

# RADYR CHAIN



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## Me and my Girl

Some members of the audience at RPMG's production of 'Me and my Girl' must surely have been wishing the sun did have 'his hat on' when they attended the evening

performances of the show in late February, at Bishop of Llandaff High School. Despite the nippy weather though, they were in for an enjoyable evening of musical entertainment and humour. The group's latest production was

up to their usual high standard. The popular show, which premiered in 1937, tells of an ordinary young east-end Londoner, who finds himself thrust into the realms of nobility by the circumstances of his birth,

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## Knitted Poppies



Plans are well ahead for the celebration to commemorate the ending of World War one. By chance the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month falls on a Sunday in 2018.

The photograph shows Gaynor Leaf and Ruth Diment, two of the many knitters who have already made hundreds of poppies. It is planned to cover the grass around the War

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**Your Festival Programme and Draw Tickets can be found inside this edition of Radyr Chain**

**The 2018 theme is 'Memories' our Festival Charity is Alzheimer's Society Cymru.**

**Thank you for your continued support**

## RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION



# FESTIVAL 2018

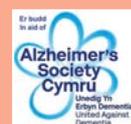
## 'Memories'



## Programme of Events

### 5th to 20th May

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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)

**Mon 2 April** 10:30 Easter Monday Fun Come and join in the Easter Monday Fun at Christ Church, Radyr. Admission: Children £3, Adults Free  
Further info: [auntiejuliee@hotmail.com](mailto:auntiejuliee@hotmail.com)

**Thur 5 April** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West Radyr Golf Club. Annual General Meeting. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

**Mon 9 April** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI "Colour Me Beautiful" by Charlotte Leeke. Old Church Rooms.

**Wed 11 April** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club Bees are Fantastic - an illustrated talk by Janet Martin. This will be preceded by a short AGM. New School Rooms, Christ Church. All welcome, Contact Richard Gregory 20842084

**Wed 11 April** 19:30 RCTS South Wales Tiny Stations : Dixe Wills

**Thur 12 April** 19:30 R&M History Society Andy Kendall, chair of the Cardiff Naturalists' Society, gives an account of many important historical events and finds in the Cardiff area during the Society's 150-year history.

**Mon 16 April** 19:30 RMA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Come along to the R&M Association AGM in the Old Church Rooms to hear what happened in the last year and the plans for the future. Election of Committee. Drinks & nibbles served after the meeting. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) for further details.

**Thur 19-21 April** 19:30 RDS Drama Production Radyr Drama Society are performing 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' by Constance Cox at Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets available at £10, £9 (concession) and £7 (students) from mobile 07949382328, Enerchi Station Road Radyr, and online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama).

**Mon 5-20 May** **RADYR & MORGANSTOWN FESTIVAL 2018**  
**See enclosed leaflet for full details**

**Sun 6 May** 14:30 History Society Festival Walk City of Llandaff walk, about one mile, led by Allan Cook. Meet at the entrance to Llandaff Castle on the green.

**Wed 9 May** 19:30 RCTS South Wales Strictly Freight Only Part II

**Thur 10 May** 19:30 Tenovus Festival Quiz Join us in the New School Rooms, Christchurch, Radyr All Welcome. Please form teams of 8 if possible (help given if needed). For tickets £10 to include supper please tel. 20842096.

**Fri 11 May** 19:30 Twinning Fellowship Festival Jazz night in Old Church Rooms. This popular event is often a sell out . Ticket price £8.00. Bar & raffle but nibbles only...no supper due to rising costs. Please book by contacting the secretary Maggie Roberts on 2084 2995

**Mon 14 May** 16:00 Twinning Fellowship Cool School Boules Tournament at Bryn Deri School from 4 until 5pm. 3 childrens teams of 4 needed from Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools and one adult team of 4 from each school. Spectators welcome.

**Mon 14 May** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI Annual General Meeting, Old Church Rooms.

**Fri 18 May** 18:00 Twinning Fellowship visit. Our French friends from St.Philbert will arrive for the Bi-Annual visit at approx 6pm . Return home on Monday 21st May approx 8.30pm.

**Fri 18 May** 19:30 Twinning Fellowship Barn Dance & Hog Roast at Radyr Comp. Event open to Radyr residents as part of the Festival Tickets will be limited for the PIGNIC. Part Hog Roast part picnic. Veggie option available ordered on purchase of ticket. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £15.00 from Maggie 2084 2995. Last orders by May 11th

**Thur 24 May** 11:00 R&M History Society. Visit to Newport Transporter Bridge before it closes for more restoration. Meet at the bridge at 11:00, cost £4. Parking and lunch arrangements from [cookatradyr222@gmail.com](mailto:cookatradyr222@gmail.com)

**Mon 11 June** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. "Diet, Activity and Health" by speaker Professor Robert Pickard. Old Church Rooms.

THE JUNE EDITION OF THE CHAIN WILL GO TO PRESS PROMPTLY ON THE 15th OF MAY. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

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

The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.

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## RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Venue:* The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

*Time:* Tuesdays 12.15-2pm

*Membership Fee:* £20.00

*Lunch:* £7.00. *Talk only:* £3.00

### Summer Programme 2018

**10 April** – A pictorial tour of Cathays Cemetery! – Roger Swan

**17 April** – The Italian Connection (Part 2) Romeo Bassini

**24 April** – Trip

**1 May** – The Pirates of Cardiff Bay Alan Thorne

**8 May** – Our Man in The Hague Paul Harris

**15 May** – I went to a Greek Island Wedding – Iris Owens

**22 May** – Trip

Next Term begins on 16 October, 2018

Telephone Number 2084 2461 or 20552610

## Castell Coch



Over the coming months CADW are planning to do some major work on Castell Coch, so be prepared to see scaffolding and plastic covers go up on this iconic building.

Water has been seeping into one of the bedrooms threatening to spoil one of Burgess' flamboyant designs. Weaknesses in some of the huge chimney's are thought to be the cause of the problem and they will be rebuilt.

This means a major intervention will be necessary at the height of the summer tourist season. Happily the Castle will remain open while the work goes on and both visitors and wedding parties will still be welcome.

**SPAR**

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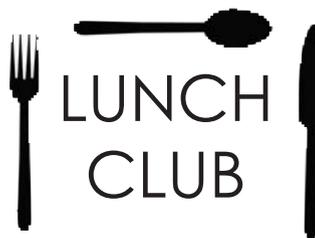
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# RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN



Radyr and Morganstown Community Council, working with Age Connects Cardiff, have restarted the Lunch Club for those over the age of 50 in the area, at the Ty Nant in Morganstown and it has had a number of successful meetings.

It has been decided to hold it every two weeks for the time being. So we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Friday every month at 12.30pm for 1.00pm.

Volunteer drivers will be available to take you to and from the meal and there is full wheelchair access.

Main meals vary in price from £3.99 to £6.50

- You may wish to attend
- You may be able to give up a little time to volunteer, either as a driver or to host
- We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to heat up or prepare food so that we can move, in time, to a location where we can have speakers and other attractions.

In either case, please contact Martin Smidman,  
 Volunteer Manager at Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale:

Telephone: 07870 988381

Email: martin.smidman@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk

or The Clerk at Radyr and Morganstown Community Council,  
 on 029 2084 2213, or via clerk@radyr.org.uk

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of **Bruno Sussemilch** on 20th January 2018. Some of you may remember Bruno who came to Radyr as a refugee during the last war, living in Heol Isaf and attending Radyr Council School. He also spent time working at Ron Jermain's garage before returning to the former Czechoslovakia.

He will be remembered by Mr. Bill David, formerly of Windsor Crescent as well as all who knew him during his time in Radyr.

## Letter to the Editor

*To the members of Radyr Community Council*

I on behalf of Radyr Cricket Club wish to thank the Community Council for the grant which they so generously awarded us. As was explained in our application, the money was going to be used for hiring venues for our various age group teams and coaches, if that proved necessary. Since then, the money has been spent on hiring venues at the Radyr Comprehensive School and the Swalec Stadium indoor school and due to our club volunteers, we have not needed to pay for coaching, which has meant more sessions for our young members. The numbers have been very impressive with over seventy children from eight to fifteen years of age taking part and improving their general cricketing skills. Our club is determined to give as many boys and girls an opportunity to play cricket to the level their skills and desires take them. It is an expensive business and it is only with the help of organizations like the Community Council that the club can cater for what seems an ever increasing demand. With the new houses being built in Radyr this situation is only going to increase.

One of the nice things about involving ourselves in youth cricket is when a boy or girl uses their talent and achieves the milestone of an International cap. Over the last few months seven Radyr members have been nominated in various age group Wales squads, which takes us to fifteen in the last twelve months. I have no doubt that all of these children will achieve great things in the 2018 season and without exception they have benefited from the coaching paid for by the Community Council.

In conclusion, can I, on behalf of the club's young members, thank the Community Council for their donation which has set them on the path of loving the game of cricket and sport in general.

*Kind regards.*

**Christopher Hitchings**

Radyr Cricket Club – Chairman

# Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Yn ein cyfarfod fis Mawrth buom yn dathlu Gwyl Dewi yng nghwmni disgyblion Ysgol Plasmawr. Cafodd dau o ddisgyblion yr ysgol, Elen Davies a Daniel Rees y fraint o gael mynd allan i Batagonia gyda chriw o ieuenctid yr Urdd yn ôl yr hydref, a'n braint ni ar y noson hon oedd cael gwrandao ar eu hatgofion a'u hargraffiadau o'r wlad.

Glanio'n gyntaf yn Buenos Aires ac yna hedfan i lawr i'r Wladfa a threulio y dyddiau cyntaf yn ardal y Gaiman a Threlew gydag ymweliad byr a Phorth Madryn, y fan y glaniodd y Cymry arloesol yn ôl yn y bedwaredd ganrif ar bymtheg. Yna taith hir dros nos i Esquel ar lethrau'r Andes lle buont yn treulio gweddill eu hamser yn y Wladfa. Beth fydd yn aros yn hir yn eu cof? Y croeso cynnes a gawsant ymhobman, cystadlu yn Eisteddfod y Wladfa, ymweld â'r ysgolion Cymraeg, canu caneuon gyda'r plant meithrin yr arferent hwy eu canu pan oeddent ond yn ddwyflwydd a theirblwydd oed, siarad Cymraeg more bell o Gymru

a sylweddoli nad oedd y Saesneg fawr o ddefnydd iddynt yn y rhan hon o dde America. Ac mae'n amlwg fod y bwyd wedi gadael cryn effaith hefyd – sawl tē prynhawnol Cymreig sy'n amlwg yn fwy o draddodiad bellach yn y Wladfa nac yma yng Nghymru. Ac ni ellir anghofio am y gwledda ar y cig yn yr asados. Byddent hefyd yn cofio am y modd y mae'r diwylliant Cymreig wedi ymblethu â'r diwylliant mwy Sbaeneg sy'n gynhenid i'r ardal.

Ym mis Chwefror eleni bu'r ddau ar daith i Lesotho gyda'r ysgol; a dyna brofiad arall a adawodd ei ddylanwad arnynt.

Fe dorrodd y ddau eu sgwrs i fyny yn bedair rhan a rhwng y rhannau cafwyd eitemau cerddorol arbennig – Greta yn rhoi datganiad ar y delyn, Elan yn canu *Anfonaf Angel*, Lili a Manon yn canu deuawd *Nos Da* a phedair o ferched blwyddyn 9 mewn ensemble lleisiol yn canu trefniant hyfryd o *Molaf, molaf*.

Noson wych a Chymreig ac i goroni'r cyfan cafwyd danteithion Cymreig yn y festri i ddilyn.

Eirian Dafydd

## BRIDGES VETERINARY SURGERY CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF CARING FOR YOUR PETS.

On March 1st 2018, Bridges Veterinary Surgery celebrated its 15th anniversary of providing professional, caring and personal veterinary services. Based at Pugh's Garden Village in Morganstown, 'Bridges' offers you and your pet the most effective diagnosis and treatment of your pets' problems and well-being.

The surgery itself is purpose built, air conditioned, with separate dog, cat and small animal kennels. We have all mod-cons and tons of free parking (and a very nice café within the garden centre).

One of the few independent veterinary practices left in South Wales, Bridges is run by Mark and Rachel Bridges, who started the practice in 2003. Angela, the Office Manager, has been with us since the very first day, with Cathy and the others joining in the following years.

Bridges has developed a strong reputation with its clients and their pets, based upon a caring and personalised service and the best in professional expertise. Mark has studied extensively throughout his career, developing his interest in ophthalmology and gaining his GP certificate and also acupuncture in support of general veterinary practice.

Cathy is currently undertaking the huge task of studying for an Msc in Clinical Animal behaviour whilst also working full time.

Our nursing team run a variety of clinics and are always happy to help with advice. One of our qualified VNs, Ruth, has further qualifications in Canine behaviour and also runs her own very popular puppy classes in the area.

We would all like to take this opportunity to thank all of our clients for their support over the last 15 years. In a time when it is increasingly hard for small independent businesses to carry on, you have allowed us to not only carry on but to thrive.

THANK YOU!

From Mark and Rachel Bridges, and the whole of the Bridges team. Please feel free to follow us on facebook and Instagram.



Disgyblion Ysgol Plasmawr

## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

As I write, we are now well into March and still there are very few signs of Spring. Not surprisingly, numbers were down on the St David's Day Walk with only 13 members from Radyr and Morganstown WI taking part. It was a bitterly cold day but the hardy souls of the Taff Trailers Social Link Group who completed the walk to Morganstown Village Hall were rewarded with the warming leek and potato soup, bread and cheese, welsh cakes and hot tea and coffee – now the traditional lunch following the walk.

For the first time in its history, the presentation of the Eisteddfod cups to the local primary schools on St David's Day could not take place because the schools were closed due to heavy snow. The cups were duly presented to the winners at the postponed ceremonies, Evie Williams from Bryn Deri and Millie Jones from Radyr Primary. Both of the winning welsh themed poems were read out at our March meeting and were well received by members. Congratulations to the winners.

It was our WI's turn to host the Social Group Link event this year which will be a Beetle Drive, with tea and cake of course. It took place on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the New School Rooms.

Other community activities by our WI include a donation of £100 profit made from our hot drinks and mince pies stall at the Christmas Tree Lighting event to the Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home towards their garden project. In May, we will be providing the teas at the May Day crowning ceremony during the Radyr Festival. The festival's chosen charity this year is the Alzheimer's Society so please support the activities – there is something for everyone.

Our speaker for February was Jordan Taylor Boskana, the Learning and Outreach Officer from the Cardiff Story Museum. Her role involves her running learning groups and training and supporting community groups in the delivery and creation of their own heritage projects. She

brought with her artefacts, stories and photographs which depicted the many varied aspects of Cardiff's social and industrial history – a very interesting talk enjoyed by members.

The weather may have been miserable for the first three months of the year but we have enjoyed three high quality speakers. The one in March proved inspirational. Sara Pickard's talk was entitled "I've got Down's Syndrome.....so what!!!" Sara is 34 years old, grew up in Pentyrch, was educated in Pentyrch Primary, followed by Radyr Comprehensive, where she gained 10 GCSEs, and then a Business and IT course at Pontypridd College.

She has worked for Mencap Cymru for eleven years on various projects, three of which were in South Africa, to benefit young people with learning difficulties. She has represented Mencap in Europe, speaking at conferences in Rome, Prague and Madrid, as well as in Orlando and at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

During 2009, she joined the Hijinx Theatre group and toured the country for 3 months playing the lead role in the play "Miss Brown to you", later playing Girda in the dramatic adaptation of the Hans Anderson story "The Snow Queen". She is still acting with the Odyssey Theatre as well as being a local Community Councillor for nine years. In 2010, she was the recipient of a "Service to Wales" award at the prestigious venue of Ruthin Castle. 2012 saw her as a torch bearer for the London Olympics, one of her favourite experiences. One of the highlights of her talk was the production of the actual torch used.

Finally, for International Welsh Women's Day on 8th March, the Western Mail report listed Sara as 44th out of the top 100. What a record! and an inspiration to all who witnessed her energy, commitment, enthusiasm and humour. At the end, she had a spontaneous standing ovation, well received.

By the next edition, the Radyr Festival will be over and our own Annual Meeting will have taken place. Please consider joining the committee – our Institute cannot run itself.

Email us to find out more on [radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk). Or look for our page on the Radyr and Morganstown Community website.  
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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### PEAR COBBLER

A very satisfying and homely pudding. Rhubarb, plums or apples could be used. It is quicker if you have a food processor.

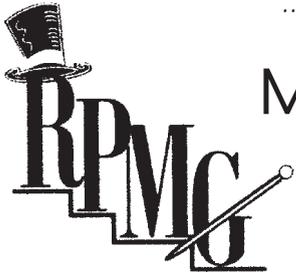
Serves 4

1kg. (2lb) ripe pears  
225g. (8oz) caster or brown sugar (or less)  
150ml. (1/4 pt.) water  
125g. (4 1/4 oz) S.R. flour  
75g. (3oz) cold butter diced  
50g. (2oz) ginger biscuits, blitzed to a powder  
or place in a strong paper bag and roll with a rolling pin  
1 large egg  
3-4 Tbspns. milk  
Ice cream or cream to serve

Peel and core pears.  
Chop into bite sized pieces.  
Place in pan with 150g. (5oz) sugar+water.  
Place over med. heat until pears soften.  
Tip into 1.5 litre (2 1/2 pt.) baking dish  
Prepare ginger biscuits, put aside.  
Preheat oven 160C/Gas 3  
Pulse blend flour+butter or rub together until resembles breadcrumbs.  
Add remaining sugar+biscuit crumbs.  
Pulse or stir.  
Add beaten egg + enough milk to make a soft dough.  
Top pear mixture with spoonfuls of ginger dough.  
Bake 40-45 mins. until golden and juice breaking through crust.  
Allow to cool a little before serving.

A.M.P.

... from front cover



## Me and my Girl

only to discover he must forfeit the love of his 'girl' Sally to claim his birthright. The musical score of the show features such well-known numbers as 'The Lambeth Walk' and 'Leaning on a Lamp Post'. The latter song, made popular by George Formby, although written by Noel Gay, did not appear in the original production.

Things got off to a brisk start, with the company's bright rendition of 'A week-end at Hareford'. Then came our introduction to the single-minded personality of Lady Jaqueline Carstone, well characterised by Lesley Collier-Roberts. Her 'Thinking of No-one but Me' duet with the Hon. Gerald Bolingbroke, very ably portrayed by Gareth Hurman, was really well-done. 'The Family Solicitor' number introduced the character of the song title. Solicitor Hubert Parchester, was superbly played by Alex Brent, with a delicate, humorous touch, and entirely believable. Angela Sadler, gave another of her polished performances as the Duchess of Dene, prior to the arrival on scene of 'the heir'. Mike Gelder's experience and stage craft was evident in his portrayal of cockney Bill Snibson, and Bethan Sims brought a light touch of innocence and honesty to the character of Sally Smith; a suitable contrast to Bill's brashness.

'An English Gentleman' was a well-sung showcase number for the domestic staff cast of characters, and Lady Jaqueline and Bill's close interaction during the number 'You would if you could' was amusingly cheeky. All the company were enthusiastically involved in the signature Act 1 closer 'The Lambeth Walk', which showed off the rehearsal work done to perform the choreographed movements, and equally importantly, the several changes of key the musical arrangement demands.

Act II opened with the bright,



enthusiastic company rendition of 'The Sun has got His Hat on', and Sally's poignant reprise of 'Once you lose Your Heart' from Act I showed off the quality of Bethan Sims' singing. The 'Song of Hareford' clearly demonstrated Raymond Rivron's creative approach to stage and scene setting, as the 'ancestors' were illuminated in ghostly light behind their portraits, before emerging to join in the number. This scene contrasted nicely with the related dialogue between the Duchess and Bill, and his predictable – but nonetheless amusing – fight with the tiger rug in his taunt of the Duchess's pronouncements on 'family' values. The rendition of 'Love makes the World go Round' by Parchester, Sir John and Bill, a scene of mildly-inebriated, slightly comic interaction, was well performed by all three. A bright finale with a, perhaps expected, reprise of 'The Lambeth Walk' rounded off an enjoyable evening's entertainment.

Congratulations to Bev Jones as both director and choreographer, and all involved – both on and off stage – for a really good production. Stage setting and related props were of the usual high standard, set and maintained by Raymond Rivron in his work for the group (ably assisted by his wife Marilyn). Musical direction was again in the hands of the very capable Ben Pinnow, with the help of Helen

Roberts as rehearsal repetiteur. Ben also led a fine orchestra in providing the essential instrumental accompaniment at performances. Costumes, from Just Fancy of Barry and cast members' own wardrobes, helped to further enhance the visual elements of the performance. Further support was also provided by the many volunteers – both Group members and friends – who checked and sold show tickets, raffle tickets, and staffed the licensed bar. And so we look forward to the Group's next production, 'How to succeed in Business without really Trying', in February 2019.

Ian Ogden

## Stop Press...

### Punch and Judy

The Festival Committee have announced that Professor Pete Milsom will be in attendance at the Festival Fete on Saturday 5th May. Prof. Milsom is a celebrated exponent of Punch and Judy and will perform several times with Mr. Punch and his wife Judy. In between performances of Punch and Judy he will perform his magic show.



# Radyr Cricket Club

Following a snowy start to March another exciting season is upon us. Ground preparation and pre-season are in full swing!

The 2017 season does seem a distant memory however I felt it worthwhile to mention some highlights in dispatches.

The First XI finished a little off par in mid table of the South East Wales Cricket League div 2 but recorded some handsome victories including the eventual run away leaders Abergavenny. It was encouraging to see the clubs youth policy bearing fruit as on three occasions during the season the First XI consisted of six U21's. Congratulations to James Cady achieving 'player of the season' and Ben Thomas making his First XI debut.

A special mention must go to the Second XI, champions of the SEWCL div 2 Second XI league in a close fought contest coming out deserved victors winning thirteen of their eighteen games only losing two along the course of the season.

Congratulations to Pete Clegg and the squad! 'Cleggy' was the stand out performer leading the way with the bat scoring over five hundred runs at an average of 57, taking 24 wickets at an average of 12 topping it off with 5 catches and 2 run outs!

Credit must also go to two youngsters making their way through the ranks of the club, Tom Neil who put in a solid display throughout the season proving his worth to the top order with some mature performances. Secondly to Taylor Burns who racked up 120 overs for the season taking 27 wickets at an

average of 16 as the spearhead of the attack.

Sophie Thomas not only made her Third XI debut in 2017 but had another very successful season for Wales women and girls. She headed both the runs and wickets averages and aggregates for Wales Under 15s, was part of the Under 17 team which reached the National Finals and made her Wales Senior Ladies debut. At the end of the season Sophie was selected as the youngest member of the Western Storm Regional Academy and as one of 4 women and girls in the full Glamorgan Academy. Congratulations to Sophie a fantastic 2017 season and we wish her all the best for 2018.

Congratulations to all our young cricketers who have been selected to represent Wales this year:

Sophie Thomas – U15 and Senior women

Esme Jones	– U15
Bethany Cook	– U13
Cerys Griffiths	– U13
Chloe Thomas	– U13
Alexandra Poole	– U12
Alys Wakeling	– U12
Angharad Day	– U12
Caitlin Jewitt	– U12
Elen White	– U12
Izzy Janas	– U12
Jessica Clegg	– U12
Lola Robinson	– U12
Seren Jenkins	– U12
Summer Wales	– U12
Owen Brown	– U11

With a particularly strong youth set up we are very proud to offer cricket to ages 12 and above through the season in our senior teams. Our Third XI and Forth XI boast a great balance of experience and youth, we have provided snr cricket for over 30 'juniors' during the 2017 season.

In addition to our traditional 50 over league cricket and with the growing popularity of the 20/20 game we are conscious for the need to offering members cricket in line with the times. The 'smaller' format of the game is represented with an U19 league team, a snr mid week team in the Cardiff league and some selected Sunday fixtures.

Senior nets take place at the Riverside ground 6-9pm throughout the season starting on the 25th of April.

We are excited to be part of what we hope to be an annual fixture for Radyr cricket, golf and tennis clubs. This year, as part of the festival celebrations the three sporting clubs are coming together to enjoy a day of sporting rivalry. Members from each club will compete in shortened formats of each sport on Sunday the 6th of May. This inaugural triangular tournament should prove to be great day of light hearted fun but also a great chance for us to raise some money for the festival charity. The competition will run throughout the day culminating at Radyr CC with a BBQ from 3pm.

It gives us great pleasure to announce the visit of the MCC at Radyr CC this year. The Marylebone cricket club based in Lord's will be joining us at the Riverside ground on July 27th.

The junior section are busy preparing for the 2018 season at Radyr CC and if last year is anything to go by we should be registering around 150 children over the next few weeks.

Throughout the winter players from U11, U13 and U15 have had the opportunity to attend winter training at Radyr Comprehensive and SWALEC indoor school thanks to support from the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council



(R&MCC) community fund. Whilst our U9s will have chance to refresh their cricketing skills at sessions being held at Radyr Comp in April. In addition to this over the next few weeks' taster sessions will be held at Radyr and Bryn Deri primary schools for children in years 2, 3 and 4.

If you would like to join our junior section we are able to offer cricket for children from ages 5-15 and are proud to be the only club in Cardiff to host a National Development Centre for girls in conjunction with Cricket Wales who hold weekly training sessions at the club throughout the summer. We will be entering teams into the Cardiff & Vale junior league who will opponents from across the region as well as try our luck in the Lady Taverners, ECB & Welsh cup competitions.

Overall we aim to develop an interest in the game for all children who become members of the club. This is achieved by a fantastic group of qualified coaches who are all volunteers and take great pride in offering boys and girls of all ages and abilities the opportunity to develop their cricketing skills. This doesn't matter if you are a complete beginner or have previous experience – everyone will be welcomed.

Our 2018 season will begin with training from Monday 30th April further details are shown below:

All Stars Cricket – Tuesday 5-6pm – please see [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk) for further details (5-8 year olds)

U9s – Friday 6-7pm (school years 3 and 4)

U11s – Tuesday 6.30-8pm (school years 5 and 6)

U13s – Thursday 6.30 – 8pm (school years 7 and 8)

U15s – Monday 6.30 – 8pm (school years 9 and 10)

To register please email Emma Clegg, Youth Secretary ([peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk)) or come along to the club from Monday 30th April at the times shown above.

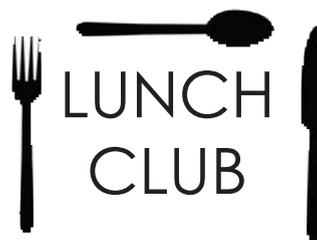
As with any amateur club, support from the community, the membership and private business is paramount in enabling the club to operate. We would like to thank the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

(R&MCC) for their continued assistance and all our generous sponsors especially Cicchetti for their ongoing support.

Radyr CC showcases cricket throughout the summer and everyone is always most welcome at the ground or the bar, please do come down and say hello. If you would like to be involved at Radyr CC as a player or even help out with scoring, grass cutting or umpiring please do come and see us at the ground or find detail at [www.radyrcc.co.uk](http://www.radyrcc.co.uk) for everything you need to know about cricket in Radyr.

*We all look forward to welcoming you at Radyr Cricket Club.*

**Jonathan Wilson** – Club Captain



### **Lunch club for elderly residents may struggle to survive**

It's easy to think that Radyr and Morganstown are parts of Cardiff that do not suffer the kinds of problems faced by other parts of the city. This, after all, is a relatively wealthy area and, as we know, a little money can help solve many of life's problems!

But there are some people in Radyr and Morganstown who could do with a little help. This includes many of our older residents who find themselves, for a variety of reasons, with very little company. To make matters worse, some of them can no longer drive - and this makes their isolation more difficult to bear.

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council wants to help these residents. It wants to provide them with opportunities to spend time with other people - and to enjoy a wide range of activities as they do so. As a first step, the council is working in partnership with Age Connects (the charity which helps older people), which has already established a lunch club which meets in the Ty Nant on Fridays.

'The lunch club is off to a good start'

according to Martin Smidman, the Age Connects coordinator 'but we need to do more! Our hope is to hold some of our lunch events in places such as the Old Church Rooms, where we can provide guest speakers and other activities for our elderly residents to enjoy.'

'Unfortunately, Age Connects cannot provide this service forever - and we will have to turn our attention to some of our other priorities towards the end of the year. Because of this, we need to recruit a band of volunteers who can take over and develop what Age Connects has started, with the assistance of the Community Council.'

'It has been wonderful to see the response of the elderly people who have attended the lunch club to date - and it would be such a shame if this service had to end later this year.'

'Age Connects has managed to recruit some excellent volunteers, but we need four or five more, to help take this project forward.' added Councillor Huw Jones, from Radyr and Morganstown Community Council. 'We need people who can cook simple lunches; people who can transport elderly people who cannot drive (for which 50 pence per mile can be paid). We need, most of all, someone who can lead this project - and provide some great experiences for these people who will, otherwise, spend much of the week alone.'

Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact the clerk at Radyr and Morganstown Community Council, on 029 2084 2213, or via [clerk@radyr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radyr.org.uk).

Alternatively: Martin Smidman, Volunteer Manager at Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale:

Telephone: 07870 988381

Email: [martin.smidman@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk](mailto:martin.smidman@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk)

Please get in touch to find out more about the project - and to hear about what you could do to help. It doesn't matter if you can donate three hours a week, or one hour a month, we would love to hear from you!

# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



## REPORT FROM THE RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL – MARCH 2018

Residents of both villages will have seen the devastation that has occurred at the south end of Heol Isaf, the junction with the A4119 and all along the A4119 almost to Groesfaen. The title of a famous book 'The Rape of the Fair Country' springs to mind. Furthermore, both the increase in construction traffic and intermittent traffic lights all add up to travel delays and an increase in atmospheric pollution. This outcome was predicted by many residents along this road and supported by all aspects of local societies. Many also blame the Developers for this devastation but they are only working within the constraints allowed by the Planning Authority.

There is nothing that can be done in regard as to what has occurred. The future philosophy is basically damage limitation. How can this be achieved? Your Council will monitor and examine all new proposals and respond accordingly. Currently, letters have been dispatched to various bodies. The first has been to Arriva Trains Management with a request to adjust the fare stages between Taffs Well, Radyr and the centre of Cardiff. The objective is to try and encourage passengers to use the more distant stations and so decrease the cars that fill up Radyr Station Car park early each morning. In addition, such actions will hopefully reduce traffic flow along Heol Isaf and along the Kings Road during the rush hours. The spin off for this strategy will be that there will be increased road safety at all times particularly during the local school runs. The second letter has been dispatched to Cardiff City Council requesting that their transport department monitor and reduce the flow of Heavy Goods Vehicles [HGV] along Heol Isaf. The objectives here are several and include increase in road safety, reduced pollution and to prevent further road damage along Heol Isaf. A response has been received from the City Operations Department who are monitoring both road safety and accessibility issues in the city. A report will be produced later this year. In the meantime, the Council continue to press for traffic control measures to be established along Heol Isaf. In addition, the Council has been in contact with the developers and their suppliers, both by letter and at meetings, pointing out that there are both weight and speed restrictions along Heol Isaf. Currently, the developers are handing out leaflets to the HGV drivers warning of these restrictions.

There is no doubt that when the new houses are purchased, surrounding schools, medical, dental, and hospital facilities will face increased demands. These problems will have to be resolved and will increase the workload of everyone concerned with the wellbeing of our community

Your Council and Councillor McKerlich strongly supported the objections of the Sidings residents against the proposed development. The main objection was the density of the units along with other issues which included access to, and from facilities, particularly to local schools. This will go to the Planning Committee later this year

I attended, along with Councillor Rod McKerlich, the recent meeting of the Police and Community Together – PACT- at the OCR. It was disappointing to record that only around ten residents were present. This meeting allows residents to put forward their views to the police and, in return, receive information of police activities in our areas. Could I encourage more residents to attend at future meetings. David Cargill normally loads the relative dates of these meetings on the local website.

The debate regarding the possible alteration of the Welsh name for Morganstown from Treforgan to Pentre-poeth continues, albeit slowly. There are supporters for each of these place names. The Council will, of course, remain in contact with the residents of Morganstown to keep them informed of any developments.

I am aware that this article has a small amount of positive solutions to the problems faced by our communities. However, residents can rest assured that your Council and Cardiff City Councillor Rod McKerlich will continue to represent our community to ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved.

Councillor Ralph Vaughan - Chairman

## Knitted Poppies

... from front cover

Memorial with poppies as well as having them elsewhere in the two villages.

Gaynor and Ruth would like to start collecting poppies made by other knitters from the middle of April. If you have knitted poppies please drop them off at the Community Council Clerks Office on the first floor of the Old Church Rooms between 9.30 and 12.30 on weekday mornings, or to Ruth at 30 Pentwyn. Radyr or phone

Ruth on 2084 2123.

Other plans include putting up display boards on the houses of those who fought in the War giving some of their history. This will take place during November. More than 140 men from R&M fought in the Great War - the Parish Council gave 147 silver match boxes to combatants, only fifteen of them are commemorated on the War Memorial. This is an incredibly large number for such small villages. We also plan to commemorate the nurses and civilians who worked in the hospital on Heol

Isaf. So don't be surprised if someone knocks on your door to ask permission to put up one of these display boards. The students at Radyr Comprehensive are working on finding out where these houses are - sometimes we only have a house name and some of these have been changed.

A three day Festival will take place over the days immediately prior to Sunday 11th, including a concert, an afternoon tea, a dinner in the Golf Club and a showing of the film *Oh! What a Lovely War*.

## Gwyl Fai 2018

Eleni fydd yna ddau ddigwyddiad yn ystod Gwyl Fai Radyr a Threforgan.

Nos Fercher y 4ydd o Fai, fydd Cwmni Cwm Ni, Caerffili yn cyflwyno comedi newydd sbon **Wrth Aros Rufus**. Mae'r ddrama yn dilyn helyntion Cwmni Drama amatur mewn tre neu bentre bach. Os ydych chi wedi bod yn aelod o gwmni drama neu hyd yn oed yn aelod o bwyllgor fyddwch yn gyfarwydd â'r problemau. Pa ddrama i'w llwyfannu? Problemau gyda'r eglwys a'r ficer. Plant yn camfihafio! Diffyg arian. Oes rhaid dweud rhagor? Ydy, mae hi'n gomedi ddigri iawn.

Mae Cwmni Cwm Ni yn cystadlu gyda'r ddrama hon yn Eisteddfod Caerdydd. Dewch i flasw'r hwyl.

Nos Fawrth yr 8fed o Fai. Fel rhan o ddatliadau 30 S4C, bydd cyfle i weld y ffilm **Solomon a Gaenor** ar y sgrîn fawr. Mae'r ffilm yn digwydd yn Ne Cymru yn y cyfnod cyn y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf. Mae Iddew ifanc yn cwmpo mewn cariad â Chymraes. Ioan Gruffydd fel Solomon, Nia Roberts fel Gaenor, a hanner dwsin o enwau cyfarwydd, gan gynnwys Maureen Lipman. Cafodd **Solomon a Gaenor** ei enwebu am BAFTA a nifer o ddyfarniadau eraill, gan ennill nifer o wobrau. Mae'r ffilm yn y Gymraeg, Saesneg a Yiddish gydag is-deitlau Saesneg.

Mae'r ddau ddigwyddiad yn Hen Ysgoldy'r Eglwys (Old Church Rooms) am 7.30 y.h. Tocynnau i Wrth Aros Rufus yn £3; a

thocynnau i Solomon a Gaenor yn rhad ac am ddim, ond mae angen cael tocyn. Tocynnau gan Allan Cook, 2084 3176.



## History Society

The History Society has announce it's programme for the summer months.

Thursday 12th April. **Cardiff Naturalists Society**. A talk by their chairman to mark the 150th anniversary of this Society which has done so much in so many fields including the history and archaeology of the Cardiff area. Old Church Rooms at 7.30.

Thursday 24th May. Morning visit to the **Newport Transporter Bridge**. A chance to see this landmark before it closes for further repairs. Entry £4.

Thursday 28th June. A coach visit to **Worcester**, leaving Radyr at 8.30. and returning from Worcester at 5 p.m. Coach £11. Afternoon guided tour of the Cathedral, £5.50. Morning visit to the Worcester China Works and Museum £5.

Thursday 20th September. A visit to the **National Museum's stores at Nantgarw**. Come and see this incredible collection not normally on view, buses, cars, railway memorabilia and much much more. Free.



All are welcome, just turn up to the Old Church Rooms for talks, and contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176 for visits.

## May Festival 2018

You should find a leaflet of this year's May Festival in this copy of The Radyr Chain, with a full programme covering the two weeks from Saturday May 5th to Sunday 20th.

Instead of the more usual literary event on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms; the



*Angela Gray*

Festival Committee have invited food writer and chef, **Angela Gray**, to demonstrate recipes from the third in her series of cookbooks Summer Kitchen. Angela is not only an internationally famous chef, but she also runs a cookery school at the Llanerch Vineyard in the Vale of Glamorgan. An opportunity to sample some of her summer recipes and even to take one of them home with you.

Here are a few of the other highlights. On both Fridays of the Festival there will be lunchtime concerts in the Methodist Church at 1 p.m. Fri 11th May sees a welcome return of the **Wales International Academy of Voice**, an annual Festival favourite. This year it will feature a German/Australian mezzo, **Monique Simone**, and a tenor, **Henry Ngan** from Hong Kong.

Monique has sung mainly in her native Australia but Henry has sung with UK and German companies as



*Monique Simone*



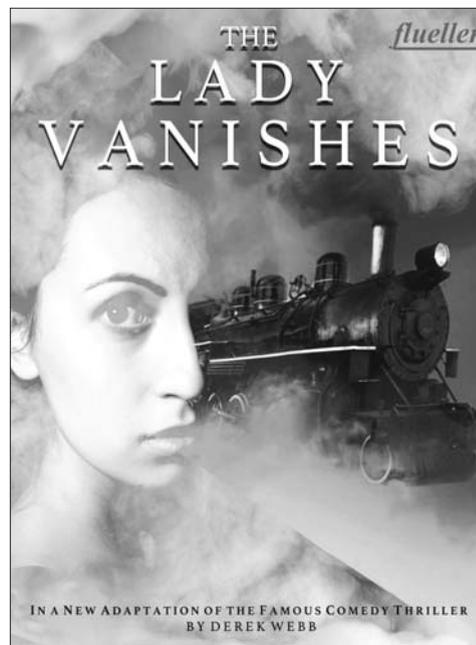
*Henry Ngan*



*Rishart Arwel*

well as in concert with Andrea Bocelli.

The concert on Friday 18th will be given by international classical Welsh guitarist, **Rishart Arwel**, who was one of the hits of the 2016 Festival.



Wednesday 16th sees another welcome return. Professional Swansea based theatre company, Fluellen, will bring their latest production **The Lady Vanishes**, to Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. There is a current fashion for plays which are better known as films and The Lady Vanishes reminds us of the famous Hitchcock thriller of the same name.

Tickets for all of these events can be had from the Festival Box Office, or from Radyr Eye Care, Station Road.

## Pentyrch Art Group

will be holding their 23rd Annual Exhibition on Sunday, May 20th at Pentyrch Village Hall, from 10.00 am until 6.00 pm. Admission is free and free refreshments are served. There is ample free parking at the hall and good disabled access.

**Anne Peebles**  
Group Organiser

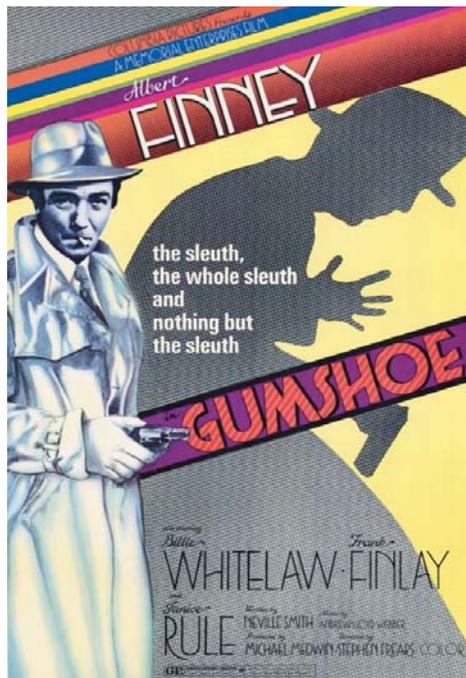
# FILM CLUB

The Festival film is Gumshoe - a slang word for a detective. Made in 1971 by Columbia films and directed by Stephen Frears it follows Eddie Ginley (Albert Finney) who works at a bingo hall in Liverpool, but dreams of becoming a stylish private investigator like those he has read about and seen in films.

After finally placing an advertisement in a local newspaper announcing his detective services, he receives a mysterious offer. Even though Ginley is inexperienced and clueless at certain aspects of investigating, he comes to realize that he is entangled in a serious case involving drugs, murder and even his own family.

The film also stars Billy Whitlaw and Frank Finlay who, with Finney, were two of the biggest stars of stage and screen in the period.

This is the second time that the Film Club has gone back to classic films, it



usually shows the most up to date films available and it will be interesting to see how popular these older films are.

In March the organisers of the Film Club met up with the regular attenders at the Film nights to see in which direction the audience wishes the Film Club to develop. If you have any suggestions or comments please e-mail Eric Blackwell at [ericblackwell05@gmail.com](mailto:ericblackwell05@gmail.com)

## Talwrn

In March BBC Cymru recorded two of its most popular programmes in the Old Church Rooms, Talwrn. Talwrn in Welsh is a place where, historically, they fought with fighting cocks and this contest is fought out with no less vigour but perhaps a little less blood.

Two teams of four poets have to compose various pieces of poetry at short notice. The packed audience were delighted with the pieces and laughter was in plentiful supply. The piece that got the biggest laugh was a couplet;

Yng Ngaerdydd mae 'Nghariad  
Yn Rhigos mae fy ngwraig.

In Cardiff is my love  
My wife is in Rhigos.

Mari George's limerick, which told of the hardship of Radyr residents' in the rescent snow unable to get to Waitrose and how poor Fifi the chihuahua had to do without its lobster, was also much appreciated

duty bound to get the murder over with before the wedding. Despite help from his faithful butler Baines and the cheerful anarchist Winkelkopf, every attempt fails. When news comes that the chiromantist Podgers is a charlatan, Lord Arthur is free to marry his beloved Sybil. But alas, as Arthur's carriage awaits to take him to the wedding rehearsal, Winkelkopf's newest bomb has been placed inside. Arthur saves himself by tossing the bomb into a horse trough. As the dust settles, two policemen are seen to be marching Arthur away, and another postponement notice for the wedding has to be sent to the Times."

To see these hilarious 'goings on' and more besides, you'll need to attend one of our performances, which will be held at Morganstown Village Hall on April 19th to 21st. Curtain up at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are £10, £9 (concession) and £7 (students). Tickets can be purchased from Ener-chi, Station Rd. Radyr, or tel. 07949382328, or from [ticketsource](http://ticketsource.co.uk).

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama)  
From the Director, cast and crew, we look forward to seeing you all there.

## Radyr Drama Society

Our Spring production is 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' by Constance Cox, based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. 'A dangerously funny Comedy from the master of wit.'

"Directed by Peter Griffiths, this fast paced comedy which is set in the 1890's is about Lord Arthur Savile who is engaged to Sybil Merton. Her pet chiromantist Podgers, has read Lord Arthur's palm and foretold he would commit a murder. Desiring a blissful married life, Arthur feels



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## RADYR CHURCH FETE



## Radyr Church Fete 1983

The Parish Annual Fete was blessed with glorious weather. The Corps of Drums, the Royal Corps of Transport gave a rousing overture for the events to follow. Fancy dress was judged by Barry John, WRU and Dr Mary Hewart Jones who awarded the first prize to the Butterfly (Victoria Hearn). The Chimney Sweep (Hannah Sharp) was runner up and the Bride was third.

The Tongwynlais Silver Band provided a delightful accompaniment whilst the tea and cakes were being served.

The new rector, Revd W.G. Barlow praised the hard work of many dedicated people.

1st of February 1983 was a red letter day in the life of Radyr. Following the retirement of Rev. John Davies the induction of the new rector, Rev. William. G. Barlow was enacted by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, assisted by the Archdeacon and the Rural Dean. A ring of bells greeted the congregation for the 7pm ceremony. In 1966 Rev. Barlow was ordained as a Presbyterian Minister joining the Welsh Mission in Assam in India. On his return in 1968 he became a minister in Merthyr. In 1976 he became an Anglican serving in Roath and Cyncoed.

## FUN RUN



NEW RECTOR

The second Fun Run was organised by the Radyr Primary School PTA. 100 parents, staff and pupils tackling the 3 mile route. Another 50 braving 6 or 12 miles. The winner of the 3 mile run was Stephen Heard, who was awarded the trophy. (The 2018 Fun Run will be the 37th event)

# National recognition for Radyr Sixth Form

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attainment, as they measure the progress students make from GCSE to A-level. Since 2014, Radyr Sixth Form has obtained an outstanding ranking, as it has been ranked within the **top 25%** of UK Schools and Colleges. This level of performance has led to Radyr students being offered places to study at the UK's top universities. In 2016-2017, nearly two thirds of all students received at least one offer from a Russell Group university, with three students Oliver Shenton, Desson Au-Yeung and Hannah Lagorio Price securing places at Oxford and Cambridge.

Radyr Comprehensive School is pleased to announce that the sixth form has been ranked as **Outstanding** for the **fourth year** running in a national study of UK A-level results. This study conducted by the educational data company Alps, which looks at results from nearly 2600 schools and colleges, ranks schools based on value-added data. Value added results are the most accurate way of measuring sixth form

Radyr Comprehensive School is pleased to announce that for 2017, A-level results are ranked in the **top 10%** of UK schools. The school would like to congratulate all staff and students on this fantastic achievement.

**Radyr Sixth Form still has places available for September 2018. For further details and to arrange a tour of the school, please email Dr Roe (Director of 6th Form) at [j.roe@radyr.net](mailto:j.roe@radyr.net)**

## Snow Shots... a few images from the recent weather event

