

# RADYR CHAIN



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## The Big Slow Down - **20's Plenty!**



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## Twenty's Plenty

Tuesday 3rd of July saw planned disruption along Heol Isaf in Radyr and Ty Nant Road in Morganstown. The "Big Slow Down" involved thirty residents parking their cars – quite legally and safely – to create chicanes.

It was done under the supervision of the South Wales Police who praised the organisation. Average journey time through the two villages increase from 7-10 minutes to 15 to 20 minutes. The police also issued four tickets to HGV drivers illegally travelling through R&M. The event was organised by the Radyr and

Morganstown residents Group, a group created at a meeting in May when more than 100 residents living on Heol Isaf and Ty Nant Road came together to protest at the inability of Cardiff County Council to institute traffic calming and road safety measures.

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Radyr & Morganstown present Alzheimer's Society with a cheque for £24,500

Following the successful Radyr and Morganstown Festival, the establishment of a fund raising group in the village and private donations in support of the Alzheimer's Society, the charity were

presented with a cheque for £24,500, from funds raised during the charity year. David Silver, Chair of the Radyr & Morganstown Association handed over the cheque to Cheryl

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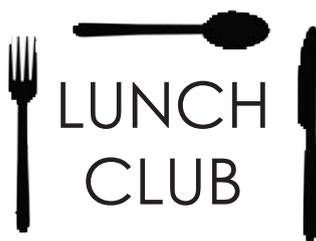
## COMING EVENTS



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)

- Thur 6 Sept** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**  
Radyr Golf Club  
An illustrated talk on "The history of the Royal Mint" by Chris Barber.  
New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 10 Sept** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
"Fill Your World with Colour" by speaker Rhiannon of Rhiannon Art. Old Church Rooms.
- Wed 12 Sept** **19:30 RCTS South Wales & South Wales Railway Association**  
More Alan Jarvis images of South Wales by Noel Thompson
- Mon 24 Sept** **19:30 R&M ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING, OLD CHURCH ROOMS**  
Come and listen to Ian Flower talk about the work of Engineers for Overseas Development. EFOD delivers aid for needy communities in rural Africa, including water provision. Also receive an update on local matters. All welcome. Further details from Nick Hawkins 029 2084 2561.
- Thur 4 Oct** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**  
Radyr Golf Club  
An illustrated talk on "Memories of Queen Victoria" by Dr Ralph Vaughan.  
New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 8 Oct** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
"The History of Bute Park" by speaker Rosie James. Old Church Rooms.
- Wed 10 Oct** **19:30 RCTS South Wales & South Wales Railway Association**  
The Life & Legacy of George Bradshaw
- Fri 12 Oct** **07:30 Tenovus evening entertainment**  
Old Church Rooms. More details to follow
- Thur 1 Nov** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**  
Radyr Golf Club  
An illustrated talk entitled "A look at the River Severn" by Rosemary Scadden. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

## Radyr and Morganstown



Lunch Club continues to develop and grow. We now meet at Radyr Golf Club on the first and third Wednesday of every month from 12.15pm – 2.00pm. We offer a meal with tea, coffee and biscuits, a speaker and a lift to and from the event, if needed, for just £6.00

We have already had a wide variety of interesting speakers including two musical story tellers, and talks on life in Uganda, Italians in Wales, Carers' rights and the Cardiff Barrage. We have also had a mobile charity shop from the Cardiff Hospice.

There is a very interesting programme planned for the two August meetings. On August 1st we will have Capt David Jones BEM. telling us the amazing story of the sinking of his submarine in World War 2 and what happened next. His talk is called "The Enemy we killed, my friend". Capt Jones has also had a book published on the subject. On August 15th we will be given a talk by Richard Britton on Medieval Cardiff.

If you would like either to attend, or to volunteer to help out, please contact Martin Smidman, Volunteer Manager at Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale on 07870 988381 / [martin.smidman@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk](mailto:martin.smidman@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk).

## R&M's Generosity

...cheque presentation, from front cover

George, Community Fund Raiser SE Wales. Many of the groups in the village have been very generous in their support, including our three local schools. It was very encouraging that our young people are aware and supportive of this cruel disease, which affects so many families.

The "Wind Down" meeting gave all the event organisers an opportunity to review the successes and look forward to the next Festival commencing on Saturday 4th of May 2019. Cheryl thanked the community at large for their support and friendship over the last year. Nina Rice, Senior Fundraiser for "Action for Children" thanked the Association for nominating the charity for next year. Many will remember this charity as the "National Children's Home – NCH." Nina outlined the work of the charity in dealing with troubled children. The charity offers counselling and guidance to meet their specific needs through schools and youth groups. It is hoped that the enthusiasm and generosity of the community will continue through 2018/19. Meanwhile the local Alzheimer's fund raising group, under the chairmanship of Mark Richards, will continue their work in our community.

The meeting, which was held in the grounds of the OCR was rounded off with a barbecue prepared by our well trained chefs, Ian, Ralph, Allan and Raymond. The first meeting of the Festival committee will be Thursday 27th September. We welcome everyone to come and join in the organisation of next year's Festival events. DAC

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by September 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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# The Big Slow Down - 20's Plenty!

...from front cover

Figures issued by the Group and compiled by GoSafe suggest that 81% of motorists speed in Radyr, 86% in Morganstown and that 36% of motorists between Min-y-Coed and Morganstown are travelling between 35 and 50 m.p.h. This compares with a RoSPA figure that nationally 51% of motorists drive within the legal speed limit. At the height of the rush hour nearly 1,400 vehicles were passing the Medical Centre each hour.

## What does the Group want?

- They feel that R&M are being treated unfairly by Cardiff City Council where few traffic calming measures have been introduced compared with neighbouring areas such as Pentyrch, Llandaff or Fairwater.
- They would like to see areas within R&M where the speed limit is reduced to 20 m.ph, as happens in neighbouring areas.
- More raised pedestrian crossings, both to facilitate road crossing and as a traffic calming measure. In Radyr and Morganstown the gap between safe crossings is 500 metres, in Riverside/Grangetown – where a child was killed by a motorist - the gap is 60 metres.
- In November our County Councillor reported a whole raft of traffic calming measures both agreed by the County Council and under discussion, none of these have reached fruition.

The problem is that the County Council has been caught out by the speed of the development along the Llantrisant Road, new residents are already moving in to some of the new houses and the problem will only get worse over the next months and years unless serious consideration is given to the problem.

On July 19th the Group, along with our County Councillor, delivered a petition signed by more than 650 people to Cardiff City Council asking for traffic calming measures to be introduced in R&M.



## What can we as residents Do?

We can be aware of the Residents Group and support them in any way we can or feel appropriate.

Thirty years ago *The Chain* ran a campaign to encourage residents to drive within the legal speed limit. Perhaps its time for us all to watch our speed. If we drive at the legal speed limit, every vehicle behind us is also driving at the legal speed limit. But something still needs to be done about those drivers, usually at times of low traffic and at night, who think that R&M is a speedway.

*A report by our County Councillor on this subject can be found elsewhere in this edition.*

## £30,000 raised for the National

### Eisteddfod...from back cover

'We had such a good time' said Huw 'that we will now be establishing a Speakers' Society for Radyr and Morganstown. We will be arranging similar events, and will raise smaller amounts of money to support good causes in and around Cardiff. And we can't wait to get going!'

## Ymdrech gymunedol wych yn codi £ 30,000 ar gyfer yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol

Dros y deuddeg mis diwethaf, mae tîm bach o wirfoddolwyr wedi bod yn gweithio'n galed i godi arian i gefnogi ymweliad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol i Gaerdydd ym mis Awst. Allan o darged y brif-ddinas o £320,000, rhoddwyd targed o £30,000 i Radur, Treforgan a Gwaelod-y-

Garth, i'w godi erbyn diwedd mis Gorffennaf

'Roedd hwn yn swm enfawr o arian i'w godi' meddai Huw Onllwyn Jones, Cadeirydd y pwyllgor codi arian 'Ond fe aethom at y dasg gyda brwdfrydedd mawr, yn benderfynol o sicrhau na fyddem yn siomi Radur a Threforgan - ac y byddem yn cyrraedd y targed a roddwyd i ni. Ac, yn wir, roedd yn her enfawr. Roedd disgwyl i ardaloedd eraill godi tua £7 y pen, fesul siaradwr Cymraeg. I ni, roedd y targed yn llawer uwch, sef £ 34 y pen! A fyddwn yn llwyddo?!'

Wel - fe wnaethom! Ar ôl blwyddyn brysur, yn trefnu ystod eang o ddigwyddiadau, gan gynnwys dau sioe ffasiwn, murder mystery, dawn, cyngerdd, nosweithiau caws a gwin, lansio llyfrau, cystadleuaeth golff a llawer mwy, mae'r targed wedi'i gyrraedd - ac fe gyflwynwyd sic e i'r Eisteddfod am £30,000.

'Dwi methu diolch digon i'r pwyllgor codi arian' ychwanegodd Huw 'Roedd yn gymaint o hwyl i weithio gyda nhw. Llawn o syniadau. Llawn o ynni. Hapus i weithio'n galed i drefnu digwyddiadau, gwerthu tocynnau a rhedeg pethau'n esmwyth yn ystod pob digwyddiad. A rhaid inni ddiolch i'r gymuned leol am ddod i'n digwyddiadau a'n cefnogi ni mor dda. Treuliodd un aelod o'r pwyllgor, Marian Evans, dros fil o oriau yn pwytho cwilt Eisteddfod anhygoel. Cododd y cwilt £3,000 i ni - ac fe fydd yn hongian am byth yn yr Hen Lyfrgell, i goffáu ymweliad yr Eisteddfod.'

Cynhelir yr Eisteddfod ym Mae Caerdydd rhwng 4ydd a 11eg. Bydd mynediad i'r rhan fwyaf o ddigwyddiadau yn rhad ac am ddim, gan gynnwys cystadlaethau côr, drama, cyngherddau piano, dawn a chystadlaethau canu niferus.

'Fe wnaethon ni gael amser mor dda' meddai Huw, 'y byddwn am fynd ati i sefydlu Cymdeithas Cymraeg ar gyfer Radur a Threforgan. Byddwn yn dal i drefnu digwyddiadau, a byddwn yn codi symiau bach o arian i gefnogi achosion da yng Nghaerdydd. 'Da ni methu aros i gychwyn!'

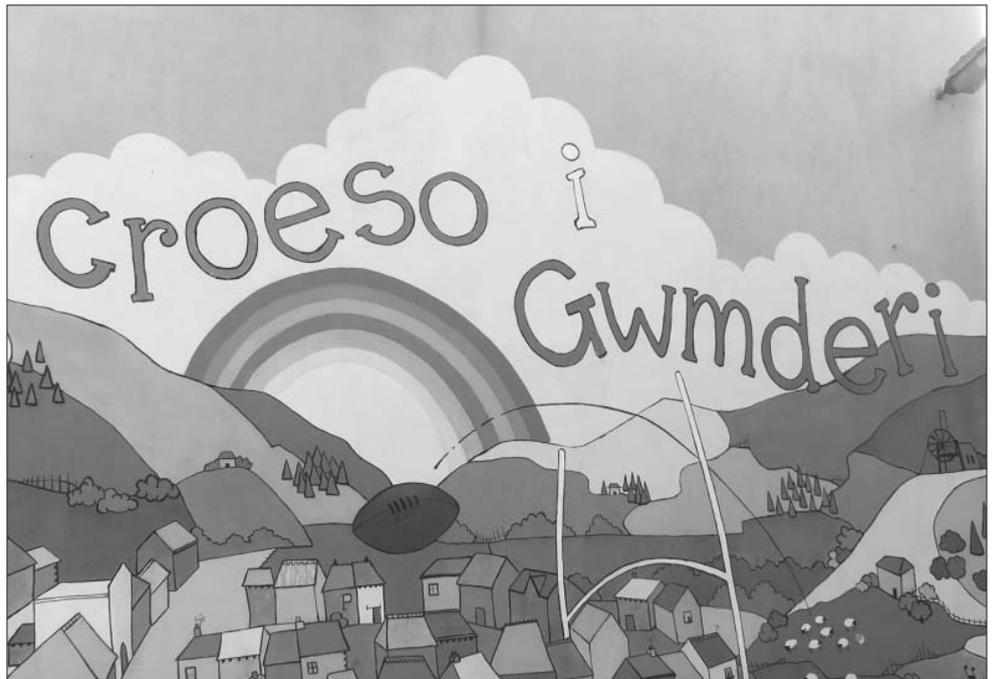
# Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

YMWELIAD Â STIWDIOS POBOL  
Y CWM

Heol Llanarthur, Siop y Pentre,  
Bethania, Tomos ac Elis a'r Deri  
Arms – manau cyfarwydd iawn i  
wylwyr cyson y gyfres sebon Pobol y  
Cwm a chyrchfan ein trip haf eleni.  
A hithau'n noson gynnes heulog ar  
ddechrau Mehefin cawsom weld y  
pentre ar ei orau.

Dechreuodd y noson gyda'n  
tywysydd, Llyr Morus, yn rhoi  
braslun o'r modd y mae'r rhaglen yn  
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sgriptwyr ar hyn o bryd yn gweithio  
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ymlaen llaw. Yn aml mae angen ail-  
sgriptio ar frys, gan fod un o'r  
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fod golygfa yn rhy fyr neu'n rhy hir.  
Pan ddigwydd hyn bydd yr actorion  
druan yn gorfod anghofio y llinellau  
a ddysgwyd a dysgu rhai newydd  
heb fawr o amser cyn bod y ffilmio'n  
dechrau.

Yna wedi'r sgwrs fer cawsom  
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yn byw ym mha dy. Roedd cliwiau  
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silffoedd, llyfrau ysgol ar fwrdd  
coffi, côt ar gefn drws neu ddillad  
babi ar gefn cadeiriau. Wedyn allan  
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mewn i'r siopau lle mae'r trigolion  
yn prynu a gwerthu eu nwyddau,  
yn cael eu gwalltiau wedi'u gwneud  
ac yn hamddena dros baned.  
Gwelwyd car yn aros i Gethin ddod  
i'w drwsio ger y garej a physgod yn  
aros am Brit i'w doddi yn y fasedd  
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yn machlud gan ariannu'r tonnau. A  
oes ffordd well o orffen tymor  
gwyich o weithgareddau?



*Y Wal Groeso*



*Mwynhau yr haul tua allan i'r Deri Arms*

## 20's Plenty...

Cardiff City Council does not have a coherent road safety plan for Radyr & Morganstown



### What are we trying to achieve?

- Correct **imbalance** between motorists and community safety.
- **15,000 vehicles per day**. Peak of **1,393 cars per hour**, an interval of 2.6 seconds.
- GoSafe - **81% of motorists speeding. At 40mph 90% of pedestrians die.**
- HGVs regularly flout the 7.5 ton limit.
- Which other **schools** in Cardiff have **no physical traffic calming measures?**
- Our **neighbouring communities** all have traffic calming in place.
- **550m between pedestrian crossings.**



### How can you help?

- Sign the **petition** - <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/RandMRoadSafety>
- Show support by **displaying a free sign**. Email: [rmbigslowdown@gmail.com](mailto:rmbigslowdown@gmail.com)
- Start driving at **20's Plenty**.
- Join the **Facebook** group 'The Big Slow Down Radyr & Morganstown'

# News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

– July 2018

On Monday 14th May, the most complex meeting of the WI year was held. The format for the evening comprised the monthly WI meeting, the Resolutions and, finally, the Annual Meeting.

However, prior to this daunting schedule, our President, Enid, began by welcoming the special guests. Pam Dinham, Adviser from Glamorgan Federation, who would later preside over the Annual Meeting; Dr Roe, Head of 6th Form at Radyr Comprehensive School, Georgia Evans, a student at the school, and Georgia's parents.

Since 2014, Radyr and Morganstown WI has presented an annual award to a 6th Form student nominated by the school for their selfless community involvement, both in the school and the wider community. Georgia is a talented harpist who has contributed much to the school's extra-curricular life as well as raising money for charity. Enid presented Georgia with the trophy and a cheque for £30. Dr Roe went on to praise Georgia and to convey to the WI how much he values the presentation of the award annually to these exceptional students.

The visitors then left and the normal business of the monthly meeting took place. This was followed by voting on the Resolution for the year "Mental Health Matters". Members were asked to vote "For" or "Against" and Enid read out the Resolution statement and some information provided by the NFWI for both sides of the argument. The results would be forwarded to Federation House and then to the National Annual Meeting.

Our May meeting closed at this point and we moved seamlessly into our Annual Meeting. Officers' reports were received and our President's detailed review of the year gave an insight into the many and varied activities of our very busy WI. She thanked all who had helped and supported our WI during her term of office. Last, but not least, she thanked her small but hardworking

committee for providing support and encouragement throughout her three years as President. All members are grateful to her for her hard work, efficiency and professionalism.

The existing committee then stood down and the meeting was taken by Pam Dinham. Six members agreed to stand for the new committee: Frankie O'Brien, Judy Billington, Babs Hanson, Ginny Jenkins, Sue Llewellyn and Jo Smith. Sue and Jo are new this year, having served in the past, and are returning to help as finding committee members is difficult. Ginny, our Secretary of the last three years, was duly elected as President. Congratulations and good wishes go to her from all members.

And so, we move on into June. Our June meeting saw one member presented with a card and gift for a "special" birthday and the welcome return of our guest speaker, Professor Robert Pickard. He has spoken at previous meetings on a variety of subjects and this time he gave a most interesting talk on "Diet, Activity and Health". His advice, amongst many other things was to "*eat a little of everything and not a lot of anything*". He explained in detail what we obtain from each of the food groups and why we need them.

One wonders what the learned Professor would say about our July meeting's end of term celebration which took the form of a "Puddings and Prosecco" evening. Feedback from this meeting was that it was relaxed and sociable and the food and drink were superb - the main idea being to have a little of every pudding of the many varied offerings made by the committee! Thank you, ladies of the committee for coming up with another good idea.

Our summer trip to Blenheim Palace, planned for 12th July has had to be postponed until 20th September due to the short notice closure of the Palace. No doubt Donald Trump's visit on the same day will have incurred complex security arrangements.

In order to see us through August when no meeting takes place, a lunch at the Miskin Arms has been arranged for Tuesday 7th August – more food and drink! We resume on 10th September – meanwhile enjoy

the rest of the summer.

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. LJH

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Parmesan and sage roast chicken

Serves 4

4x250g. (8oz) bone in + skin chicken breast or  
8x150g. (5oz) drumsticks  
2 teasp. thyme leaves  
2 teasp. sea salt+extra to taste  
60ml. (3 fl.oz) olive oil  
750g. (1½lb) sweet potatoes  
1 Tab.sp rosemary leaves  
1-2 sage leaves per chicken piece  
25g. grated parmesan

Place chicken+ salt + thyme + 1 Tab.spn oil in large bowl.  
Mix, cover + place in 'frig. until needed.

Preheat oven to 220C, Gas 7.

Peel and slice potatoes into 1 cm.rounds.

Place sweet potatoes + rosemary + remaining oil into roasting tin.

Sprinkle with extra salt, toss to coat using tongs.

Arrange potato rounds into even layer and roast 15mins.

Remove pan from oven.

Place chicken pieces on top of potatoes.

Press sage leaves into chicken.

Return pan to oven, cook further 15mins.

Remove pan from oven, move contents around.

Sprinkle chicken with parmesan.

Return to cook further 15mins. until golden and cooked through.

Serve with salad or steamed green vegetables.

A.M.P.



## Radyr Parish Music Group



*What a treat!*

I am a real fan of Gilbert and Sullivan, loving the comic interplay between characters and the rousing and often amusing choruses of their well known operettas. So it was that I entered the sweltering interior of Radyr Methodist Church to attend the Radyr Parish Music Group's Gilbert and Sullivan Evening. From the moment the group members entered from the rear of the hall all wearing some form of adornment, to denote their part in the first half performance of the short but highly entertaining 'Trial by Jury', I was enthralled, the humid air in the church all but forgotten. Tessa Davies, reprising her role as Musical Director, had cajoled, coaxed and rehearsed the group to deliver a truly fabulous performance. Helen Blundell was perfectly cast as the trollop of a girlfriend who had beguiled Keith Ingram, the hapless Defendant whilst Linda Cleake played the heart broken Plaintiff who soon fell for the charms of Nick Hawkins, the lascivious Judge. The chorus of male jury members led by the bewigged Counsel for the Defendant, Glad Llewellyn, provided further comic touches as



they sang the choruses with gusto. The ladies of the jury on the other side offered more rousing choruses as they portrayed their indignation at the treatment of the Plaintiff.

The second half of the concert featured well known numbers from past productions of Gilbert and Sullivan. It was lovely to see some old faces of the group return to reprise long forgotten roles and I particularly enjoyed Nick Hawkin's rendition of 'I've got it on the list' from the Mikado which had been rewritten to include topical thorny issues in the village! RPMG is well known for requiring some form of

audience participation and we were not to be disappointed. We were all encouraged to join in with well known numbers from the Mikado and were suitably moved by Glad Llewellyn's singing of 'Tit Willow'. The whole concert was compered by the incomparable Brian Willis who had arranged the concert around a fictitious World Cup football match! Most amusing! This has to be one of my favourite RPMG's performances and I left with the Policemen's chorus from the Pirates of Penzance ringing joyfully in my ears: 'tan tantara, tantara!' A wonderful evening!  
Julia Hallinan

### Radyr Primary says "Goodbye and Good Luck".



Mrs Anne Lewis retired after almost 22 years as secretary at Radyr Primary School. Mrs Lewis has been meeting and greeting pupils, parents and visitors since 1996. Her work at

the school over so many years has been immense and she will be sorely missed. We have had a number of celebrations to mark the occasion and Mrs Lewis was presented with an ipad and many other gifts to mark her contribution to the school as parent, secretary and governor. We know you all join with us in wishing Mrs Lewis a long, happy and healthy retirement.

#### Wellbeing Winners

Radyr Primary School are extremely proud to be one of the winners of the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust Wellbeing Challenge 2018. During the term staff and pupils have been completing lots of activities to promote healthy living and positive wellbeing. We will be presented with a library of Wellbeing books in the Autumn term. Fantastic!

# Radyr Comprehensive Battlefields Trip

On Monday 11th July 82 Year 7 students, 7 members of staff and two Governors From Radyr Comprehensive School embarked on a 3-day tour of the Battlefields in France and Belgium. It was a very inspiring trip that gave both the staff and students the opportunity to reflect the consequences of war.

On the first evening, we went to the Last Post Ceremony in Ypres, a very moving tribute to the courage and self-sacrifice of soldiers who died in defence of this crucial town. The ceremony has happened every night at 8pm since the end of World War One, only stopping briefly during World War Two.

On the second day we visited an area of the Somme in France. Over a million men were wounded or killed in the area, making it one of the bloodiest battles in human history. The group then moved on to the Theipval Memorial to the Missing, Lochnagar Crater and the Newfoundland Memorial Park. It was here that we also began to consider the role of women during the First World War, stimulating important discussions about the gradual emancipation of women as a direct result of contributing to the war.

All of these historical sites brought home the sacrifices made by our ancestors and the scale of death and injury that took place. For example, the Lochnagar Crater is where an explosion occurred on 1st July 1916; 27 tonnes of high explosives went 4,000ft into the air, creating the loudest sound made by humans at that time. More than 6,000 soldiers were killed.

We also visited the Wellington Tunnels in Arras, this was clear insight into the planning and innovation of the battles. We were taken 25m underground on a twenty-five minute tour through part of the tunnels that were built by New Zealand troops during the First World War. It was amazing to see how the 20,000 soldiers who lived in the tunnels functioned on a daily basis.

In the evening we drove to the Notre Dame de Lorette cemetery near Arras. This stands on a hill overlooking Arras and has 45,000 graves and

several very large ossuary's containing the bones of many thousands more French soldiers. This site also has the awe-inspiring 'ring of remembrance' – a new international memorial commemorating 579,606 men of all nationalities who fell in Nord-Pas-de-Calais during the Great War, which opened on 11th November 2014. Again, these two sites brought home the sheer scale of the 'war to end all wars'.

On our final day, we visited the Hill 62 museum at Sanctuary Wood, this was a fascinating experience where the students were able to experience first-hand original trenches. Here they were shocked to see the lack of space and poor living conditions that the soldiers would have faced.

We were incredibly fortunate to take a group of 82 impeccably behaved students, whom were a pleasure to spend 3 days with. One of our proudest moments of the trip was when two ex-servicemen who had both experienced Iraq and Afghanistan approached us. They commended our students on their respectful behaviour and one commented on how those who have

served in the military, appreciate seeing young people learning about and reflecting on the sacrifices made and the impact of war.

We were also fortunate to be accompanied by Mr and Mrs Wilson, whose previous expertise as a Head and Deputy Head was extremely useful. Mr Wilson's knowledge of the First World War is exceptional and the pupils gained greatly from hearing him speak so passionately about the relatives he lost.

Its was such a success that we intend to run the trip again next year. As a school we feel it is so important to inform our students of the life changing events of the past. We are tremendously excited about the Armistice festival and will be involved in many of the events that will be taking place around Radyr and Morganstown in November.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Smith (Director of Learning) for organising such a fantastic trip.

Humanities Faculty, Radyr Comprehensive School



First stop, the Yser Tower surrounded by Silhouettes to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice.



Mr Gubb, Director of Lower School laying a wreath at the grave of his Great Grandfather



Radyr Comprehensive students in the museum within the Yser tower.



Our fantastic students at the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate.



In a commemorative ceremony led by Mr John Wilson at Mametz Woods.



Not forgetting the many women who contributed towards the war. Our students just prior to entering the Wellington Tunnels.

## My Battlefield Diary

### Day 1 - Monday

Today was the day 82 eager year 7's were going on a trip of a lifetime: to the WW1 battlefields of France and Belgium. Waving goodbye to our worried parents, we set off at about 6 am, split between two buses that we would be 'living' on for the next 3 days. We had a very friendly driver called Gareth on our bus (Bus 1.).

Later into the journey, loud singing echoed from the back of the bus...the tour's very own Oreo song!

We stopped at the services in Reading at about 8.15. Here, many people bought their lunch for the day as well as many snacks and a few trips to the arcade!

By now, everyone was happily singing along to the radio, blasting out songs and enjoying themselves with the people around them.

4 hours on the cramped bus felt like ever but finally we arrived at Dover, ready to catch the ferry to France. As we turned

the corner, many people aboard the bus screamed with trepidation! The White Cliffs of Dover gleamed in the sunlight as we made our way around the ferry port. When we drove up the ramp that led into the boat, the whole bus jumped up and down in excitement. We were left to do what we wanted on the ferry. I mainly chatted to friends in the cafe...and ate sweets!

When we got off the ferry, we made our way to Belgium. Out of the window, all you could see were potato and corn fields and many memorials for the British and French soldiers. Everybody was very delighted when Miss Smith announced, "We are just crossing the border between France and Belgium now."

Soon after, we arrived at a town called Diksmuide. Here we stopped at the Yser Tower, which commemorates the soldiers killed around the area in WW1. We went up 22 floors in a lift to the top of the tower. The view from the terrace at the top was spectacular! The land was

really flat which made it harder for the soldiers to fight on. The whole tower was a museum and each floor was different. One floor was a maze of trenches. I really enjoyed it because I got to learn about the war in a fun way!

After that, we visited Mr Gubb's great-grandfather's grave at a memorial site. We watched from the bus as he lay a cross down in memory.

We had dinner in a restaurant in Ypres, a town in Belgium. After dinner, we attended a ceremony at Menin Gate.

They held a 2 minute silence and people lay wreaths in memory. On the inside of the memorial were names of British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in Ypres and are unknown.

Then we went back to the hotel in France. The bus was unpacked and everyone went to their rooms for a quiet night after a busy day!

### Day 2 - Tuesday

We started the day off with a buffet breakfast. Pancakes, chocolate sauce and the bacon went down well!!

First of all we went to Mametz Wood. Miss Smith played us a song the soldiers sang before battle before we arrived. We had a ceremony around the Red Dragon memorial and some year 7's laid a wreath amongst the others. A few teachers read poems out and we had a minute silence to remember the Welsh soldiers who died. Next, we went into the woods that they fought between. People had laid poppies and Welsh flags hung from the trees.

After that we stopped off at Lochnagar Crater. It was formed by a bomb explosion during the war. I worked out that the circumference of the crater was 6,500m and the diameter was 91metres. The bus dropped David M and Miss Smith off at the grave while the rest of us went to Thiepval Memorial. After walking through the big arch in the centre of the memorial, there was a large area at the back full of soldiers' graves. One half were the French, the other the British. Before we left Miss Lewis took a picture of all of us under the arch! On the way back to the bus, some men from the military stopped us and complimented us on our excellent behaviour!

In the afternoon, a tour guide took us underground, through 20km of tunnels dug by the British and New Zealand armies. We learnt that the tunnels took 8 days to dig and we saw lots of drawings from the soldiers too. Many original weapons like rifles and objects like bottles and pots were kept there for us to look at.

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## Radyr Parish Music Group

### New Season, New Committee, New things to look forward to!

Radyr Parish Music Group is back for another year of antics starting with a quiz night before rehearsals kick off for their annual production, with plans for an event in January and a Cabaret event in the Summer.

Following on from the retirement of the officers Douglas Hogg, Martin Coysh and Judith Jones at the last AGM there have been several changes at the top including Bev Jones taking over as Chairperson, Mike Gelder as Vice Chair, Gareth Hurman as Treasurer and Bethan Sims as Secretary. The new Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work over the years and hope that they can continue taking RPMG forward with new ideas whilst keeping true to its roots.

The RPMG has some great things to look forward to with the season kicking off with a Quiz night to be held in Christ Church School Rooms on Friday 31st August starting at 7:30. A light buffet will be included during the evening and tickets are £5 per person with a team having a maximum of 5. Please contact us at secretary@radyrmusical.org.uk for tickets.

The Open Night for anyone wishing to be a part of the February 2019 Musical will take place at the Christ Church School Rooms on Friday 14th September, starting at 7:30pm, and will be your opportunity meet the company, the Show team as well finding out more about the show itself and how you can be a part of it, whether it be leading from the front, joining our chorus, through to back stage and front of house, everyone is welcome.

For the February 2019 show, RPMG has chosen to perform "How to Succeed in Business Without Even Trying". This upbeat and funny musical was written in 1952, with the music of Frank Loesser (well known for writing the score for Guys and Dolls), and tells the story of a young ambitious man as he rises from window washer to chairman of the board of the World Wide Wicket Company.

There are a range of roles for all ages and abilities with large chorus numbers to lead and supporting roles with rehearsals being held on Thursday nights for Principal roles and Friday's for chorus with Sunday's scheduled in for January and February as the show draws closer. The show itself will



*Judith Jones, retiring Secretary, being presented by her predecessor, Ailsa Bracegirdle.*



*Martin Coysh, retiring Treasurer, being presented by Sue Thomas.*



*Douglas Hogg, retiring Chair, being presented with a gift from Peter Sharp (a former Chair).*

take place at Bishop of Llandaff School week commencing 24th February 2019.

We look forward to welcoming new and old members back for the 2019 season as well as the wider community in joining us in our fund-raising activities.

Watch this space for further updates including our new Non-Performing Members Scheme, which will give you the opportunity to support and invest in the future of the society whilst also reaping the benefits of your contribution.

### My Battlefield Diary ...continued

On our way back, we visited many cemeteries. We looked at the different designs and styles of graves and compared them. Then we visited a cemetery where 100,000 (!) soldiers are buried.

In the evening we went to a bowling alley for dinner and a round of bowling. The France vs Belgium football match was played on a screen while we were there and everyone was extremely happy when France won!

#### Day 3 - Wednesday

The final day of our amazing trip had come and the rain didn't help either! Today we went to Hill 62 to visit the trenches. I was really surprised when I found out that they had been left exactly how they were found after the war. It was good fun walking the length of the trenches and we even visited a toilet the soldiers would have used!!

We went back to Ypres where we spent the rest of the day. Firstly, we went to The Flanders Field Museum where we got given interactive wrist bands for the museum. The gift shop at the end was popular too! After that, the teachers let us explore the town and go in any shops we wanted. We bought lunch then headed off to a lovely chocolate shop where I came out with a big bag of chocolate treats! We met back up again and had a quick tour around ANOTHER chocolate shop where most people bought lots of goodies there too.

Finally, we got back on the bus and headed off for Dunkirk to catch the ferry home. Me and some other people had bought Gareth a box of Oreó's in memory of the oreo song! The ferry ride home was slightly longer but nobody minded that much. Like the way to France, we stopped off at the services on the way back to grab dinner.

Eventually, we had come to the end of an amazing trip to the battlefields, as we pulled into the school car park at about 10.45pm. Tired pupils and teachers got off the bus for waiting mums and dads. We all said our thank you's and headed off home, dreading the next day in school!

#### Overall

It was a lovely trip with many amazing experiences. It was emotionally moving and extremely informative to realise the efforts and sacrifices that countless men and women have made over the years in protecting our freedom. I would certainly recommend the trip to other pupils who are lucky enough to have the opportunity in the future.

Frances Davies- Walsh - 7 South East



### Road Safety in Radyr and Morganstown:

#### A Statement from the Community Council

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council strongly supports the need for improved road safety along the B4262 (from the Heol Isaf / Llantrisant Road roundabout to the Castell Coch roundabout).

Councillor Rod McKerlich (who serves on both the Community Council and Cardiff Council) has already held several discussions with officials at Cardiff Council responsible for highways and transport matters. Those discussions have focused on projects that could slow traffic (such as raised Pelican or Zebra Crossings) and new 20mph speed restrictions along all, or part, of the road.

The Community Council has actively engaged with Cardiff Council to promote road safety. Indeed, over the last three years, the Community Council has produced a report on Cycling and Walking recommendations and has held a meeting with the general public to discuss the Integrated Transport Map. All recommendations made have been passed to Cardiff Council. The Community Council has also sent many letters to Cardiff Council expressing their concerns about safety on Heol Isaf. In addition, several representatives from the community group that arranged the Big Slow Down have attended a full Community Council meeting.

The aim of all these submissions would be to make the road safer for pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. It could also lead to through traffic looking for alternative routes into Cardiff, leading to a reduction in traffic flows through Radyr and Morganstown.

The Community Council is considering establishing a working group which will focus on road

safety throughout Radyr and Morganstown (not just along the B4262). Members of the public and Community Groups will be invited to contribute to the working group's discussions.

As with any such project, money is a key issue - especially following years of austerity in relation to public finances. Even so, the Community Council will continue to work hard to make the B4262 a priority for Cardiff Council, in order to ensure that road safety can be improved as soon as possible.

Whilst the Council may not be able to support each and every tactic in the ongoing efforts of the Road Safety Action Group, we all agree that we want safer traffic conditions for our residents. The Community Council will use all the methods it has available to continue to bring pressure on Cardiff Council to improve road safety throughout Radyr and Morganstown.

**R S Vaughan** - Chairman

## Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society Volunteer Fundraising Group

The newly formed Alzheimer's Society Group has worked together with the Festival Committee this year in raising over £24,500. Over the past 6 months the group have held a number of social events and coffee mornings to help raise these funds and have attracted large donations from schools, colleges and individuals inside and outside the area. The group is chaired by local resident Mark Richards with the support from Cheryl George, the Alzheimer's Community Fundraiser.

During the festival fortnight the group were involved in many of

the organised events and organised the final concert to help raise as much money as possible whilst raising the profile of the cause. They assisted in the very successful Festival coffee morning in the McKerlich's garden, in May, which raised over £1000. Special thanks to Sue and Rod for organising this event and for their hospitality.

The committee made up of local residents have a programme for the rest of the year including

1. A Memory Walk on Saturday 1st September, local contact Tracey Stanley. If you would like to join the group in taking part or would like to make a donation, further details can be found here [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mx300538](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mx300538)
2. A Race Night on Saturday 20th October at the Old Church Rooms, tickets out shortly and
3. A Christmas Concert in Rhiwbina on Sunday 2nd of December involving the Melingriffith Brass Band.

Group members are working with the local schools to promote awareness of the disease and canvass younger volunteers. There is also a collection point in our local library for any spare foreign coins.

This group has made a positive decision to continue to meet and raise funds for this good cause and any members of the community who wish to join can contact Mark – [mrichradyr@aol.com](mailto:mrichradyr@aol.com)



## Church Fete

This year's Fete at Christ Church was its usual happy self. The theme of By the Seaside was particularly appropriate in the sweltering weather. The event was tinged with sadness as it was the last official event that Jenny Wigley attended as Rector of the Parish.



## Radyr Drama Society

In July the Drama Society cast their next production, John Godber's "Happy Families". Described as a witty, funny and sometimes touching play, it follows John as he grows up in a town in the north of England. Rehearsals begin in September and it will be performed in Morganstown Village Hall between the 22nd and 24th of November.

The Drama Society are always on the look out for new recruits, especially those wishing to work backstage.



*The ladies of Treforgan Women's Institute 2018*

## Colin W.C. Pugh, 1932 - 2018



The sad passing of Colin Pugh on 8th April gives us the opportunity to reflect on the importance of the Garden Centre in our village. Colin's father, Sydney Pugh started Wenallt Nurseries in Rhwbina in the late 1940s; Colin joined the business after leaving agricultural college in the early 1950s. He decided to expand the business, which had been a wholesale fruit and vegetable garden gate business, to a shop. In the 1960s he sold the shop and moved the business to Morganstown for a fresh start.

The new one acre site operated a market garden and pottery. By the 1970s it had further grown adding bedding plants, hanging baskets and garden fertilizers. It was at a time when householders were taking more interest in their gardens and were looking for a source for decorative garden plants.

The business became known as the Ty Nant Nurseries and was a very popular meeting point for local people. Colin's wife, Winnie, gave up her nursing job to join him in the business to administer and help with the buying. It was at this time that Colin started to import shrubs and plants from Holland.

In the 1980s his two sons, Graham and Ian, joined the business bringing

in new ideas and setting up links with local schools and the community. The centre began its expansion with the purchase of additional land to create a patio business and show site. The car park was expanded helping to increase the number of visitors and sales. By 1995 a number of concessionary operators were encouraged to set up businesses and today there are a number suppliers of clothing, aquatics, pet services, farm shop, window blinds, café, and a heating company alongside an enlarged garden centre.

Today the centre is a hive of activity with a unique shopping experience supporting the enlarged community, as well as local and national charities. Pugh's has been a major supporter of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival from its inception in 1988. Many of these qualities were first established by Colin with his ability to communicate and understand the needs of his customers. We look forward to working with the present and next generation of the family, wishing them every success in their business, which so many of our community value.

*With thanks to the Radyr Web pages, where the article first appeared.*

## Former Radyr student awarded CBE



David Kinder, a former student of Radyr Comprehensive, has been made a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. David attended Radyr Comprehensive between 1990 and 1997. During his time in Radyr, David was also junior captain of the Radyr Tennis club and a keen member of Radyr Golf club. On leaving Radyr, David studied Modern Languages at Leeds University and then took a Masters Degree in Political Science at Marne La Valee University in Paris.

In 2005 David joined HM Treasury. He moved to the Department for Energy and Climate Change in London in 2010 to concentrate on international carbon trading arrangements. On returning to the HM Treasury in 2013 he worked on Public Sector Pay and Pensions before being seconded to the World Bank in Washington DC, where, for the last two years, he has been the Alternate Executive Director (UK) engaged in negotiating contributions to the World Bank(WB) and agreeing WB loans and aid packages.

David has been undertaking a great deal of work on mental wellbeing, setting up help networks, mentoring colleagues and speaking at conferences to raise awareness of a subject that he cares deeply about. His citation for the CBE is "for public service and services to Mental Wellbeing".

## More on Road Safety Matters from our County Councillor

There can be no question of the need for Radyr and Morganstown to have a number of traffic calming measures. The two local primary schools will have 20mph zones installed early in the forthcoming school holidays; speed-disclosing signs play a part in reducing the speed of thoughtful motorists but the rest require control that is more positive. As we see from the cavalier disregard of signs, prohibiting through transit of HGVs, it is essential that signs be supported by installation of pedestrian crossings (preferably tabled) or roundabouts. There are schemes to do this and funding comes from planning gain money but three issues arise:

Drawing up these schemes is taking too long which, of course, means that implementation is not imminent

It is improbable that the envisaged planning gain money will be sufficient for the full range of necessary measures

The envisaged measures refer to Heol Isaf between Llantrisant Road

and Station Road; there are several other hazards, which we need to address; these are in other areas of our villages and on the other sections of our main road

It is vital that we do not make changes only to a section of Heol Isaf; there are serious hazards such as e.g. lower Kings Road and Radyr Station roundabout-the bend at the top of Windsor Road (where there is no pavement)-Bryn Derwen-the junction of Min y Coed and Heol Isaf (again there is no pavement on the east side). If we get measures to reduce traffic flow and speed on Heol Isaf, it is clear that this will increase the hazard on Bryn Derwen, which would become a "rat run". We need an early scheme, which is holistic, costed, and implemented. I welcome the support of residents in pushing for this to receive higher priority.

In focussing in this article on highway matters, I accept that there are several other areas of local concern. I deal with these in my monthly report; I will send future copies by e-mail to any resident who requests this.

County Councillor Rod McKerlich  
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*Below is a photograph of our County Councillor, Cllr. Rod McKerlich and Sue McKerlich. Rod is wearing his chain of office as he is the current Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff. Rod and Sue represent the City of Cardiff at numerous functions.*

## Cannabis Factory Discovered in Radyr

Police officers raided a house in Lychgate Gardens Radyr, in April of this year, where they found a large scale cannabis factory. Over 250 cannabis plants were being grown on the second floor. The defendant was an illegal immigrant who arrived in the UK 18 months ago in the back of a lorry. He was jailed for 20 months and is likely to be deported on release. He was living at the premises and was being supplied with food and drink by a group of men to look after the plants. The court ordered a destruction order of the plants which neighbours had started to become aware of a strong vegetation smell from the property.



## Fantastic Community Effort raises £30,000 for the National Eisteddfod

Over the past twelve months a small team of volunteers has been hard at work fund-raising in support of the National Eisteddfod's visit to Cardiff in August. Out of the city's target of £320,000, Radyr, Morganstown and Gwaelod y Garth were given a target of £30,000 to raise by the end of July

'This was a huge sum of money to raise' said Huw Onllwyn Jones, the fundraising committee Chair 'But we set about the task with great enthusiasm, determined to ensure that we would not let Radyr and Morganstown down - and that we would reach the target given to us. And it was a huge challenge. Other areas had to raise around £7 per head, per Welsh speaker. For us, it was much higher, at £34 per head! Could we do it?!

Well - we did! After a busy year, organising a wide range of events, including two fashion shows, a murder mystery, a ball, a concert, cheese and wine evenings, book launches, a golf competition and much more, the target has been



Members of the Eisteddfod Committee for Radyr and the Garth, celebrating raising £30,000 towards this year's Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay.

reached - and the Eisteddfod presented with a Cheque for £30,000.

'I cannot thank the fundraising committee enough' added Huw 'They were great fun to work with. Full of ideas. Full of energy. Happy to work hard to arrange events, sell tickets and keep things running smoothly during each event. They were definitely the A-team! And we must thank the local community for coming to our events and supporting us so well. One member of the

committee, Marian Evans, spent over a thousand hours hand-stitching an amazing Eisteddfod Quilt. That raised £3,000 alone - and will hang for ever, in the Old Library, to commemorate the Eisteddfod's visit.'

The Eisteddfod will be held in Cardiff Bay between 4th and 11th August. Entry to most events will be free, including choir competitions, drama, piano recitals, dance and numerous singing competitions.

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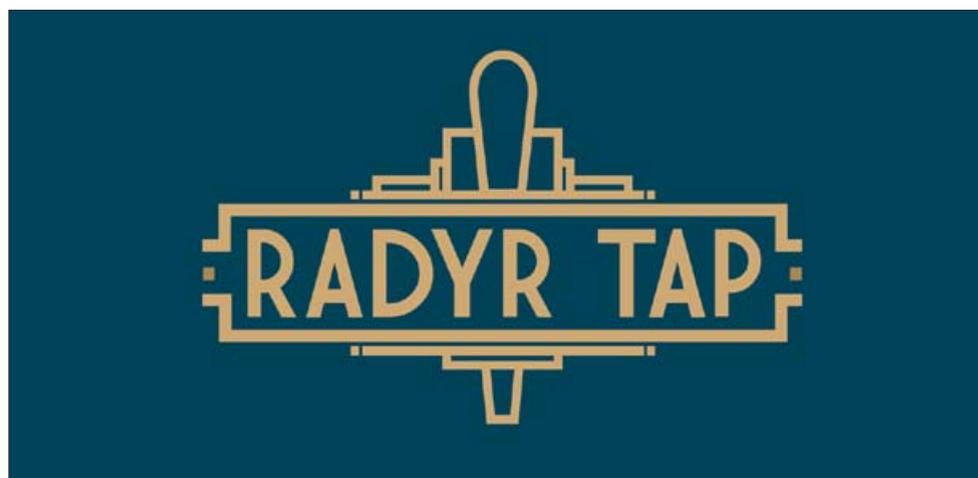
## Radyr Tap

A commonly heard statement is that "Radyr would be perfect if it only had a pub"; Morganstown is lucky enough to have the excellent Ty Nant Inn. Well by the end of this month Radyr will have its very own watering hole, The Radyr Tap.

The Vale of Glamorgan Brewery, based in Barry, has taken over two shop units in Station Road, The Radyr Tap, will hold up to 40. It does not have a garden, so residents in nearby houses have no worries about noise from the garden, although there will be one or two tables in Station Road.

It has a license from 12 noon to 11 p.m. on weekdays and will close half an hour earlier on Sundays.

It will have three of its own cask bitters on draft, many of you will



have tasted their product at the Concert in the Park during this year's Festival, when the Brewery donated two casks of ale to the Charity.

It will have six other lines serving locally produced beers, ciders and lagers and will have an extensive wine list by the glass. It will not have

cooked food although it will serve snacks.

Other features will be a book exchange where you take in a book you've finished and swap it for another; A Community Notice Board and it will be available for smaller Community Nights.

Welcome Radyr Tap.