

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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Lighting of Station Road

Early on the morning of December 7th Santa let us know that the winds were too high for him to risk bringing his sleigh out that night. Everything was consequently cancelled or at least scaled back, which was just as well as the wind was too high for the stalls to put up awnings and at the moment the lights were due to be switched on the heavens opened and we had a downpour.

Some intrepid people went on and members of the three school choirs sang carols under the Christmas tree in Windsor Gardens and in the Methodist Church. The Methodist also had a good turn out for their puppet show.

It was the first time that the Christmas tree lighting has had to be cancelled in more than ten years.

The pictures show the lights on the rain soaked Station Road and members of the School Choirs under the Christmas tree.



Alzheimers Concert



The Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir gave a sell out concert at Christ Church Radyr, on January 19th. Proceeds went to the Alzheimer's Society Cymru and was supported by Christ Church and Redrow Homes. It raised £2,875 for this important charity.

COMING EVENTS



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

- Tue 29 Jan** **Radyr Food For Thought**
Trip Welsh College of Music and Drama
- Sun 3 Feb** **11:00 Christingle**
Celebrate Jesus, light of the world. Christ Church hosts a festival service for Candlemass, light your Christingle and shine His light across the World. Further details from Julie Davies - AuntieJuliee@hotmail.com
- Tue 5 Feb** **12:15 Radyr Food For Thought**
Lunch followed by talk "Istanbul The Magical City" with Jeanne Harvey. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf.
- Thur 7 Feb** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**
Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk on "Museum Past" by Mike Tooby. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 11 Feb** **19:30 R&M ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING, OLD CHURCH ROOMS.** Local resident Colin Johnson (who used to head Techniquet) will speak mostly about his more recent projects in 'Science meets the public, and vice-versa'. Also receive an update on local matters. All welcome. Further details from Nick Hawkins 029 2084 2561.
- Mon 11 Feb** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
David Steer will be talking about the benefits of "Clinical Duopody Reflexology". Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Tue 12 Feb** **10:00 Litter Picking Group Radyr & Morganstown**
Litter Picking Group. In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy. Meet at Radyr Library. Equipment and free refreshments provided.
- Tue 12 Feb** **12:15 Radyr Food For Thought**
Lunch followed by talk "Cardiff at War" with Chris Soughton. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf.

- Wed 13 Feb** **19:30 RCTS South Wales & South Wales Railway Association**
Ramblings of a French Railway Enthusiast by John Davies
Details Peter Fortune 07963 439903
- Wed 13 Feb** **19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club**
"GARDENS OF NEW ZEALAND" an illustrated talk by Sue Duffield New School Rooms, Christchurch, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Contact: Janet Pearce 02920843003
- Thur 14 Feb** **19:30 Local History Society AGM**
AGM, to be followed by a talk by Allan Cook on China through the ages: Tea, T'china and Trickery.
- Tue 19 Feb** **Radyr Food For Thought**
Trip Painswich Rococo Gardens
- Tue 19 Feb** **18:15 Festival Queen Auditions**
Auditions at Radyr Guide Centre. Applicants MUST live in R & M Council area. Must be available to attend any event required during Festival Fortnight..Saturday 4th until Sunday 19th May 2019. More details Contact Maggie 2084 2995
- 27-28 Feb 1-2 Mar** **19:30 How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (Musical)**
Radyr Musical Society (formerly RPMG) present their latest musical production 'How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying'. Bishop of Llandaff School. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) from ticketsource.co.uk/RMS or on 2084 2995.
- Thur 28 Feb** **19:30 Film Club - Mamma Mia! Here we go again (PG)**
Five years after the events of Mamma Mia!, Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past. Film Club meets in the Old Church Rooms Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma>
- Tue 5 Mar** **12:15 Radyr Food For Thought**
Lunch followed by talk "Newly married in Uganda" with Rosemary Scadden. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf.
- Thur 7 Mar** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**
Radyr golf club. An illustrated talk on "Genetics" by Rhian Morgan. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Thur 7 Mar** **10:00 Probus of Cardiff West**
Radyr Golf Club Annual General Meeting. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

- Mon 11 Mar** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
Former broadcaster Arfon Haines Davies will be sharing some of his "Memories".
Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Tue 12 Mar** **Radyr Food For Thought**
Trip Nantgarw China
- Tue 12 Mar** **10:00 Litter Picking**
Litter Picking Group - Radyr & Morganstown
In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy
Meet at Radyr Library
Equipment and free refreshments provided
- Wed 13 Mar** **19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club**
"LILIES" an illustrated talk by Robert Evans New School Rooms, Christchurch, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all visitors and new members welcomed. Details: Janet Pearce 02920 843003
- Wed 13 Mar** **19:30 RCTS South Wales**
From Railways to Royalty Jack Boskett Details from Peter Fortune 07963 439903
- Tue 19 Mar** **12:15 Food For Thought**
Lunch followed by talk "Wills and Things" with Ben Ashenden, New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf
- Thur 28 Mar** **19:30 Film Club - Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)**
Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Film Club meets in the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma>
- Thur 4 April** **10:00 Probus Cardiff West**
Annual General Meeting
- Mon 8 April** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
Classical Guitarist, Rhisiart Arwel, will be entertaining us with his music and memories. Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Tue 9 April** **10:00 Litter Picking Group**
Litter Picking - Radyr & Morganstown
In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy
Meet at Radyr Library
Equipment and free refreshments provided
- Wed 10 April** **19:30 RCTS South Wales**
Charter trains in the 21st Century by Iain Pate Details from Peter Fortune 07963 439903

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

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

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

Scout Post 2018

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

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

**Ener-chi, Station Road
Pugh's Garden Centre,
Morganstown.**

**Pzazz, Hair Designers, Castle Court.
Radyr Library, Park Road.**

**Solo Hair & Beauty, Main Road,
Morganstown**

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

During this years' Scout Post our team of volunteers handled around 40,000 cards in the scout hall.

In particular I would like to thank the volunteers that help sort mail during the day throughout the two weeks of scout post.

Without this help we would not be able to cope with the amount of mail we receive.

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

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

We look forward to your continued support again next year. JBT.



CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Bacon, potato and cider casserole.

A very easy, comforting and inexpensive dish.

Serves 4

900g (2lb) old potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

2 medium onions, thinly sliced

1175g (6oz) smoked bacon, chopped small

dry cider

salt, pepper butter

Lightly grease a deep casserole with butter.

Arrange layers of potatoes, onions and bacon in casserole.

Season as you go.

Finish with a layer of potato and dot with butter.

Sprinkle with 6 Tbspns. or so of cider.

Cover and bake at Gas 7 or 220C for 1 1/2 hours.

Remove lid and bake another 15mins.

You can splash a little more cider on .

Delicious with salad.

A.M.P.

Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club commenced a new season of talks in September with the sad news of the death of our Chairman, Richard Gregory. Richard was an excellent Chairman and we all miss him very much.

Since then, we have had some excellent talks on Forest Farm, The Language of Flowers, Britain in Bloom and Slugs which was unexpectedly interesting! Now the days are slowly starting to get longer, we can all look forward to the spring bulbs forcing their way

out of the ground, snowdrops are already in bloom and the daffodils and others will not be far behind. There are still plenty of growing and planting to do and perhaps our programme of talks can help us with this.

The next talk we have is on 13th February with Sue Duffield giving us an illustrated talk about "Gardens of New Zealand" and on 13th March, Robert Evans will be giving us a talk on "Lilies".

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December).

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. We share an interest in gardens, plants and generally growing things. So come

along – you will be very welcome.

All meetings (apart from visits) are at the New School Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website (www.radyr.org.uk) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Secretary, Linda Turner (02920 843562)

GOLF EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Retired golfer has electric trolleys, batteries and chargers, golf bags, shoes, caps and accessories for sale.

Please call

D. Thomas on
02920 842759

World War One Books for Local Schools

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has presented a collection of books about World War One to the schools attended by Radyr and Morganstown schoolchildren, to mark the centenary of the end of the war.

Pictured receiving their books are John Hayes, headmaster at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr, along with the school's head of history, Mrs Anna Foster Evans, with one of the pupils who will benefit from having access to the books.

'We were delighted to receive these amazing books' said John Hayes 'They will make a very valuable addition to the school's library - and we are very grateful to Radyr and Morganstown Community Council for providing us with this kind gift' 'It is very important for our young people to learn about the first world



war - and its impact on our communities and life across Wales' added Mrs Evans, 'These books will help us ensure that this terrible episode in our history is brought vividly to life in our history classes'.

Commenting on the gift, the council's vice chair, Dr Huw Onllwyn Jones, said 'We thought it

was important to include our schools in the council's work to remember this hugely significant part of our history - and we were very pleased to be able to offer these books to help with our children's education'.

Radyr Primary, Bryn Deri and Radyr Comprehensive Schools received similar gifts. Ed.

The 2019 Festival Charity

An introduction by Nina Rice.

The 2019 Festival Charity is **Action for Children**. Started in the 1860s by Methodist Minister, Dr Thomas Bowman Stephenson as the National Children's Home in Waterloo, London. Stephenson was determined that his home should be as close to a real home as possible with a "Mother" and a "Father". In Wales the first home was in Newport Road, Cardiff in 1911 and was for girls.

Over the years the demands on their service has grown and changed considerably, and Dr Stephenson would probably not recognise the service which his original institution has grown into.

The service is now a community based service which includes children, their families and young adults. It operates around 96 services in 21 out of the 22 Welsh local authorities.

In Cardiff it offers short overnight breaks for children with disabilities. Children might start at 7 and still be taking advantage of the service at 17.

You can't imagine the importance of this service to children and parents alike.

Ymbarel works with parents and parents to be in Cardiff and the Vale who have learning difficulties. A 24 week course gives them the skills to parent successfully. These parents wish to care for their children in the best possible way, Action for Children helps them to achieve this.

Cardiff Schools Based Counselling, Action for Children provides counselling services to all secondary schools across Cardiff, giving pupils someone to talk to about what is worrying them, which is independent of the school. Action for Children has seen a big increase in mental health issues among young people.

Action for Children has a school in Penarth which specialises in children with emotional and social difficulties. It offers day and residential care. The common thread to all their children is their experience of trauma in their lives. Many of the children are in the care system and have experienced family breakdown or multiple breakdowns in care.

Unfortunately the weather at the Christmas tree lighting did not allow us to hear The Young Carers Choir. Young carers, often no more than children themselves, take care of sick parents or siblings. Action for Children attempts to give them some kind of experience of what is normal for a child of their age.

Action for Children has recently launched a campaign called "Build Sound Minds" to improve the mental health and emotional well being of young people.

These are only some of the 96 services offered by Action for Children. We hope that you will be generous in your support of our Festival Charity.

If you would like to know more about Action for Children contact Nina Rice on 02920 347060 or email Nina, nina.rice@actionforchildren.org.uk



News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

Welcome to 2019. A belated Happy New Year to everyone. Christmas seems a long time ago now that we are in mid January. Sadly, for the first time in 30 years, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony had to be cancelled owing to dangerously high winds. This event, which usually heralds the start of Christmas in Radyr, is enjoyed greatly and its cancellation was disappointing but public safety had to be the first priority.

The December meeting of the WI took place on Monday the 10th and this was a very seasonal Christmas party hosted by the committee in the Old Church Rooms. The committee had provided a "retro nibbles" buffet in 1970's style – sausages on sticks, cheese and pineapple on sticks, pate on French bread, Christmas cake and individual cakes, not forgetting the bowls of Quality Street for each table, all accompanied by a good range of celebration drinks. It was all well received. In keeping with the "retro" party food, the old party game "Who Am I?" was played; this involved all members wearing a sticker on their heads bearing the name of a well-known personality/celebrity. The member who provoked much hilarity bore the name of Donald Trump! This provided a good way of getting everyone to interact amongst the groups.

A Christmas tradition in WI is to close the party with a Christmas Carol singalong, accompanied by Ros Bray on the piano. Ros has been ill recently but is making good progress. However, she was spacing her activities and commitments so we were pleased to welcome Jean Salisbury as a visitor to accompany us. So ended the last meeting of 2018 which had been most enjoyable. We even sold mince pies that had been made for the cancelled Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony's hot drinks and mince pie stall – making a small amount for the chosen charity. It was a very successful evening thanks to our

indefatigable ladies of the committee.

The WI Chain reports usually deal with the meetings and social activities of the organisation but one of our several ancillary groups has something worthy of inclusion. Our original book group, consisting of 10 members, has been holding monthly meetings for fifteen years. In September of 2018, the group read "Citadel" by Kate Mosse. One member of the group, Maureen Morgan, was surprised and delighted to receive an email from the author herself. She hoped that we would enjoy the book and explained why she wrote the story. Maureen's son, James, is a friend of the writer and he mentioned to her

that our reading group had chosen one of her books. She, very kindly, sent the message and receiving it from this internationally acclaimed writer made it very special for the group.

All extra activity groups are now into their 2019 programmes and our main WI meetings speaker programme can be found as a link on our page on the Radyr and Morganstown Community website. Why not join us or email us to find out more on radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road. All visitors are made very welcome.

LJH

CHWILIO AM ARWYR HEROES WANTED

In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, Radyr Library is organising a litter picking group to cover Radyr and Morganstown

If you would like to volunteer please come along on
Tuesday 12th February 2019 10-11.30am

The group will start and finish at Radyr Library and free refreshments will be provided.

The group will meet on a monthly basis and all equipment is provided.

If you require any further information please contact
Radyr Library on 02920 780996 or
RadyrLibrary@cardiff.gov.uk.

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It's Showtime!! (well almost)



So here we are five months later and it's almost time for RMS to trip the light fantastic.

I think it is safe to say when "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" was announced as our 2019 musical no one at RMS had heard of it before, it is also safe to say it has become a much loved musical it's a fabulous show and we've certainly had fun rehearsing for it.

As always the company has dedicated it's time and energy singing and dancing their way through rehearsals to some of the biggest numbers that could be written into a musical, as always striving to bring you a great evening of entertainment. Now of course we need you to make all that time in rehearsals worth it by coming to support the society I promise you won't be disappointed.

Tickets are now on sale and can either be purchased through our Box Office on:

02920 310894

07544289434

Or via Ticketsource
Ticketsource.co.uk/RMS

Bishop of Llandaff School, February 27th - 1st March 7.30, Tickets £12 and £10 for concessions. We hope to see you there, please head over to our website for any further information www.radyrmusical.org.uk

Church Notes...



February is proving to be a busy time for the Parish of Radyr. For the past seven months we have been well served by visiting clergy taking the place of our former Rector, Rev Jenny Wigley. This is now coming to an end and, as a mark of our thanks to the clergy, we have arranged for the Amici Chamber Choir to give a short concert in Christ Church on Friday, 15th February at 7pm, followed by drinks in the hall. If people would like to be part of that event, tickets (£5) are available from Margaret Smart (029 2084 2516) and Nick Hawkins (029 2084 2561). Everyone will be welcome.

On Wednesday, 27th February our new Priest in Charge, Rev Vicki Burrows, will be licensed at Christ Church. It will be an important event for her and for us and we will be entertaining many of the clergy who have worked with her over the course of her ministry. We hope it will be a precursor to a very happy and fulfilling time in Radyr.

By the time of the next Radyr Chain we will have news and photos of the event.

Festival Films

Looking forward to the Festival Films, Tuesday 14th of May will see a screening of the new print of Charlie Chaplin's legendary silent film *The Kid* with a full orchestral score conducted by Chaplin himself.

The Festival Committee have been extremely lucky to have been given permission to show the Australian stage version of G&S's *Pirates of Penzance*. This lively and very funny version has a full Australian cast of stars from the world of Musicals and Opera, including Jon English as the Pirate King. Saturday 18th May.

Italian Evening

Saturday 9th of March will see a grand Italian Evening to be held at the Old Church Rooms in aid of *Dreams & Wishes*. The evening will be organised by Severio of Radyr's own Cechetti restaurant and will consist of an Italian meal and entertainment. The main entertainment will be given by soprano Victoria Joyce and baritone Mark Evans, brother of Wyn Evans, the BBC radio, television and "Go Compare" star.

Dreams & Wishes is a charity run entirely by volunteers with no paid staff, which helps severely sick children.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. tickets, at £30, and more information can be had from Karen Tossell on 07884 000580 or Nick Hawkins on 2084 2561.

DREAMS & WISHES
Supporting seriously ill children
& their families



Radyr Comprehensive School

Oxbridge Success

This year 6 pupils had interviews at Oxbridge with 5 being offered places. This is the highest number of offers in the school's history. The pupils are as follows:

Hairou Zhou for Mathematics at Oxford;

Rianna Mann for Architecture at Cambridge;

Joe Lagorio Price for Medicine at Cambridge;

Millie Yule for History at Cambridge;

Poppy Atkinson Gibson for History at Oxford.

Congratulations Grace

Congratulations to Year 12 student Grace Morgan who has been accepted on to the British Athletics Academy of Sporting Excellence (AASE) Programme. Over the next 18 months, Grace will attend training camps, study days and complete units of study at University of Bath and Loughborough University. Only the very best athletes in the UK gain places on this programme and this is great recognition for an amazing season. This year Grace has won 3 Welsh Championship titles, broke a 15 year Welsh record in the 80 metre hurdles and won at the Celtic Games in a new record.

Congratulations Awen

Congratulations to former student Awen Rhys who has made the final in the A-level category of the British Education Awards. Awen will now attend the event in Manchester on 31 January along with politicians, professionals and celebrities from across the UK. Awen achieved an incredible 5 A* grades at A level in

August (Physics, Computer Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and the Welsh Baccalaureate) and currently studies Computer Science at the University of Bath. A few months ago she was given an award by the WJEC for her outstanding performance in Computing and this is another fantastic achievement for Awen. This is the third straight year we have had a student make the final of this national competition, with Awen following in the footsteps of former students Hannah Lagorio Price and Josh Li Saw Hee.

Humanities Curriculum in Year 7

In the Autumn term, Year 7 Humanities classes were looking to answer "How can we learn from the past?" Their focus was the the First World War, Armistice and all the changes this lead to. As part of the course students were given the opportunity to choose their learning outcomes. There were a variety of models, letters and other forms of extended writing. At the end of Term Mrs Knight arranged a display of some of the work, including samples of classwork. I, along with Mr Richard Jenkins visited the display and listened to what the students had learnt. They were incredibly enthusiastic and spoke about the impact that this unit of work has had on them.

German Christmas Markets Trip

On 29 November 44 year 8 pupils and 5 staff headed off to Germany for a fun packed few days. They spent a day in a theme park, visited a chocolate factory, had a river cruise, visited the beautiful Christmas markets by day and by night returning home on Sunday morning absolutely exhausted! Thanks must go to Bridget Dinnick (Head of MFL) for organising the trip.

explains "for just £30 we are offering fans the opportunity to come along to our exclusive function room at the Sandringham Hotel on these prime match days where they needn't queue for hours at the bar. Included in the price will be a hot meal before the match and cold buffet afterwards. We will be showing all matches played on both the days of the England and Ireland games on a big screen. It's a great deal! What's more every guest will be giving something back to their local community as all profits go towards our local charity work helping older people in need."

The offer is available on the days of the Wales v England game on Saturday 23rd February and the Wales v Ireland on Saturday 16th March. The bar will be offering reasonably priced drinks till late on both days where guests can stay watch all games shown in a comfortable exclusive room right in the heart of the city. If guests would like to book for both match dates in advance, we can offer discounted price of £50 for the two.

Age Connects and The Sandringham are both locally based organisations that are passionate in helping their community. Simon Dutton, Director at the Sandringham explains "The Sandringham Hotel has been a Cardiff landmark since the 1880's. My family, the Duttons, have owned the hotel since 1989. My late father, Mr. Eric Dutton, a well-known figure in the capital, was awarded an MBE in 2003 for over fifty years of loyal voluntary service to the community in Cardiff and was still heavily involved with the hotel until his passing in November 2018

Many may be familiar with the hotel as a mecca for live jazz performances with Café Jazz situated in the hotel basement. However, we also strive to keep the legacy of our family's community spirit alive and recently fundraised for a defibrillator to be accessible for the local community within the hotel reception.

We did not hesitate to team up with Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale to offer this opportunity to Wales rugby fans. Like them, supporting Wales is in our blood!"

If you would like to purchase a ticket to attend match days at The Sandringham Hotel in partnership with Age Connects, please contact Karen on 02920683604 or email: karen.steele@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk



Local organisations come together for rugby fans and for charity!

It's being reported that Wales' games against England and Ireland will be full to the brim. On Wales' home 2019 sell-outs, a WRU spokesperson said: "Historically, home matches against England and Ireland in the Six Nations don't reach public sale and, if they do, they sell out quickly".

With this in mind, local charity Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale and local business, The Sandringham Hotel in Cardiff's city centre have teamed up to meet this need all in aid of charity!

The two long standing local organisations are used to putting people first and this is why the idea to offer rugby fans a centrally based venue to soak up the atmosphere in the heart of Cardiff, even if they can't make it to the game, made perfect sense.

Age Connects CEO Jeff Hawkins

History Society

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Thursday 14th February at 7.30. This meeting will be the AGM followed at 8 p.m. by a talk from Allan Cook on "Tea, T'china and Trickery".

How mankind has been using pottery for thousands of years and how the fashion for tea in the 18th century led to huge quantities of imported Chinese porcelain flooding onto the market. He will look at the development of porcelain in Britain from Worcester and Caughley to Swansea and Nantgarw.

It will be illustrated by examples of the pottery and porcelain from the Indus Valley, Chinese shipwreck porcelain, Worcester, Caughley, Swansea and Nantgarw.

Thursday 14th March at 7.30. Stephen Phillips will give his delightful talk "Confessions of a Trolleybus Enthusiast". Stephen has been a trolley bus enthusiast from an early age and no one can not be affected by his enthusiasm for the Cardiff trolley buses.

Both talks take place in the Old Church Rooms at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Festival 2019

We hear that plans for the May Festival are well under way. As well as the usual events, the Parade and Fete on the first Saturday, concert in the Park on the Middle Saturday, the Festival Walk, which will start inside Radyr Quarry, on the first Sunday and the Gymkana; there are a number of new events.

Beca Lyne-Perkis, a finalist in the Great British Bake Off, with her own regular slot on S4C, will talk about and demonstrate from her book *Bwyd Beca/My Food* and talk about the experience of being on the Great British Bake Off.

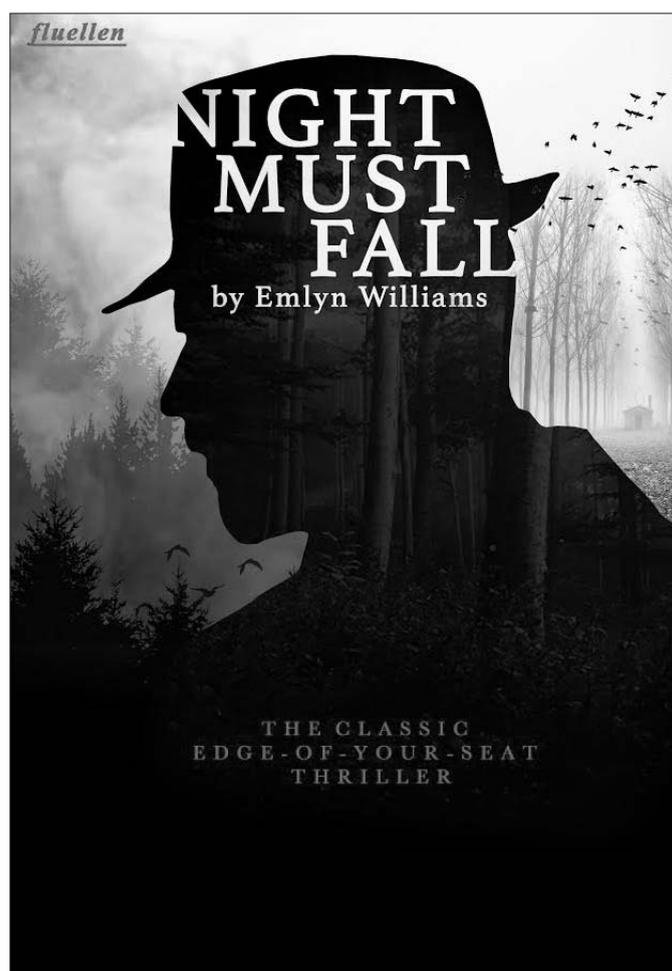
Broadcaster and novelist Jon Gower will be talking about "Life through Books" and harpist Eleri Darkin will give a lunchtime recital on the second Friday.

The first lunchtime concert will once again be given by the Wales International Academy of voice Norwegian tenor Stian Okland and

English soprano Lucy Elston.

The Academy's lunchtime concert has become a regular event which is much looked forward to. This year the Festival Committee have succeeded in getting permission to show the Australian version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance*.

Finally we hear that Fluellen will be bringing Emyln Williams' brilliant and spine chilling thriller, *Night Must Fall*, to Morganstown Village Hall.



Treforgan WI 10th Birthday Party



In January Treforgan WI celebrated their tenth birthday with a glass of fizz and a delicious birthday cake, cut by some of the original members. At the first meeting in 2009, thirteen ladies signed up to become members and a committee was formed. Over the last ten years Treforgan has gone from strength to strength and we now have seventy members. As well as our monthly meetings and an annual outing, we have two book groups, a walking group, a craft group and on the first Thursday of each month it's Pub Lunch at our local the Ty Nant – anyone who is free can turn up, have a meal or just a coffee and enjoy the company. If there are five Thursdays in a month we try and do something a bit different and in January thirty members visited Nantgarw China



Treforgan WI on a recent visit to Denman House, the headquarters of the WI

Works. We have packed a lot into the last ten years and many friendships have been formed. We now are looking forward to the next ten years of fun and friendship.



Treforgan WI enjoying a glass of bubbly and good company at their 10th Birthday party



Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

False News arrives in Radyr and Morganstown...

A "Twenty's Plenty" brochure was put through my letterbox a few weeks ago after Prof. Harwood's article in the October issue of R.C.

The brochure persists with claims made that "20mph... reduces accidents, death, injuries etc., improving air quality".

This statement is simply untrue. It is promoted with good intentions by those who wish to change things for the better but is not backed up by any evidence. The same misinformation has been used to persuade a vast number of residents to put up placards for the cause.

As Prof Harwood stated, "pollution is increased at 20mph".

A recent report by the Dept. of Transport states that no accidents have shown to be prevented by reducing speed limits to 20mph despite some councils spending up to £1.7m doing so.

As far as I remember there have been two fatal accidents in R&M in the past 20-30 years. Both were related to excessive alcohol intake, neither would have been prevented by a reduced speed limit.

The other goals mentioned in the brochure are worth aiming for but with the M4 crossing Morganstown and the A470 being so close we probably have a high air pollution level already, why make it worse?

Name and address supplied



FEBRUARY 2019.

As the New Year continues to unfold, I thought that I would ask the Vice Chairman and Chairs of the Sub-Committees to give a brief summary of what had taken place in 2018 and what was envisaged for 2019.

The Environment Committee, chaired by Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones, has been particularly busy. Residents will have noticed that the woods and green areas in our villages are in good order. This is due primarily to the hard work of the Radyr Wardens, particularly Jim Godwin and Raymond Rivron, ably assisted by Graeme Moore. The green areas are well maintained by David Barnes and our very capable handyman, Karl Craddock. The footpath across Pentwyn Park can flood badly in the Winter and pupils could get their feet wet on their way to Bryn Deri School. Expert advice was sought to help to resolve this problem. The rain water flowing off the roof of the commercial area onto the car park was much reduced by reconnecting a down pipe to an existing drain. An appropriate drainage manhole was located and an area closed off with Heras Fencing. This manhole led to piping which discharged water into the Main Drain. Sadly, the entrance to this manhole was not deep enough to accept all the water so there was a danger of reflux. Consequently, a soakaway was introduced which has a potential life span of 20 to 30 years. A weeping Willow has also been planted to extract water from the soil. The situation is being constantly monitored.

In addition, Councillor Jones and Mr Allan Cook are currently trying to re-establish the part of the Pilgrims Way which started at Llandaff, passed through Radyr eventually ending at the famous shrine of the virgin at Pen-Rhys. Your Council have supported this project with a grant to both mark the route and to provide bilingual boards and other information in Radyr.

Councillor Rod McKerlich, as Chair of Finance, has ensured that our finances are properly controlled; we are responsible for public money. In liaison with the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, check bank accounts and carry out reconciliations; Cllr. McKerlich recommends the precept we need after setting the annual budget following discussions with the Finance Committee. We need to ensure that we can fund our agreed projects and be able to support our community to fulfil agreed aspirations. We then must ensure that expenditure is properly authorised and meets our Financial Regulations. This is verified by

our internal and external auditor.

As part of his other role, he has arranged to meet senior officers of Cardiff Council Highways Department to agree a timetable for the first phase of enhanced highway safety measures. After discussion at Community Council the deliberations of the Task and Finish Group, we have made a number of recommendations for this phase. These have been advertised for the information of residents. Further potential developments still remain outstanding for future phases as we seek to enhance safety throughout Radyr and Morganstown.

Councillor Huw Jones, our vice chair, was very active over the last few months of 2018. He attended several important meetings to discuss road safety throughout our villages; the development of a new website for the Council; the Quarry Liaison group (with particular reference to the passage of HGVs along the B4262 - and the Remembrance Sunday events, where he represented the Council as the Chairman was indisposed.

His 2019 commitments have continued to follow the pattern set in 2018. He chairs the Old Church Rooms committee which is preparing for three major works at the site. The first is the renewal of the flooring in the Garth Room, the second is the essential remedial work to the roof and, finally, the construction of a retaining wall at the rear of the building. He is also working to introduce a new, streamlined, online booking and invoicing system for the OCR.

In addition, along with Mrs Hashumati Patel, he arranges the lunch club held on every other Wednesday at Radyr Golf

Club goes from strength to strength. The Council has also purchased a wheel chair, stored at the golf club, which is of considerable assistance in the transportation of less able attendees from the car park into the clubhouse. It is hoped that the numbers attending this lunch group will increase over the coming year. Further information can be obtained from the Council Offices.

He is also very active in raising funds to improve the facilities at the childrens' playground at Drover's Way. He is well supported by local residents in the Parc Radyr Management Committee and by Mr Jamie Grundy, another resident, who intends to set up a crowd funding campaign. In the meantime, financial support has been received from Cardiff Council, the Community Council, local residents and a special Welsh Government fund. It is expected that Redrow will also make a contribution in kind by undertaking works to prevent mud and water flowing across the playground.

In December he presented books about the First World War to Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr, a school attended by Radyr and Morganstown schoolchildren. Similar books will be presented to all of our other local schools.

Finally, I am delighted to let Residents know that I have signed on behalf of Radyr & Morganstown Community Council, a Charter between Cardiff Council and the six Community Councils in Cardiff. This Charter will be framed and displayed in the Old Church Rooms.

I am most grateful for the considerable commitments made by members of Council over the last year and in particular, the outstanding contributions made by our two Clerks.

Ralph S Vaughan.

Chair Radyr and Morganstown Community Council



Councillor Ralph Vaughan, Chair of the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council and County Councillor Huw Thomas, Leader of Cardiff Council sign the Charter.



Thursday 28 February - Mama Mia, Here we go Again (PG)

Five years after the events of Mamma Mia! (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

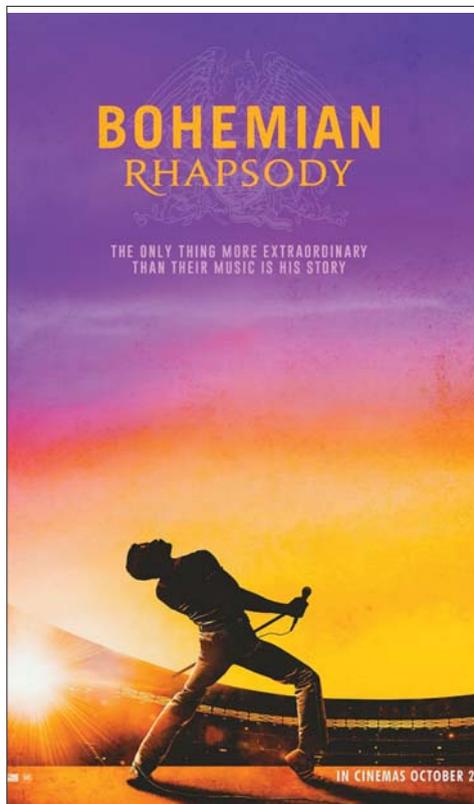
Discover Donna's (Meryl Streep, Lily James) young life, experiencing the fun she had with the three possible dads of Sophie (Amanda Seyfried). As she reflects on her mom's journey, Sophie finds herself to be more like her mother than she



ever even realized.

Thursday 28 March - Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie,

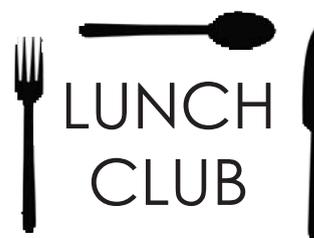


surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Freddie eventually returns to lead the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music. Queen cements a legacy that continues to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day.

Both films will be shown at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30 .p.m. Ice cream is available and you are

welcome to bring along your own drinks – alcoholic or otherwise. All are welcome. Entry £4. from enerchi, Station Road, Radyr, <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma> Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, or Allan Cook 2084 3176

Radyr and Morganstown



Help sought!

As mentioned elsewhere in the Chain, the lunch club at Radyr Golf Club goes from strength to strength. This, however, does mean that we need to recruit more people to help - especially with regard to ferrying some of our more elderly lunch club members to and from the golf club. We can pay 45p per mile - and the club meets every other Wednesday between 12.00 and 2.00pm.

So, if you're looking to volunteer; to take part in a good cause; to meet new people; to fill some time; to give your car an outing - or any combination of the above, please get in touch with the community council's clerk on 029 20842213, or via clerk@radyr.wales

Thank you!

Rotary Club of Cardiff West



For many years the Rotary Club of Cardiff West has supported the Cardiff Foodbank by carrying out house to house grocery collections in Radyr.

The Cardiff Foodbank gives food parcels to people in Cardiff who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves unable to buy food for themselves or their families.

At our latest collection, held in early December, we collected 325 kilos of food, which is enough to provide 28 people with 3 meals a day for 3 days.

We would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone for their generosity and for their continuing support.

If you would like to find out more about the Rotary Club of Cardiff West, which meets at Radyr Golf Club, please look at our website www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com

Mansel Thomas - President.

Happy Families...

For their autumn production the Radyr Drama Society performed John Godber's *Happy Families*. John Godber is mostly associated with observational comedies set in his beloved Yorkshire; he was artistic director of that powerhouse theatre, Hull Truck for 26 years. For them he wrote such classics as "Up'n Under", "Bouncers" and "Shakers".

Happy Families sees the main character, John, on his graduation day looking back on his life from about the age of nine. The embarrassments, tensions, joys and sorrows of family life. As in many of Alan Bennett's plays, John grows away from his family as he gets better and better educated.

Showing a character growing up is an exceptional challenge for any actor and Alex Brent pulled it off with great skill. Some of you will remember his exceptional performance as one of the "Blood Brothers" a few seasons ago.

This is a difficult play to perform, it sometimes felt like the Two Ronnies sketch where you answered the question before last. Sometimes someone interjected a line and the conversation went on over and around it. It also changes location regularly and Raymond Rivron's set was a triumph of flexibility allowing the scenes to flow with a minimum of delay.

The rest of the cast, father, mother, grandmother, aunts, cousin and the girl next door were all excellently performed. Perhaps a special mention is warranted by Chris Collier-Roberts as the "posh" and slightly snobbish aunt.

It was not until the second half that I realised that Petra Griffiths was really the Society's chair, Peter Griffiths in drag. Someone had become ill in the weeks before the production and Peter had valiantly stepped into the breach. This was a performance of exceptional control, no hint of the camp often associated with drag and I'm sure many of the audience were unaware of the event. As usual it was expertly directed by Gill Evans.

The Society's next production, at the end of April, is Agatha Christie's murder mystery "Spider's Web".



From left to right. Roger Page as Dad, Petra Griffiths as aunty, Pauline Watson as mother, Chris Collier-Roberts as the posh aunt and Alex Brent as John.



From left to right. George Atkins as Grandad, Pauline Watson and Roger Page.



From left to right. Roger Page, Petra Griffiths Pauline Watson and Alex Brent.

Naws Gymreig i Wyl Radur

Jon Gower fydd y siaradwr gwadd yn Wyl Radur ar Nos Fawrth 7ed o Fai, pan fydd o'n siarad ar "BYW DRWY LYFRAU." Mae Jon wedi llenwi hanner silff gyda llyfrau sy'n cynnwys Y Storiwr wnaeth ennill Llyfr y Flwyddyn yn 2012 a The Story of Wales. Bu'n ohebydd celfyddydau a chyfryngau'r BBC am rai blynyddoedd cyn canolbwyntio ar 'sgrifennu. Mae'n gweithio ar ddilyniant i'r nofel Y Duwch tra bod 2 lyfr newydd yn ymddangos eleni, sef llyfr i blant a chyfrol am y cyfarwyddwr ffim Karl Francis.

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Spider's Web

A Murder Mystery by Agatha Christie

Following on from the success of "Happy Families" by John Godber, Radyr Drama Society are now in rehearsals for their next production, Agatha Christie's "Spiders Web"

The tale tells of Clarissa, who is adept at spinning tales of adventure for her and her husbands bored diplomatic circle. When a murder takes place in the drawing room, she finds live drama much harder to cope with. Clarissa's fast talking places her in some hair raising experiences, as well as that of her

stepdaughter Pippa and her circle of friends, especially as she comes to learn that the facts are much more terrifying than fiction...

This play is a slight departure for Agatha Christie, as it's one of the few plays that has a comic element to it. The London Guardian quotes "So closely woven are the thrills and comedy, that shocks and laughs are about fifty fifty"

The play will be performed at Morganstown Village Hall from 11th - 13 April 2019

Radyr
Drama
Society



Do you have a flare for promotion / advertising, but at the same time want to enhance a local theatre group both on and off stage? Radyr Drama Society is looking for someone who would be interested in taking on this role. Many of the members within the group not only act, direct, set build, stage manage etc, but they also carry out other administrative roles too - busy eh?

If you would be interested in the role of promotion / advertising, why not come along on a Monday or a Wednesday at Christchurch school rooms from 7.30-9.30 where we will be starting to rehearse our next production - that way you can become involved at the very start of an exciting play, whilst getting to know the rest of the group

Swimmers

At the end of 2018 Rhoose Lifeguards combined their 50th AGM at Fontygary Leisure Complex with their annual award presentation evening and club Christmas Party. Radyr residents 10 year old Aimee and 8 year old Amber were both awarded "The Outstanding Achievement Award" at this event. This award is presented to Nippers who complete in every individual event at all competitions (poolside and beach) throughout the year. Congratulations Aimee and Amber on your dedication and hard work throughout the year.



Pictured are Aimee and Amber with their awards on the presentation evening

1st Radyr Scouts JOTT Walk

1st Radyr Scouts fundraising sponsored charity 'JOTT walk' (Jamboree on the Trail), raises much needed funds for 'Breast Cancer Wales' and the 'Alzheimer's Society'.

1st Radyr Scouts were delighted to be able to present fundraising money to 'Breast Cancer Wales' and the 'Alzheimer's Society'.

Approximately 56 Scouts, Cubs, Beavers and Leaders of the 1st Radyr Scout Group, as well as their families and 7 dogs, enjoyed a lovely group walk on their 'Jamboree on the trail' through the garlic and bluebells of Fforest Fawr on Saturday 12th May 2018, raising money for their two worthy charitable efforts. In 1995 a Canadian Scout Leader thought it would be a good idea once a year to get as many of the 29 million scouts walking around the world. Jamboree On The Trail is an annual day for the World Scout Movement to hike together. All Scouts, whatever their age and wherever they may be in the world, are invited to participate in whatever way they can.



"It was so much fun, and we were able to earn a Scout JOTT badge!" said all the cubs and beavers. The walk took approx 1 to 1.5 hours, and was a round trip totalling 3 miles. As well as the walk, a three-course home cooked charity Curry Evening was held in the Scout Hall for all the leaders and volunteer helpers in June. It was well supported and was a really enjoyable event.

David Bird, one of the Cub Scout Leaders of 1st Radyr Scout Group,

said the children were raising money for two important charities connected to some of the leaders. "I think it's good for the Scouts to learn about helping their community and to help the people who have been directly affected and it's important for us all to think of those who are in need. We're very proud to be a part of this fundraising effort. In the end we raised £774, so it was well

worth it! We were very pleased to be able to support The Alzheimer's Society, the charity for the Radyr and Morganstown festival this year is. We've also had two leaders and their families battling cancer. So we have decided to raise money for both these charities this term. "

Congratulations to every body that took part and for raising money for such invaluable and worthy causes.



Mark Richards one of our past leaders whose wife has been affected with early onset Alzheimer's. Some Scouts from the Wednesday Scout Troop along with Rachel Lawes, a Tuesday Cub leader.



Breast Cancer Care receiving their cheque along with members and leaders from the Monday Scout Troop.

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