champion which involves encouraging others to make a positive difference to people living with dementia in the local community.

**Anyone interested in this can visit the Dementia Friends website at:  
[www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk),  
email  
[dementiafriendlycommunities@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:dementiafriendlycommunities@alzheimers.org.uk) or call 029 2048 0593.**

## NEWS FROM RADYR & MORGANSTOWN WI

As I write, Radyr is now in the last few days of the Festival and as is usual at this time of the year, WI members have been around the community supporting many events and this year, providing excellent tea and cakes at the crowning ceremony on May Day Bank Holiday Monday. £150. was raised at this event for the children's cancer charity, Latch.

Throughout this busy time in the village, WI has maintained its own programme of events. Our April meeting was a very interesting talk and power point presentation by Peter Elkington of the RSPB about the Newport Wetlands, a nature reserve created in 2000, which is three times the size of Slimbridge. Entry is free and it boasts wonderful estuary views, extensive reed beds, shops, cafes and play and picnic areas. In fact, a good venue for a family day out in the school holidays.

Our May meeting was our Annual Meeting and Resolutions. This is a very challenging meeting for the President and the Committee but it was well planned and went smoothly. The meeting began with the resolution. The proposal to be put forward for debate at the National AGM (held in Leeds this year on 7th June) is Increasing Organ Donation. The NFWI call on every member of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known and to encourage families and friends and members of their local communities to do likewise. Megan Dey gave a very moving speech on the proposed resolution and all members present agreed to its adoption. We then moved on to the Annual Meeting. Some committee members have stepped down and new people have joined. The changes will be more fully reported when the roles of the new committee have been finalised. However, Pat Williams remains as President and Gaynor Leaf as Secretary. On behalf of members, I wish them well for the coming year and thank all committee members for the work completed in what has been a varied, busy and successful year. The Glamorgan Federation Adviser who oversaw the meeting was extremely impressed by the variety of activities offered and by the professional way in which the Institute was run. She was very complimentary.

Later this month on 22nd May, we have a lunch club meal at Junction 28 Restaurant and we have a link group event on 25th June in Morganstown Village Hall comprising an afternoon tea and a talk "Five Boys and a Pasty" by John Sheen. Our June meeting is on Monday the 9th at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr. The Speaker will be Midori Pritchard on "The Japanese Way of Life". All visitors are welcome.

The next Chain article, due on 15th July, will contain our "End of term report", by which time Radyr will have resumed its normal routines with the festival behind us for another year.

Should you need to find out more about us, our email address is  
Mail to :  
[radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com](mailto:radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com)

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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR MAY 2014

**Bus Service:** I have raised the reduced bus service at Council and at Environment Scrutiny; I stated that this cut will save little or no money but will create hardship; other Councillors in north Cardiff agreed with my concerns. It was agreed that Ramesh Patel, Cabinet Member for transport, be asked to write to Welsh Government and Cardiff Bus to point this out. It was also agreed to ask Cardiff Bus Commercial Director to appear before committee to explain rationale of each imposed cut. I have asked that the redundant bus shelter at Ynys Bridge be moved to Lougher Estate and I have obtained agreement to my suggestion of an additional bus stop on Bryn Derwen. I point out that the new 66 service operates in the morning and does give a service to Morganstown; it also gives connection to Canton.

**NatWest:** I raised closure with UK Chief Executive of NatWest and received an explanation but no change of policy. With other local representatives I met Rhian Head, Local Director and Mark Douglas, Regional Director for Wales on Tuesday, 20th May. We pointed out that the closure is contrary to assurances given two years ago and that it is premature given the current lack of alternative facilities for paying-in. We did get some concessions but on the substantive point of closure they were immovable.

**Post Office:** I have sent a detailed letter in reply to consultation document about proposed changes which seem perverse as they give a worse service without making any obvious financial saving.

**Road Repairs:** I have asked for an immediate assessment of repair to Craig Hir which is of poor quality and this is being done. The damaged areas on Llantrisant Road have been repaired and the area near Ynys Bridge is about to be done. I have reported many pot holes and these have been repaired.

**Pavement of Heol Isaf:** Last year I arranged a site visit with a highways engineer so that he could hear the concerns of Cheshire Home residents about the risk of being diverted in a wheelchair on to Heol Isaf. Martin, a resident, pointed out the numerous hazards and the current repair is intended to address the worse of these.

**Local Development Plan:** Later this month we shall see the final draft of the plan before it is presented to Cardiff Council on 26th June for approval. Unless the final draft provides for extended phasing of local building works, I believe that I and your other local representatives will be arguing that the plan is unsound on

account of failing to address the acknowledged problems of roads and transport systems being grossly overloaded. Accompanied by members of the North West Cardiff Group I met the responsible cabinet member and senior council officers to explain our concerns; subsequently I expressed these to the Leader of Cardiff Council at a private meeting.

**Speed disclosing sign near Maes yr Awel:** I have asked that this be repaired.

**Household Waste Reclamation Centre:** I pointed out the nonsense of closing Waungron Road, the best used HWRC and the one best placed to serve the north west of our city and an area which has a high level of recycling; this folly is compounded by closing it before opening a new facility at Wedal Road and before the Wedal Road site has obtained planning permission – local residents are opposing strongly this plan. None of our HWRCs was operating properly due to poor working practices and appalling management; the users of the site were not properly directed as to the proper bins to use and consequently, a contractor was employed at outrageous cost to post sort the intake – a necessary process to meet the Welsh Government imposed recycling target. Frankly, my suggestion was to keep the site open and discipline the management and staff but this was not accepted.

**Cold Calling Zones:** It is possible to prevent cold callers from visiting a given area but not to prevent cold calling by telephone. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Radyr & Morganstown Festival:** At the conclusion of another festival I would like to thank the principal organisers and all helpers for a huge array of events which gave us great pleasure as well as raising a substantial sum for the designated charity, LATCH.

**HMS Dragon:** I attended the Freedom of City ceremony and also enjoyed a tour of the ship which uses wonderful technology to operate in such diverse ways as shooting down offensive guided missiles attacking a convoy and protecting against pirate attack.

**Neighbourhood Management:** I am appointed as chairman of this committee which seeks to harness various support organisations and make them coordinate their efforts to alleviate concerns of the residents of North West Cardiff.

**Education:** During the last month I have been part of a selection panel seeking to bring much needed senior resources to advance the improvement of our school system.

Rod McKerlich 19th May, 2014.

## NEWS FROM RADYR LIBRARY

The 2014 summer reading challenge is on its way! Last year nearly 500 children took part in the main reading challenge at Radyr library. This year's challenge will be bigger and better than ever before. It is called the Mythical Maze and will involve children registering to take part and then reading six books in the summer holidays. There are rewards and incentives after 2, 4 and 6 books and medals and certificates presented in school in the autumn for those who finish the challenge. There will be a Mythical maze website and lots of on-line activities as well as events in the library. For those not yet in nursery or school, there will be a younger version of the challenge. The aim of the challenge is to encourage reading and sharing books throughout the holidays and having lots of fun.

Once again we will be encouraging adults to take part in our adult challenge to read something different, try a new author, read a classic, follow up on a new hobby or interest or simply read six books in the summer. Many families enrolled so that parents and children could encourage each other.

As we will be very busy throughout the summer please help us by always bringing your library card with you on each visit. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Jen's children's reading group has had its first meeting and will be meeting again on Friday, 6th June from 5.30-6.30pm. Children aged 7 and over are welcome to join this monthly group. Please contact the library if you would like to come along.

Our adult reading groups continue to be popular. Our monthly group meet Mondays from 5-6pm and has a few spaces if you would like to join. For further information please ask at the library.

We are hoping to set up a regular coffee afternoon on Monday afternoons in term time from 2.15 until 3.15. We have some board games (Scrabble/Chess/Draughts) and are hoping to provide a quiz sheet each week. If you would like to join us please just come along or give us a ring first if you prefer.

Our knitting and crochet group raised £270 with their Easter charity coffee morning. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support it, helped with donations and especially to be knitting and crochet group who worked so hard to organise it. The money has been donated to Pont, a Welsh charity which raises funds for hospital equipment in Mbale, Uganda.

We are hoping to become a collection point for Cardiff Foodbanks in the near future. The local rotary club have offered to be our contact and collect from us. If you would like to donate to the Foodbanks please ask at the library for a list of what food is required.

We hope to see you all in the library soon and perhaps taking part in the summer reading challenge this year!

Caroline, Jen and Anne at Radyr Library 2078  
0996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk

## THIRD WEEK IN AUGUST:

A REVIEW OF RADYR DRAMATIC  
SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION.  
APRIL 2014

Caravanning is rather like Marmite: either you love it or hate it. There are those whose ideal holiday is spending a week or two in a reduced scale version of home with as many conveniences as can be shoehorned into the confined space. And there are many veterans of such holidaying.

Take Neville and Mary Winthrop, for instance. They've been doing it for so long that they can't agree on how many years they have notched up. But they do like to argue about it. Neville is the know-all-about-caravans type: has every gadget, two of all the tools you're ever likely to need as well as those you don't and advice and opinions to spare. Mary, playing the long-suffering wife, complains endlessly, but when given the option of going abroad instead, thinks of so many drawbacks that another year of caravanning is inevitable.

Martin Jeeves and Jane Sinclair brought these characters vividly (or should that be grotesquely?) to life. Yet their caravan was not in view. Given the smallness of the Morganstown Village Hall stage, it was no mean feat to have (parts of) two caravans on set – a tribute to set designer and builder Dave Burgess and his team. In the one was amiable Sue, a singleton looking for a relaxing holiday and an opportunity to write a play, but finding neither. Helen Blundell was entirely convincing, as were Huw Williams and Sarah Jones as the occupants of the other caravan. Tony, the family man with a lively sense of fun and Jenny his girlfriend who hates caravanning and its tiresome rules. Completing the cast of six was Liz, Mary's divorced again sister, ably played by Hayley Jenkins.

The comedy relied on the clash of personalities and misunderstandings. The cast all delivered the lines snappily, moving the action briskly along: all credit to Nicky Webber and her directorial team. As ever, there was stalwart support from the RDS technical crew. This was a most enjoyable production – don't miss the next in November!



## Running the Marathon...

*from front cover*

stage, a full day was needed to prepare, run and recuperate after this distance each week. Most articles we read stated if you could run that distance, the environment, atmosphere and support on the day would carry you through the rest of the way – and this proved correct!

Fortunately for us, the weather during the winter and spring wasn't too bad and we were both able to complete to schedule our training plan each week – me running from Radyr, along the Taff Trail until I reached Cardiff Bay and then

returning was a very nice and scenic route. My daughter, who is studying at the Royal Veterinary College at Potters Bar, didn't have such a nice route and had to train along main roads with the accompanying exhaust fumes.

The day itself, Sunday, 13 April, was very warm and sunny. We stayed the previous night in a hotel fairly close to the finish line just off the Embankment and went out for the obligatory pasta dinner the evening before. The next morning, I was up at 6.30am for



breakfast and left the hotel by 7.30am to reach the "Red" start point at Blackheath, with approximately 18,000 others. There were three start points and my daughter, who was in the "Blue" start point at Greenwich Park, travelled down that morning from Potters Bar and was in a different zone to me, but we agreed to meet up at mile 5 which we did – although due to start positions within each zone, I arrived nine minutes before her.

We then ran the remaining 21.2 miles together taking just slightly over five hours and what an incredible day it was! There were hundreds of thousands of people cheering, clapping and shouting out support, lining the entire route. At certain places, MACS had set up "cheering points" which was great seeing this more specific support and friends and family had also arranged to be in many different points in addition.

Seeing the "Finish" line, just on the Mall, around the corner from Buckingham Palace was a relief but also a very emotional point and after collecting our medal, we met up with the MACS organisers and children afterwards for photo opportunities. The evening was spent with friends and family in a restaurant close to the hotel which gave free meals to marathon runners – a great day and evening.

We managed to raise a fantastic sum of just over £2,600. which came from many sources in and around Radyr, businesses, friends, neighbours and complete strangers, cake and car boot sales and work colleagues – people's generosity was truly amazing and I'd like to take this opportunity through the Radyr Chain to thank everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

Would I do it again? *Never!*  
**John and Eluned Hyde**

# RADYR PRIMARY NEWS MAY 2014

## Bread-Making



Children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from Warburtons before the half term break. The children reinforced their knowledge about healthy eating and discussed how we can reduce food waste before refreshing their knowledge of food preparation and basic hygiene before getting hands-on, adding and mixing the ingredients and trying their hand at kneading and shaping dough to make their own bread rolls. Whilst the bread baked, the volunteers talked about the history of the Warburtons name and the differences between making bread then and now. In addition the children were given a complimentary loaf made by the professionals to take home. [Please note the blanked out face in this photograph – no permission from parents].

## Sport Relief

The children came to school in their favourite sportswear to celebrate Sports Relief on the 21st March. The children enjoyed a fabulous (and very busy) day taking part in a range of sporting activities. Thanks to parent donations, Radyr Primary School raised £320.33 for Sports Relief.

## Stackpole



Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fabulous week of outdoor activities at the Stackpole Outdoor Learning Centre in Stackpole. Once again the children kept an online bloc which can be seen on our website [www.radyrprm.cardiff.sch.uk](http://www.radyrprm.cardiff.sch.uk) The children also provided regular tweets which can be viewed on Twitter by searching for @stackpole2014

## MAGICAL MUNCHKIN TOUR

Our Foundation Phase pupils enjoyed a magical musical journey during a visit from the Forte School of Music. The children explored rhythm and dance as they made their way to a giant sweet factory, meeting some fabulous musical characters along the way. The journey ended at a party with the Sugar Plum Fairies. Forte will be returning shortly to work with our Year 2 pupils.

## Sports Update

Following six straight wins in the pool heats and no goals conceded, our footballers attended the New Directions Football Finals in April. Unfortunately the boys narrowly missed out on a top three place but

deserve full credit for their sportsmanship and effort.

Also in action were our rugby team who travelled to Llandaff Fields to take part in the Cardiff 10 a side Schools' Rugby Tournament. The team placed four matches in total drawing 10-10 with St Cadocs, losing 15-5 to Melin Gruffydd, a narrow loss to Whitchurch 10.5 and a final loss to Berllan Deg. This was the team's first tournament after playing only one previous match. They were up against well established teams from other schools and their commitment, attitude and smiles did Coach Crocker proud.

## MIA O'CONNOR RESPONSE TO WINNING THE FESTIVAL LITERARY COMPETITION: THIS SPORTING LIFE

*First I chose my favourite sport, which is dance and started to think of some ideas of not just making it about doing a trick or a dance I used the persons feelings to make it different. This isn't a personal experience but this has happened to other people and I thought it would maybe have an effect on people who might be going through this. The message is basically if people are saying you can't do it just ignore it and believe in yourself. Then I thought of good adjectives, similes and metaphors and put it all together to make my poem. I was very surprised to have my poem take 1st place. I was very pleased and glad I took part.*

Mia J



# Your Essential Summer Gardening Guide!

We quizzed the local experts at Pugh's to find out how to get the garden in tip top shape this Summer...

## Colin The Gardener's To Do List

Prevent Sweet Peas from drying out by soaking the soil at least once a week and covering with a thick layer of mulch to retain moisture.

Continue to pick daily to prevent the seed pods from developing (which will make the plant die out) – and use the beautifully scented petals to add a splash of fresh perfume to the home!

Deadhead perennials and bedding plants to help preserve their energy and keep them blooming throughout the summer and into autumn.

Tie in twining climbers such as sweet peas and honeysuckle to keep the young growth tidy and damage free.

Protect ripening strawberry plants by surrounding them with straw or matting then covering with a net to ward off birds.

Pinch out the tops of flowering broad beans as blackfly like to congregate in the tips. If they have already appeared, spray with water or use soapy water to wash them away.

Deadhead roses and feed with a slow-release fertiliser to encourage a new flush of flowers.

Snip the flowering heads of garlic to ensure the energy is directed to the bulb as opposed to the seeds – and use the heads for cooking and steaming to add fabulous flavour to your dishes.

Looking to add a splash of colour to the garden this season? Our top picks include Geum 'Totally Tangerine', Hebe 'Rhubarb and Custard', Coprosma 'Pina Colada' and Spirea 'Sundrop'.



## Hanging Around!

### Add a rainbow of eye level colour to the garden with well planted hanging baskets



Hanging baskets provide one of the easiest and most beautiful ways of displaying a fantastic range of colours in the garden during the summer. Whether you have a large or small garden, a patio, a balcony or no garden at all, hanging baskets brimming with cascading flowers and foliage will provide months of pleasure.

Incredibly versatile – baskets can be securely attached to the side of a house, from the beams of a pergola, fixed to a wall or suspend from a sturdy branch on a well-sited tree.

There are a vast range flowering plants that flourish exceptionally well in hanging baskets – and don't forget that hanging baskets are not restricted to the summer months – and eye-catching display of ivy, primulas, winter flowering pansies, bulbs and heather will offer a year round splash of colour

*Your local garden village offers a beautiful selection of ready-planted hanging baskets, but if you would prefer to create your own this summer, then here are Colin the gardener's top tips...*

**Rest the basket on a reasonably large pot so that trailing plants hang down as you plant.**

**Line the basket using sphagnum moss or a readily available liner - and place a saucer in the bottom of the basket to help retain water.**

**Fill the basket using either a proprietary tub and basket compost that has water-retaining crystals or add your own crystals to a good quality general purpose potting compost.**

**Mix slow-release fertiliser into the compost to ensure an even supply of plant food throughout the season (half-fill the basket with compost if using a wire basket with a mix of flowering and foliage plants).**

**Gently tease the roots of a few trailing plants through the sides and then cover with compost.**

**Add the flowering plants as you work up the basket and 'round off' the top of the basket by placing a more upright plant in the centre.**

**Water thoroughly and set the basket out of direct sunlight for approximately one week before placing it in its final position.**

**A liquid feed once a week will also help to maintain your plants in peak condition.**

**Remember that the secret of successful hanging baskets is watering! A daily watering is essential, but the visual effects will make it all worthwhile!**



## Letters...



### CHANGES AT RADYR POST OFFICE

[Transcription of emails Frank Bowles/Cllr.Roderick McKerlick/Ms. A. Jogia, Programme Correspondence Team, Post Office Ltd/Frank Bowles]

Dear Sir,

Having read and re-read your leaflet outlining the changes proposed for Radyr Post Office and realising it is not April 1st to be a prank letter, I write to ask who on earth could embark on such a ridiculous scheme that dispenses with decades of safety and security for Post Office valuables and staff.

Many decades ago when banks and post offices conducted their business across open counters, there came a time sadly when post office and bank staff became subjected to customer threats and sometimes criminal attempts of robberies. Fast moves were then made for these open counters to have aluminium screens fitted with security glass to be installed as quickly as possible to protect members of staff and also the financial goods and services that were sold by them.

By carrying out what you are proposing for Radyr Post Office you are basically dispensing with the safety protection for the staff and putting the financial service that they offer at risk of possible criminal attempts at robbery. At present the Radyr Post Office cashier is housed in a safely locked room with security screens protecting the cashier when transacting post office business through the screen. Quite a bit of letter mail and parcel mail is handed through the security screen into the room and held safely until taken away by the Royal Mail delivery van.

In your proposals the cashier and till will be moving to a shared open counter position with the normal counter staff of the newsagent who will have to lose one of their operating tills. Think of the chaos this move will generate, particularly when the shop is especially busy on lottery days etc., with only one operational till point to use. The queues for the paper shop transactions create enough problems at present, even though the Post Office department queue area is in a separate part of the shop. Then comes the question of what happens to letter and parcel mail that has to be handed over the open counter to the cashier. Will there be a safety area for these items to be placed or will they have to be taken to the present locked room? If the present locked room is to be left in situ for this reason after the changes have taken place, then I see no logical reason at all for changing the present Post Office arrangement as your proposed changes will only bring a severe

detrimental service to members of the public.

These changes will almost coincide with the closing of the Radyr bank that is housed in the same shopping area. Radyr has quite a large population of elderly people who normally pay cheques over the counter for various bills and this is one of the services to be lost with this change. I see no reason to change the Post Office working hours to what you propose from the present ones, especially since the early times are extremely busy for the newsagent who has the task of sorting out the daily papers for delivery, in addition to the counter service given to members of the public on their way to work. With many pensioners living in the Radyr area, they do not have access to or have a computer facility of their own to carry out the easily specified "on line banking" to pay their bills normally dealt with at the Radyr Post Office. In your letter of proposals you indicate that is not a problem because cheque transactions can be carried out in Whitchurch Post Office. Parking at Whitchurch is a massive problem at the moment for those with their own transport BUT what about the many residents of Radyr who have to use public transport when there is no "direct service" from Radyr to Whitchurch?

The more your ridiculous proposed scheme is examined, the more flaws one can find in this very ill-thought-out scheme. I am sure that many people have similar thoughts on this proposal to mine and I would very respectfully ask that a reassessment be made to safeguard the valuable service that we enjoy at the moment here in Radyr. In closing can I commend the excellent service given to the people who use the Radyr Post Office by the present cashier, Colleen.

Yours faithfully,  
Frank Bowles, MBE.

c.c. Kevin Brennan, MP  
Cllr. R. McKerlick  
Radyr Chain Newspaper  
Radyr Newsagent Manager  
Radyr Post Office Manager

Dear Mr. Bowles,

As County Councillor for Radyr and Morganstown I am glad that you consulted me and hope that you take account of local views and rethink. As a businessman I am aware of the need for change and welcome attempts to improve the service or save money; I can not see that your proposal does either but it will give worse service in many ways, namely:

- There is inadequate space for two separate queues and the end of the queue will block the entrance
- There will be no privacy for your customers given the shortage of space

- The impending closure of the local bank will lead to greater use of the post office with ongoing need to pay bills by cheque
- The need to go to the former post office counter to deposit parcels and top up cash will slow service
- The safety of staff and clients is jeopardised by the handling of significant cash in a non-secure environment
- Early morning business will impact on paper delivery

This community does not want the commercial success of either its post office or newsagent to be undermined leading to closure. If we had no post office and this was a measure to provide one, I would support it; given the above arguments, however, I deplore your proposal and ask that you do not proceed.

Yours sincerely,  
R. McKerlich

c.c. Clerk@radyr.org.uk; Frank Bowles MBE; brennank@parliament.uk; mark.drakeford@wales.gov.uk;robert\_pearce@uwclub.net; Ralph Vaughan; David Cargill; silvdav@gmail.com; GJones067@aol.com

Dear Mr. Bowles

Thank you for your email of 28 April about our plans to modernise Radyr Post Office. Your views are important to us and your comments have been noted and will be considered during the decision making process.

Post Office takes security matters very seriously and this aspect has been fully factored into the development stage of the local model. As with every branch in our network, strict guidelines and measures are put in place to safeguard customers, staff and the cash and stock entrusted to the operator's care. I hope you can appreciate that I can't go into specific details around our security arrangements; however, our security team review and complete an assessment before a decision is made to change any of our branches to open plan counters.

About mail handed in at the counter, please be assured that all operators and sub postmasters must take all reasonable precautions to safeguard the mail in their care and procedures are in place to ensure mail is held in a secure environment until it is collected by Royal Mail. I can confirm that this would be the case at Radyr Post Office.

Your comments around queuing have been noted. The local format we are proposing for Radyr is designed around following simple processes for handling transactions that are as straightforward and quick as possible. This helps to minimise queues and provide an efficient and speedy service when dealing with our customers' transactions. As such, a small number of

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services and products won't be available at local branches, but these are generally the more time consuming, complex or paper-based transactions.

We recognise that some customers, including the elderly, do prefer to use personal cheques. Whilst this form of payment isn't accepted at local format branches, there are alternative payment methods available including cash or debit card. Personal banking customers can also make free cash withdrawals at the counter. We do believe that this means most customers can continue to make payments in branch, although this may not be their personal preference.

In terms of the alternative suggested branch of Whitchurch Post Office, I note that most customers will have a good knowledge of the area and will know which local branches will best suit their individual requirements; however, we provide the details of alternative branches that offer the same services as Radyr post Office to ensure customers have access to all the services they are used to. We have over 780 local post office branches and customer and operator feedback is very positive. I hope my response has been helpful and thank you for taking the time to contact us.

*Yours sincerely,*

Miss A. Jorgia

Programme Correspondence Team,  
Post Office Ltd. 148 Old Street, London  
EC1V 9HQ.

*Dear Miss Jorgia,*

I write to thank you for your detailed reply and to me it appears that you have at least taken serious note of all my comments. Those comments as you might well have realised were based on personal experiences of many years having also signed the Official Secrets Act. For your enlightenment I am enclosing a copy of my 41 years of uninterrupted Voluntary Service with the Police showing my commitment to crime and crime prevention in a very practical way.

In addition to these experiences, I was also a Regional Sales and Marketing Manager for a major Pilkington Glass and Glazing Company. This company was actively engaged in the manufacture and fitting of many security screens using aluminium frames with various standards of glass to meet with most levels of attack ensuring maximum safety and security for the counter staff and their goods and services. I certainly hope that this reply enhances the reason for my letter to you dated 28th April, 2014. Sadly though, on that day after sending you my letter, it was intimated to me by a reliable source that the contract for the proposed alteration to the Radyr Post Office had already been placed with a contractor.

*Yours sincerely,* Frank Bowles.

## CHANGES IN BUS SERVICE

[Transcription of letter from Peter Heath, Operations & Commercial Director, Cardiff City Transport Services Ltd., to Dr. R.S. Vaughan]

*Dear Dr. Vaughan,*

Thank you for your letter of 21 March concerning the change to services in Radyr and Morganstown from 20 April.

As I am sure you are aware, these changes are driven by the reduction in Welsh Government funding for the bus industry and are based on a study of the level of demand for services.

Unfortunately, whilst the level of demand for the service to Radyr estate is such that we can maintain the current level of service, that beyond to Morganstown and Ffordd Berllan is simply insufficient to warrant any more than the peak hour journeys on service 63 and the few journeys on service 66.

Extending service 63 beyond the Radyr estate is not feasible on a regular basis as the service does not have enough available time to do so and the level of potential use just would not cover the additional time costs of such an extension.

My apologies for the obvious problems this will cause, but the level of funding reduction is that we have had to take harsh cost cutting measures throughout the company.

*Yours sincerely,* Peter Heath.

# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



*First we want to thank everyone who helped to make the Festival another great success. An R&M spring wouldn't be the same without it!*

### Local Development Plan Update

For those of you who have been following the progress of Cardiff's Local Development Plan (LDP) you will know that it is something we take very seriously and are fighting hard to improve for the benefit of existing and new residents of NW Cardiff. By the time you read this, Cardiff's Cabinet will have met and made a recommendation to June's full council.

We have now met with senior Cardiff Council officers and the Cabinet member for the LDP, Cllr Patel. While it felt like a very open meeting Cardiff seems to be in denial about the, frankly, catastrophic implications of the LDP for NW Cardiff, the city as a whole and for SE Wales. The LDP goes to Cardiff's Cabinet on

June 12 and we were told to expect some amendments to the LDP re the Metro, but could be given no details.

However, it was made very clear that there will be no aligning development in the NW with the Metro and that a new bus will provide public transport in the meantime. We, along with Cardiff Civic Society, believe this is a disaster for the future of Cardiff. Cardiff Council seem totally focused on getting a sound plan adopted (with which we are sympathetic) but regardless of whether it is good for the city and its region or not.

We have also now met with Roger Lewis, Chairman of the Cardiff Capital Region Board. We had a very positive meeting and we made a very strong case that the LDP, as it stands, threatens the success of the Metro and other regional development. We explained how Cardiff Civic Society's idea for a new town could leverage finance for the

Metro and other infrastructure and that Cardiff Council said to us that this could not be done, which is simply not true. Mr Lewis found our arguments impressive and persuasive and reported back to his Board.

We have gone back to Mark Drakeford, AM to seek his advice because Cardiff Council appears not to be listening and the press have no interest in our case. It seems that it is now up to the Welsh Government to step in and take action on behalf of the city, wider region and SE Wales if we are to avoid a very costly and very embarrassing LDP.

**Helena Fox**

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# lower machen festival

24-29th June 2014



The Lower Machen Festival this year runs from 24-29 June. Based in one of the smallest villages in South Wales, Lower Machen is a rural – just nineteen houses (no shop, not even a pub!) with an incomparably beautiful small church, blessed with a perfect acoustic. The majority of the concerts take place in St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Lower Machen, a church dating back to the 12th century, but the festival also has a strong relationship with The Riverfront, Newport, bringing four events to Newport during the week.

As part of our vision of the festival we continue to create innovative partnerships between young and established artists. This year we are delighted to welcome clarinettist Michael Collins as artist in residence. Michael will be appearing with both the Welsh Chamber Players and the Mavron Quartet. Voces8 will also be in residence at the festival performing in concert and giving a workshop / informal performance providing a chance for interested singers to work with them.

The City Waits launches the festival with a fascinating insight into the music and life of London between 1500-1700. Pianist Erdem Misirlioglu returns to the festival following his solo recital in 2010, this time with his trio, Trio Isimsiz who have been making waves in the London concert scene. Another

previous performer, Leon McCawley, returns to the festival by popular demand with a programme on an Italian theme. Always wanting to give a platform to Welsh musicians our evening concert at The Riverfront will feature renowned operatic tenor Dennis O'Neill, together with students from the Welsh International Academy of Voice.

For those who enjoy listening to music late at night, we are pleased to continue our series of late night concerts with a piano duo recital given by Mariko Brown and Julian Jacobson. Our daytime events provide something for all ages with a children's concert given by Little Notes and a chance to get involved with the Voces8 workshop.

Tickets start at just £1. for children and students and can be booked via Ticketsource by phone on 0844 8700 887 and online [www.ticketsource.co.uk/machen](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/machen). For further information please visit [www.lowermachenfestival.co.uk](http://www.lowermachenfestival.co.uk)

Our aim is the highest possible quality of music-making in an atmosphere that brings together what a member of our audience recently described as "*A unique atmosphere, in which setting and music complement each other perfectly – the ideal way to spend a summer's evening*".

## LOWER MACHEN FESTIVAL 2014 LIST OF EVENTS

Festival Service – Sunday, 22nd June, 11.15am  
The City Musick – Tuesday, 24th June, 8pm  
Welsh Chamber Players – Wednesday, 25th June, 8pm  
Dennis O'Neil & Singers from the Wales International Academy of Voice – Thursday, 26th June, 7.30pm  
Michael Collins and The Mavron Quartet – Friday, 27th June, 8pm  
Teddy Bears Concert – Saturday, 28th June, 11am  
Trio Isimsiz – Saturday, 28th June, 7.30pm  
Voces8 – Sunday, 29th June, 7.30pm

## MERCHED Y WAWR BRO RADUR

Nos Fercher, Mawrth 5ed, croesawyd mwy nag ugain o ddysgwyr, menywod a dynion, o bob rhan o Gaerdydd a'r cylch i Noson y Dysgwyr a drefnwyd gan y Gangen. Yn gyntaf, roedd sesiwn bywiog o siarad anffurfiol, gyda'r dysgwyr yn symud o gwmpas i gael sgwrs gydag aelodau gwahanol pan ganai'r cloc larwm!

Nesaf rhoddodd dwy aelod sgyrsiau byr a chllir. Soniodd Heulwen Jones am ei hoff le, Llangrannog, ac am ei hatgofion doniol a chynnes ohono fe. Wedyn siaradodd Carys Williams am gysylltiad ei theulu â Cherdd Dant. Esboniodd hi beth oedd Cerdd Dant drwy chwarae darn ar dâp. Gorffennodd y noson gyda phaned a digonedd o gacennau bach blasus wedi eu paratoi gan aelodau pwyllgor y gangen. Diolch yn fawr iddyn nhw, ac yn enwedig i Shirley Williams, trefnydd y noson fendigedig.

**Zoe Pearce (Dysgwr)**

# Bake a Cake Challenge



## Bakers Rise to the Challenge for George Thomas Hospice

Many Bakers from across Wales are taking part today in the George Thomas Hospice Care's Bake-a-Cake Day to raise money for the charity in its work as the major provider of specialist palliative care to those suffering from cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in Cardiff.

They will have baked cakes and taken them to work, school, etc and sell them to friends family and colleagues.

There was also a cake competition for those that wanted to enter judged by top Welsh TV chef and author, Angela Gray.

The standard of cakes were all extremely high and was a tough challenge for Angela, who said, "It's an honour to be asked to pick the

winning entry as this charity is close to my heart having cared for my mother Betty. Luckily they all tasted and looked beautiful, which is a good thing when you have to taste so many."

The winning entry was made by Jade Somers from Cardiff with a 'Giant Strawberry Cupcake' The cake was praised for having 'outstanding looks, like something from Alice in Wonderland'. The icing strawberries were spot on and the dark chocolate used in the sponge was well-balanced and moist with a true chocolate taste.

George Thomas Hospice Care's bereavement councillor, Sarah Bull was delighted to come second with her Lemon Tray Bake, which was praised for its texture and taste, being moist with a lovely crumb and a nice balance between sharp and sweet.

The winners were rewarded with a day's cookery course at Llanerch Vinyard Cookery School, headed by judge Angela Gray. Corporate Fundraising & Events Manager, former boxing champion, Nicky Piper was delighted with the event, "This has been such a fun event that I'm sure will raise a good amount for the charity. A big thank you must go to Angela for her support. I'm now going to take these cakes downstairs to our nurses and patients and sell them for the charity. I've already bought three!"

### Nicky Piper MBE

Corporate Fundraising & Events Manager

## Radyr NSPCC Committee 2014

We are delighted to announce that events organised by the Radyr Committee raised £3,548 during 2013. So far this year we have made £1,388.

The year started with a very enjoyable soup and sandwich 'Bluebell Lunch' at Radyr Golf Club. The entertainment was provided by the lively and amusing 'high kicking' ex Bluebell Girl, Rachel Williams.

At the opening of the Radyr Festival, in May, a group of committee members served the teas. We would like to thank 'Memory Lane' for their very generous contribution to the wonderful selection of cakes.

On a rainy day, Indiana and Amber Rainer, aged 6 and 4, helped their mother Clare to make cakes which they then sold to friends and neighbours. They gave the proceeds of more than £30 to the NSPCC. This was a very kind donation for a worthy cause.

We are now preparing for our next Summer Coffee Morning at Radyr Golf Club on Thursday 9 June and hope to see many of you there. We are so grateful to our loyal and generous supporters who attend our events. Unfortunately the need for the work carried out by the NSPCC is constantly increasing. Your help is vital!

We would like to thank Steve Dance, The Manager of Radyr Golf Club and all his hard working staff, who always give such tremendous support.

The following are just a few of the many programmes and initiatives carried out by the NSPCC.

The number of children counselled by Childline because their parents were drinking too much or taking drugs more than doubled last year. The numbers increased from 2,509 in the year 2012 to 5,323 in 2013.

Another new initiative is the NSPCC's underwear rule campaign called 'Talk Pants'. A website has been set up to encourage parents and carers to have simple conversations with their children to keep them safe from abuse.

The NSPCC have worked with experts from Warwick Medical School and Great Ormond Street Hospital to create a powerful new film to help educate parents to cope with the stress of a crying baby and so reduce the risk of harming a child. This programme is to be extended to many more areas.





### **CIA Insurance Radyr Pro-Am**

The last Friday in May saw yet another successful CIA Insurance Pro-Am held at Radyr Golf Club. 34 PGA professionals from South Wales and the West Region teamed up with amateur partners comprising of club members and local businesses.

As expected, with the weather being calm and slightly overcast, scoring proved to be low. The prize for top professional, with a cheque in excess of £650.00, went to the newly appointed Morlais Castle Head professional, Sion Bebb. His score of five under par 65, gave him a two shot victory over local man Paul Mayo and ex European Tour player, David Dixon (Enmore Park Golf Club).

Dixon's Barola trio claimed the day's team prize with 81 points, a score matched by Richard Dinsdale's Asbri

Golf group and Toby Hunt's Capital Coated Steel players.

### **Junior Academy friendlies a big hit**

The newly emerging Radyr Junior Academy squad faced local clubs Cardiff and Creigiau in the first of several friendly matches due for 2014. Designed to give the youngsters experience before challenging in the league games, all of those competing showed fantastic determination and sportsmanship.

The first fixture against Creigiau proved to be a very close contest, ending in a draw with both teams securing 3 points apiece. A special mention to Osian Morris and Rhys Coleman, both on their debuts for the club, showed much promise for the future.

The second match against Cardiff was a tougher test, with many of the opposition's team made up of low handicap golfers. The team battled hard but unfortunately lost on the day 4-1, with Rory McGill and Aaron Portsmouth securing the only point for Radyr with a score of 2 & 1. Well done to all involved.

The new Radyr Choral Society was delighted to have been able to play a part in this year's Festival. Considering that it has only been in existence since January, it's two appearances, at the Civic Service and at Music in the Parc, seem to have been well received. Thank you Radyr.

The Society is beginning to build up a small repertoire and to find our way in the type of music that we hope to sing in the future. With a mixture of sacred and secular items we intend to be available to sing in concerts both for the community and to raise funding for local good causes.

During our first six months we have been grateful to Peter Esswood for his musical skill and guidance and to our accompanists, especially Cath Williams, for their patience! We are gradually finding our level of competence and each week we build on our mutual musicality. We now have the experience of singing together in public and are most grateful to those of you who came along to our initial free concert for the encouragement and support that you gave us.

We continue to practice in the NSR at Christchurch on a Wednesday evening at 07:30pm and we are now working on the Vivaldi Gloria for inclusion in our next concert in early November, date yet to be decided but watch this space. Our practices continue till early July so if anyone in the Radyr area is interested in joining us he or she would be made most welcome.

As our musical director Peter tells us everyone, older and younger, has a singing voice if they would like to search for it and use it. We intend to be a community choir so we are open to everyone who cares to come along and try.

*Next Wednesday perhaps?*

**Douglas Hogg**  
Chairman

## **Radyr Choral Society**



*Members of the new Radyr Choral Society during their performance at the recent May Festival*

### Winners of the Duck Dash

1st Prize £50 James Gelder  
 2nd Prize £25 Audrey Kinasz  
 3rd Prize £10 Alice Williams

### Winners of the Imaging 2000 Photo Competition

1st Prize £25 Adrian Hopkins  
 2nd Prize £15 Wayne Brewer  
 3rd Prize £10 Wayne Brewer



Duck Dash



Wayne Brewer and Cllr Rod Mckerlich

### Winners of the Fun Run

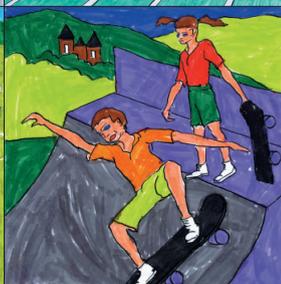
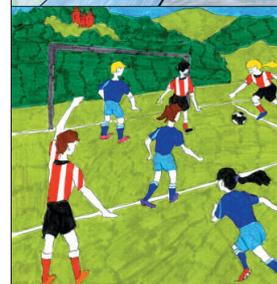
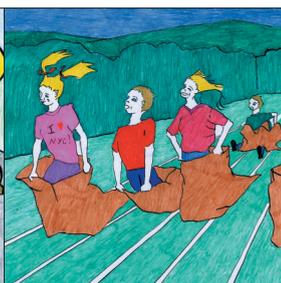
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	2nd Oliver Welch		2nd	Amelia Thomas	
	3rd William Brown		3rd	Gracie Booth	
5/6	1st Alex Brown	5/6	1st	Rebecca Kingsbury	
	2nd Huw Riley		2nd	Ella Jackson	
	3rd Aidan Convery		3rd	Zoe Hall	
7/8/9	1st Roari Malony	7/8/9	1st	Nia Riley	
	2nd Sammy Peacock		2nd	Rhian Jones	
	3rd Ben Ladd		3rd	Talia Gould	
10/11/12	1st Henry Holms	10/11/12	1st	Bethan Roberts	
	2nd Tom Langley				
Adult	1st Simon Morris	Adult	1st	Elaine Wharmby	
	2nd Paul Charles		2nd	Natalie Evans	
	3rd Steve Riley		3rd	Karen Wright	

Plate Winners - Radyr Primary - Alex Brown and Ella Jackson  
 - Bryn Deri - Aidan Convery and Rebecca Kingsbury  
 Unregistered Winners - Mark Palser and John Palser



### Winners of the Colouring Competition - 'This Sporting Life'

Original drawings	Reception Class
Ella Jackson	1st Sapphire Felman
Shaheryar Ali	2nd Rhys Davies
	HC Sofia Bailey-Guerra/Evan Titshall
Under 8 year old	Under 8 year old
1st Ruby Worsdell-Phillips	1st Dylan Cobley
2nd Tommy Francesco	2nd Ava Sheppard
HC Ava Relinan/Hatty	HC C. Sweeney/Abigail Cole
HC Megan Grills	HC Maisy Withers
/Angharad Day	
Over 8 year old	Over 8 year old
1st Emma Harries	1st Chloe Thomas
2nd Jemma Lai	2nd Sharmeela Bragg
HC Frances Davies-Walsh	HC Theo Felman/Theo Thomas
HC Sam Jones/Rhys Couston	HC Katie Houston
Outside the Area	
HC Liberty Charlotte Evans	HC Katrina ( Liverpool)
HC Jonathon (Widecombe)	HC Danille Ensor (Sully)



Original drawings by Keith John

### Winners of the Literary Competition

Displayed in Radyr library. There will be a full report in the next edition of Radyr Chain. Prizes have been presented by Cllr Sue Mckerlich and the judges: Caroline Noall, Allan Cook and Caroline Fowler of Radyr Comprehensive School.



# Festival 2014

Another successful Festival of events, well supported and shattering but rewarding for all those who made it happen! We started with the parade on the first Saturday depicting "This Sporting Life" - represented by our footballers, cricketers, runners, dancers and the Comprehensive School samba band. The parade was led by our guest celebrity, Peter Karrie, the Festival Queen and her attendants and our County Councillor in open top cars, ably driven by Steve, Chris and Neil. In the words of Zoe, our Festival Queen -



*"The last couple of weeks have been one of the best experiences of my life. Not only was I Festival Queen I was able to spend each event with two of my close friends. I have loved the May Festival ever since I moved to Radyr, when I was 2, and to be selected as Queen has been amazing. It just feels incredible to have this opportunity that I will remember for the rest of my life. During the Festival I have met lots of people and they have been lovely, especially Martha of LATCH. Thanks to everyone who supported me and my friends and I can't wait to see what is on next year!"*



Arriving at the Old Church Rooms the parade merged with the crowd for the opening of the Fete. Lots of stalls, bouncy castle, teas by the NSPCC, plant stall organised by TENOVUS, the Guides with their candies. Other organisations represented were Radyr Rotary, Morganstown Village Hall, Radyr Community Council, WI, RM Association, Radyr Library, Cinnamon Trust, commercial stalls and the Twinning Fellowship running the bar. It's thanks again to Allan, Cyril, Chris, Terry and Ralph for feeding the 5000 with burgers and sausages.



Imaging 2000 displayed a superb selection of photographs with Adrian Hopkins winning first prize with a photo of a 'green violet-ear humming bird'. The evening was rounded off with the St Athans Brass Band concert organised by the Rotary. The concert included a variety of music from the shows and a number of soloists. Sunday, traditionally the day of the Football Tournament with teams from all over Cardiff



taking part. Hundreds of spectators attended the event at Mound Field organised by Radyr Rangers. In the afternoon Allan Cook led a large group of residents around the centre of Radyr learning about our history and the early development of our village. Sunday evening the Community Council held their service at Christ Church with guests from the Methodist and Catholic churches. Our newly formed choral society performed Zadok the Priest to a packed congregation, including the Lord Mayor and our AM, Mark Drakeford. Monday the weather still held good for the Crowning Ceremony, the Maypole Dancing by Bryn Deri School and the street dancers from Radyr Primary.



To a very receptive audience we held many concerts, theatre performances and recitals throughout the two weeks at Morganstown Village Hall and the Methodist hall. Following the Quiz night, won by Colin Johnson's team, we had the Jazz Night featuring CUBE. Led by Raymond Rivron making traditional jazz as it used to be played - all the improvisation and toe tapping were there! Meanwhile the children from the primary schools were having a whale of a time at their disco, organised by Bryn Deri PTA.



Unfortunately the weather was deteriorating and with strong winds and heavy showers the Gymkhana on the Saturday had to be cancelled along with the cricket festival on the Sunday. Saturday evening we had a feast of song from the Parish Music Group under the title of "We are the Champions" - Any one for tennis! Having moved the Fun Run from Monday, when the weather was good, to the following Sunday, when the weather worsened, the brave runners went out for their 5km run. Congratulations to the winners, listed below and well done from us all! Mr Bussy, the head teacher, brought up the tail and did a dramatic sprint at the end. Terry Fitzgerald was picking up the pieces of the marquee, which had been erected on Friday in advance of the Hog Roast. On Saturday it took flight and blew over the roof of the golf club landing in the car park! Back to Plan B and everybody indoors. Well there were only 150 people to cater for! The new caterers at the golf club did a grand job and deserve future support in their endeavours.



The junior school Boules was another casualty of the weather. Tuesday, the sun shone, so much so that there was a worry that the film night was going to be delayed until the sinking of the sun. A large audience enjoyed the showing of 'Philomena' - all quite tense! This is the first of many film nights to come. Wednesday, another busy day, with sports, beetle drive and the literary evening 'Reminiscences of Dylan Thomas'. Adrian Metcalf was on stage for over an hour reliving the youth of Dylan and life in the early 1900s. The next day we were treated to a lunch time recital with Paul Israel, who played for over an hour without music, but with plenty of passion. A name to remember!



The Audio Visual evening was rescheduled into the Weir Room, with the benefit of a darkened room. Mick Sullivan presented his photos of this year's Festival highlights, so far and the history of the Old Church Rooms. The evening ended with extracts from 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' in all its glory. The final weekend - the tennis club opened its doors to the community to play a few games and take the opportunity to present to LATCH with a cheque for £600. Meanwhile the team were setting up for the Dog Show and cutting the



grass down at Lychgate Gardens! The tractors squeezed onto the field area and lined up for their display and judging. Val Allen was registering all the dogs for the various competitions - waggiest tail, best eyes, best trick, etc Laura Morgan, the judge, was overwhelmed with all the village dogs. The tractor boys from Aberthin sat in the sun and showed off their polished up vehicles. The Association team had to pack up the tables and chairs to make sure that they were in time for the Peter Karrie concert in Morganstown Village Hall. Peter sang songs from Les Miserables, Phantom of the Opera and Chess with interlude dancers and Hannah Williams of Shine Drama School singing a number of solo items. David Silver, the new chairman of the Association organised the Prize Draw, details of the winners are shown at the end of this report.



The final day, whew!! The sun was shining. Two marquees to erect, a bar and barbecue. Along with taking power from the tennis club for all the music. Chris St leger and Mike were there at the crack of dawn laying cables through the fence. The sound boys arrived and set up the speakers ready for the afternoon bands and soloists from the Comprehensive School. The scene was set - stage, sound, cover, space for the audience to picnic, barbecue lit and a variety of drinks laid out. 2 O'clock and it all happened - music, singing and fun. At 5pm we introduced Radio Feynman who gave an hour of their time playing the old favourites of the 70s and 80s.



The evening session was well on when the Radyr Primary School choir led by Katie Hampson filled the air with song. Now it was Peter Esswood's turn to introduce the newly formed Radyr Choral Society, the brass ensemble from the The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, soloist Laura Clements and her accompanist Cath Williams. We had 2 hours of music and community singing to raise the roof - or the sky (it was an open air concert)!

The revellers quaffed their champagne and indulged themselves from the picnic basket. As the light faded and the choir ended with Calon Llan it was time to pack up and wend our weary way homeward. Tired but thoroughly satisfied with a wonderful day! In the words of the two Festival attendants -Sophie -

*"I want to thank the organisers so much for giving me the chance to have these wonderful experiences. I got to meet people from all generations and parts of the community to take part in an amazing variety of different cultural events that I would not otherwise experience and to do my bit for a worthwhile cause. I will remember these two weeks forever".*



Pola - *"I enjoyed the Maypole dancing (actually I participated in this last year) the children's tea party (lots of sweets), We are the Champions concert, the Dog Show where I met the Cavalier King Charles and the Concert in the Parc was really fun. The experience I will never forget"*



LATCH charity workers led by Steve Murray were exemplary, bucket collecting, providing balloons, tee shirts and sashes. They deserve all the support we can give them. It is likely, with a substantial donation from Radyr Golf Club, that the total amount raised in the village will exceed £11000. A provisional cheque was presented for £6500 on account! Well done Radyr and Morganstown! Anyone who feels they could help in organising and working with a committed voluntary team is very welcome and should contact our secretary, Nick Hawkins - rma@radyr.org.uk Every little helps!



### Winners of the Prize Draw

Prize	Donor	Winner
2 tickets for Warhorse Round of Golf St Pierre	LATCH supporter	John Williams
Champagne tea at Hilton	McGinley S Services	Allan Cook
Bottle of Champagne	LATCH supporter	Marion John
Everyman Theatre tickets	Evans & Jones	Scott Bradley
Everyman Theatre tickets	Everyman	Allan Cook
Luxury hamper	Everyman	Mrs J. Reader
Ener-Chi voucher	Mr & Mr Roberts	Marilyn Rivron
Sunglasses voucher	Ener-Chi	Jeff Dunn
Hairdressing voucher	Radyr Eyecare	Chris Molcher
Bottle of wine	Headway	Jean Hughes
Bottle of wine	Whites the dentist	Mrs Hill
Bottle of wine	SPAR	Susan Edwards
Vintage Gem voucher	MGY	Mrs Summers
Hairdressing voucher	Vintage Gem	David Cargill
Dry Cleaning voucher	Andrew Cox barber	Geoff Saunders
Toiletries	Cathedral dry clean	Margaret Evans
Chocolates	Co-op Chemist	Helen Langley
Cookery course voucher	Martins newsagent	Ken Dixey
		Marion Drake