

RADYR CHAIN



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1st Radyr Scouts

A Report on Winter Scout Camp 2019 by Sam Jones, 1st Radyr Scout Group

On a cold Friday evening in January, 13 brave 1st Radyr Scouts and 5 Leaders had piled into two big white mini-buses and were headed down the M4 towards London. Our destination was *WinterCamp 2019* at Gilwell Park. This was the first time that Radyr Scouts had ever been to *WinterCamp* at Gilwell Park and we didn't know what to expect, nor exactly how cold it was going to be, sleeping under canvas in the middle of winter; so maybe we were brave or perhaps a bit silly to even be considering it!

Gilwell Park is the Scouting HQ in the UK and is located north-east of London. It is also the home to *WinterCamp*, a nationwide Scout

camp that attracted over 4,000 Scouts, offering an amazing range of more than 60 activities. These ranged from quad biking and fairground rides to paddle boarding and ice-skating, as well as all of the usual Scouting activities such as fire lighting and pioneering.

The first night we got there we were pleased to be able to invest one of our Scouts and one of our Leaders in front of the bust of our founder, Robert Baden-Powell. The next 2 days were full of activities and those that we did included: archery, clay-pigeon shooting, quad-biking, ice skating, LaserQuest, four wheel drive, camp craft, mini-tanks, fire lighting, campfire cooking, axe throwing and others that I now forget!

My favourite activity was the quad bikes which involved driving around a course with lots of obstacles, at



Axe-Throwing

high speeds. The highlight of the camp was the ability to roam around the campsite from activity to activity without the supervision of our scouting leaders due to the campsite

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Investiture in front of the bust of Baden-Powell

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

The 2019 theme is 'Children in Action' our Festival Charity is Action For Children.

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RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

FESTIVAL 2019

'Children in Action'



Princess Crystal



Festival Queen Megan



Princess Maycee

Programme of Events

4th to 19th May

IN AID OF
Action for Children
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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

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>

Fri 29 Mar **12:30 Lent Lunch for Christian Aid** Our annual lent lunches continue in the New School Rooms each Friday in lent at 12.30. Join us for homemade soup, bread and cheese with a hot drink for just £5.00. Proceeds go to Christian Aid

Sat 30 Mar **19:30 Quiz Night** Radyr Musical Society presents a Quiz Night - open to all! Tickets £6, to include a light supper. Contact secretary@radyrmusical.org.uk to book your place.

Mon 1 April **10:00 Knit and Crochet and Radyr Library** Group meets weekly. Pop along and join in. Free refreshments provided.

Wed 3 April **19:00 PACT Meeting** Come and meet your local police officers and County Councillor to discuss local matters. Old Church Rooms. All welcome.

Thur 4 April **10:00 Probus Cardiff West** Annual General Meeting.

Fri 5 April **14:00 Cuppa with a Copper at Radyr Library** . Come along and meet with your local PCSOs and discuss any concerns that you have. Cuppa with a Copper is held in the Library on the first Friday of each month.

Mon 8 April **10:00 Knit and Crochet at Radyr Library** . Come along and join our friendly group of knitters and crocheters. Free refreshments provided. Group meets each week.

Mon 8 April **10:00 Les Lundi Francais at Radyr Library**. Are you interested in French language and culture? Would you like to learn how to speak French or

improve your French speaking? Then come along for a free session. Free refreshments provided. Please contact the Library on 02920 780996 if you require further information.

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

Wed 10 April **19:30 RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB** AGM followed by talk "Propagation" by Lynne Davies. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. meetings are open to all. Visitors and new members welcomed. Contact Janet Pearce: 02920 843003

Sun 14 April **18:00 Faure Requiem** Sung by the Parish Choir and lasting approximately 40 minutes, this beautiful choral work, composed around 1887, gives a sense of the eternal rest. A great opportunity to "bring a friend to church" or simply come and share the beauty of the music God inspires. Christ Church, Heol Isaf.

Mon 15 April **10:00 Knitting and Crochet at Radyr Library**. Come along and join us. Free refreshments provided.

Mon 15 April **19:30 R&M ASSOCIATION - AGM - OLD CHURCH ROOMS** Come and hear about the activities of the RMA over the past year and what we intend to do in the future. There will be an election of officers. Refreshments served at the end of the meeting. All welcome. Further details from Nick Hawkins 029 2084 2561.

Mon 29 April **10:00 Knitting and Crochet Group at Radyr Library**. Come along and have a chat whilst knitting or crocheting. Free refreshments provided.

Sat 4 May **07:30 Cardiff West Rotary Charity Concert with the Cantorian Creigiau Singers**. Back by popular demand, following their very successful performance, last year the Cantorian Creigiau Singers will perform the opening concert for the 2019 Radyr Festival at Radyr Golf Club on Saturday 4 May 2019. Details to follow.

Sat 4 - Sun 19 May **Festival 2019. See enclosed programme for full details of all events taking place over the two weeks of the Festival.**

Wed 8 May **19:30 RCTS South Wales** "Railways of Glamorgan and the Valleys" - Steve Davies. Details from Peter Fortune 07963 439903

Mon 13 May **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI** Annual Meeting. Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.

Tue 14 May **10:00 Litter Picking** Litter Picking Group - Radyr & Morganstown. In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy. Meet at Radyr Library. Equipment and free refreshments provided.

Tue 14 May **19:30 Film Club - "The Kid" and associated Shorts** . A comedy with a smile - and perhaps a tear. A new print combining enhanced images with a Chaplin conducted score. Film Club meets in the Old Church Rooms. Part of the R&M Festival 2019. Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma>

Rector or Vicar?

The Rev'd. Vicki Burrows became the Vicar of the Parish of Radyr in February, previous incumbents have been Rectors. Since the middle ages, this meant that they had the income from the tithes and any glebe land within the Parish, although more recently they have been salaried.



That is apart from a period in the 18th and 19th centuries when the Earls of Plymouth "appropriated" the tithes and in effect became the Rectors of Radyr, appointing a poorly paid curate to look after the parishoners.

Changing times means changing needs and the church is now only appointing Vicars. This makes it easier for Bishops to move Vicars to where they are most needed.

It may be of interest to readers to know that Rev'd. Vicki has been licensed to operate in four parishes, the four parishes that will ultimately serve the huge Plasdŵr development. Nice to know that we have a forward thinker in Bishop June.

So the correct way to address Vicki Burrows is Vicar.

If you wish to hear the new Vicar in action she will be preaching in Christ Church at the Civic Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday May 5th, or on most Sundays. She will also be giving a talk to the Association on "How I became the Vicar of Radyr". Old Church Rooms 7.30 Monday June 17th. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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Radyr Cricket Club News

...from back page

Radyr and Bryn Deri primary schools will all have been visited and received cricket taster sessions by the start of the season. We are also looking forward to working with Radyr Rainbows and Brownies in the next few weeks to provide cricket sessions for all their members.

Our 2019 summer season will begin with training from Monday 29th April (further details are shown below). We are able to offer cricket for children from ages 5-15 and will be entering numerous teams into the Cardiff & Vale junior league where we will play opponents from across the region. We have also entered teams into the U13 & U15 Lady Taverners, ECB & Welsh cup competitions.

For further information or to register please email Emma Clegg, Youth Secretary peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk or come along to the club from Monday 29th April at the times shown below. New players are always welcome.

ECB All Stars Cricket – Tuesday 5-6pm – please see www.ecb.co.uk for further details (5-8 year olds) starting Tuesday 14th May

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

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

U13s – Monday 6.30-8pm
(school years 7 and 8)

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

Overall, we aim to build on our strong foundations to become one of the most highly regarded cricket clubs in South Wales. We want to be recognised for widening the participation of youngsters in cricket, for developing the skills of our young male and female cricketers, for the success of our senior teams, and for providing our members, and our community, with first-rate playing, practice, and pavilion facilities.

So please do join us at the Riverside where you will be most welcome and remember the bar is always open. Let's hope for a summer like last year.

Jon Wilson Radyr C.C. Captain.

Connecting Radyr's Generations

Connect 8-80+ is a regular social gathering between pupils from Radyr Primary School and members of the local community. We meet every half term for tea and cake and a great chance to share past history and interesting stories. The next event is Easter themed, with the children bringing along some Easter themed games and treats. Everyone is welcome to join us at the Old Church Rooms on Friday April 5th at 2pm.

The children love hearing the fascinating stories from the older generation, so please come along to talk to us - we are all ears.



CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Chocolate and Orange Marble Cake

A delicious, moist cake that would be good for Easter.

You create a 2 coloured marble effect throughout.
Approx. 10 slices

200g (7oz) softened unsalted butter or marg.

+ extra to grease

200g (7oz) golden caster sugar

3 large eggs

200g (7oz) S.R. flour, sifted with

1 level tspn. baking powder

zest and juice of 1 large orange

(choose orange with bumpy peel)

40g.(1¹/₂oz) cocoa powder, sifted

To decorate

100g.(3¹/₂oz) dark chocolate

(At least 50% cocoa solids)

broken into pieces

35g(1¹/₂ oz) butter, chopped

Use 900g (2lb.) loaf tin

Grease and line tin or use bought tin liner

Oven 190 C or gas mark 5

Easiest to use an electric hand whisk

to beat together butter and sugar

until light and creamy

Gradually beat in eggs.

Add a little flour if mixture curdles.

Fold in remaining flour, baking

powder, orange zest +juice.

Put ¹/₂ mixture in another bowl and

fold in cocoa.

If mixture is too stiff add little milk.

Drop spoonfuls of each mixture into tin.

Run a skewer through to create swirls.

Bake in oven 50-60 mins until a skewer inserted

into centre, comes out clean.

Cool on wire rack.

Melt choc.+ butter together in bowl resting over pan of boiling water.

Once melted, stir together.

When cool, drizzle over cooled cake.

Leave to set approx. 1 hour.

This cake stores well in airtight container.

A.M.P.

1st Radyr Scout Winter Camp...from front cover

being enclosed with hundreds of scouting support staff on hand to help.

We never went hungry with the delicious food which we pre-ordered, as well as refreshment stalls including the famous 'Chubbys'. We all thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of activities that Gilwell had to offer that were all in close proximity to each other and indeed the added contrast of activities to the usual camping activities.

Despite the large number of exciting and adventurous activities that WinterCamp promised, a lot of the scouts were nervous about it being extremely cold, in a tent, in winter. However, after going on camp to Gillwell, we can assure them that this was certainly not the case as many of



Mini-tank driving

the scouts on camp were remarking that they were, in fact, too hot and had to take off their coats to cool down!

Overall, although this was my final camp in Scouting, (I am joining the Explorer Scouts soon), I think that this was definitely the best camp that



Quad-biking

our scouting group has ever been on due to the wide range of activities and the ability to roam freely, and so I would definitely recommend going if the camp is run again next year...and if you're not part of the Scouting movement, I would definitely recommend that you join!

New Head Coach for Radyr Lawn Tennis Club

Radyr Tennis Club goes from strength to strength this year following a successful winter season and the appointment of a new, nationally renowned Head Coach. Phil Thomas was appointed at the beginning of the year to build the coaching offer at the club for all levels, juniors and seniors. Phil boasts impressive credentials in the tennis world having played professionally and with more than 20 years' experience as a high-level coach.

After playing across the UK and Europe as a professional for more than eight years, Phil became LTA Performance Coach at the elite Bath University where he coached elite and University players and organised international tournaments. He was then appointed as Performance Coach at the internationally acclaimed Millfield School in Somerset where, for 12 years, he nurtured 12-17 year old players to reach their full potential with some representing their country and even playing at Junior Wimbledon.

Phil brings a new vision of coaching



to the club, he explains: "My philosophy is to make coaching fun and interesting for players to help them achieve tangible results. I have created a year-round tennis academy at Radyr that caters for all ages and levels. We now offer a performance strand of

coaching for our more competitive junior and senior players including a 12 month tournament programme. So

whatever the level, I am confident the Radyr Tennis Academy can help improve players and even create some stars of the future."

Radyr is an established and well respected club within the south Wales tennis leagues and popular due to its mix of courts (tiger turf, clay and hard courts) and a good social scene. Anyone wishing to join should visit radyrtennis.co.uk



News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

The opening meeting of 2019 took place on Monday 14th January. The speaker was Dean Powell and his talk entitled "Land of Song" proved to be an appropriate topic for the start of the New Year. Dean is a long-term member of the Treorchy Male Voice Choir and his enthusiasm for this kind of music was heart-warming to the audience, many of whom came from backgrounds where family and social life were enriched by the music of local choirs. This January meeting started the year well and subsequent months have been active and sociable despite the dreary weather.

February's meeting took place on Monday 11th and our speaker was David Steer who is a Clinical Reflexologist practising in St Fagans. He spoke about his work and demonstrated the science of Reflexology on our Treasurer's feet! Thank you, Frankie, for volunteering. We all hope you felt the benefits from the treatment.

February proved busy socially with 22 members enjoying lunch at The Nant Restaurant on 15th February. The Nant is part of the catering college at Nantgarw and the chefs and waiting staff are all students. The students seek feedback from the diners and, although there were one or two minor criticisms, the general consensus was that the meal was delicious and excellent value.

Our annual St David's Day Walk took place on 25th February. 13 of our members joined those of other local WIs. The walk began at Cardiff Bay and ended at Morganstown Village Hall. As always, it was possible to join the walk at various stages along the way. As usual, members of Treforgan WI provided an excellent, traditional Welsh lunch which was very well received. The sun shone throughout the day; in fact, it was, perhaps, the best day in February.

The presentation of the cups and book tokens to the winners of the Bard competitions in our primary schools usually takes place at their Eisteddfods on St David's Day. As that day fell in this year's half term, the presentations were the week before and after. The WI cups were first presented in March 2000 to mark the millennium year. One wonders what became of the first two winners, now in their 30s. This year, two of our committee members, Babs Hanson and Judy Billington, visited Radyr Primary School to present the winner, Maisy Greenslade with her award and our President, Ginny Jenkins, presented Rhys Davies with his award as the winner at Bryn Deri School. Our congratulations go to both children for their success. Both winning poems were read out at our March meeting and copies of the works displayed on the noticeboard.

Apropos the March meeting on Monday 11th, it proved to be another very enjoyable one. Our speaker was television presenter Arfon Haines Davies. He was a



happy, relaxed, urbane gentleman whose talk was less of a lecture and more of a social evening chat about his life and work. Unusually, Mr Davies had asked for a home-made cake rather than the normal speaker's fee. He had already told the President that the cake from his last WI engagement "*would be hard to beat – no pressure.....!*". Jane Parry rose to the challenge and produced a magnificent cake – a rich fruit cake, highly decorated with "jewel like" fruits. It certainly met with his approval as, a few days later, he said that "*it tasted as good as it looked – absolutely delicious*".

This year, it is Treforgan WI's turn to host a Link Group Event which will be in Morganstown Village Hall on Wednesday 27th March. The entertainment will be provided by The Melingriffith Community 10-piece Band.

Continuing the musical theme, our speaker for the April meeting will be classical guitarist, Rhisiart Arwel. He will be playing for us and speaking about his work.

The Radyr Festival is rapidly approaching and our WI will be hosting a bottle tombola stall at the Festival Fete on Saturday 4th May. Bottles of anything from champagne to shampoo are very welcome and can be brought to the April meeting or given to any member of the committee.

The varied speakers and activities of the first 3 months of the year illustrate the committee's aim to offer something of interest to everyone. We have a variety of special interest and activity groups and organise outings throughout the year. Visitors and new members are made very welcome, just come to a meeting as a guest. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DF. Or email us at radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk

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An Exciting New Group for the Community



Opening on Wednesday 27th February 2019 in the Hall of the Bishop of Llandaff School the successors to the Radyr Parish Music Group, the Radyr Musical Society may have been disappointed by the small audience but the expertise and enthusiasm the new Society and its band were able to produce was amazingly infectious! Here is a bright new talent for our Community!

The traditional clever settings were there and the high standards of singing, acting and dancing expected of its predecessor group RMPG were immediately apparent but the choice and panache of the new young RMS took one's breath away! From the start it was all song and action and even although the first half was lengthy the continuity and enjoyment of the cast was infectious and the time flew past too quickly.

I had not heard of the show 'How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying' when the new Committee announced their choice last September but the Society had pushed the right buttons for a potential new future audience base in North West Cardiff by introducing something of an innovation, very much a young persons production.

On the three following evenings the audiences got bigger and the atmosphere in the hall got brighter and brighter! Ray Rivron's set was as ever cleverly conceived to cater for the 1960s New York city office settings including a lift, or elevator as this is an American story, following the career of a bright young window cleaner as he rises to the top of the World Wide Wicket Company WWWC. Gareth Tilley plays the part of J Pierrepont Finch incredibly well with his fine tenor voice and acting skill but he is well partnered by Charlotte Amodeo as Rosemary his new colleague and eventual partner. Alex Brent shines brightly as the junior employee Bud Frump with high level connections but these fail in the end as Finch speeds his way to the top of the ladder.



There are several fine actors/singers on stage and Phil Davies as the President of WWWC leads a talented company that includes Lesley Collier-Roberts, Gareth Hurman, Emily Beach, Emma Allfree, Simon Carter, Bethan Sims, Kevin Smith and Dan Collier-Roberts. everyone of them deserved the enthusiastic applause when the curtain came down on a splendid show. Bev Jones as Director can be most satisfied that, as also Chair of the new Society, she is taking music and dance in Radyr to an exciting new level!

Well done all who took part on stage, behind the stage, in the foyer and under the expert baton of Ben Pinnow the Musical Director. Given perhaps rather better visible advertising around the locality in future I'm sure that your next production will be a sell-out! it certainly deserves to be!

Radyr Musical Society are suffering with the 'after show blues' after a great run of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" over the February half term at the Bishop of Llandaff School. If you missed it, you missed out. Foot tapping and cheers flowed as the curtains came down on the 2019 production, but don't worry, plans are already underway for their next events in both their social calendar and shows.

Already in the pipeline for this summer is another new venture for the rebranded RMPG with a Cabaret night on Saturday June 22nd. This will take place at the Old Church School Rooms and will feature a bar and three course meal, as well as an evening of entertainment including numbers from a wide

selection of musicals including Mack and Mabel, Anything Goes, Cabaret, Chicago and Guys and Dolls.

The evening will have a theme of a Prohibition Speakeasy, with secret passwords to enter, dancing girls and cocktails and will be a great opportunity to get dressed up in your finery and enjoy an evening out on the tiles whilst hoping there isn't a raid!

Tickets are available from the RMS Website www.radymusical.org.uk/tickets at a cost of £25 (with a small booking fee charge, or email vicechair@radymusical.org.uk for further information.

RMS are already looking towards another social event in late August/early September before the welcome evening for their 2020 show "Return to the Forbidden Planet" – a merging of Shakespeare and Rock and Roll with a lot of well-known hits from the 50's and 60's, ever-so-slightly adapted for the Shakespearian text.

If you want to become involved with RMS, please don't be shy about it, we always welcome new and returning members with open arms and look forward to seeing you at our events either on stage, back stage, or in the audience.

Radyr Musical Society Proudly Presents

SPEAKEASY

Saturday 22nd June 2019

A 3 Course Meal and an evening of entertainment with all the glitz and glam of a prohibition themed Speakeasy.

Musical numbers from a range of theatrical productions including Chicago, Mack and Mabel, Anything Goes and Buzzy Malone.

*The Old Church Rooms
Park Road,
Radyr CF15 8DF
1st Course @ 7.30pm.
Coverages @ 11pm
Tickets £25*

Tickets available at www.radymusical.org.uk/tickets

Radyr Festival 2019

This year the Radyr Festival runs from the 4th to the 19th May. It is the usual mix of well loved and new events. Quizzes, concerts, plays, films, tea parties, the concert in the park and much much more. See the brochure in this edition of the Chain for full details.

The Festival is book ended by two choral concerts. On Saturday 4th May in the Golf Club at 7.30 Cantorion Creigiau Singers will give a concert from their extensive repertoire. They were so popular last year that a return visit was booked on the spot.

The closing concert on Sunday 19th May at 7.30 in Christ Church will be given in aid of the Festival charity, Action for Children. This will be the first visit to the Festival by Amici, although they sang at Christ Church in February and are part of that excellent Choir, Cantemus, who have performed at the Radyr Festival on several occasions.

Several events have a decidedly Welsh flavour. The novelist and television presenter, Jon Gower, will give a talk entitled Living through books, Tuesday 7th May Old Church Rooms at 7.30; while the television cook and Great British Bake Off finalist Beca Lyne-Perkis will demonstrate from her latest book. Old Church Rooms Weds 15th May at 7.30. This event is already heavily booked.

The two lunch time concerts on the two Friday lunchtimes at the Methodist Church feature singer's from Dennis O'Neill's Wales International Academi of Voice. English lyric Soprano Lucy Elstan, and Swedish lyric tenor Stian Okland, will sing popular classics from opera and musicals. The second lunch time concert involves the talented Welsh harpist Eleri Darkins, who will play works by Handel, Haydn, John Field and David Watkins amongst others.

This year the Festival will show two films. On Tuesday 14th May, they will show a new print of Charlie Chaplin's silent classic THE KID,



Jon Gower



Beca Lyne-Perkis

with a score by Chaplin himself. "A comedy with a smile and perhaps a tear".

On Saturday 18th May. They will show the film version of the Australian production of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance. To our knowledge this delightfully funny and well sung version of the G&S classic has never been seen in public in the UK. Both



Lucy Elstan

films in the Old Church Rooms at 7.30.

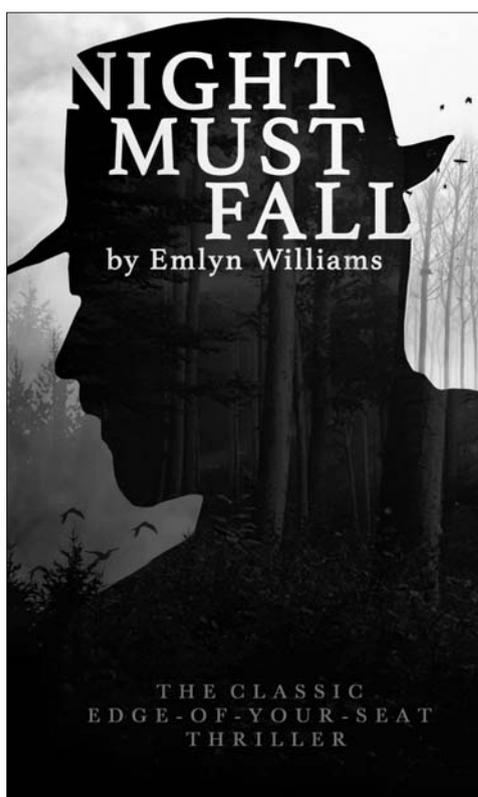
Finally its always a pleasure to welcome back that talented professionally theatre company from Swansea, Fluellen. Fluellen have brought many well received productions to Morganstown Village Hall, including The Odd Couple, Under Milk Wood and The Corn is Green.



Stian Økland

This year they will bring another of Emlyn Williams' plays, the classic on the edge of your seat thriller, *Night Must Fall*, one of his best known plays. It involves a remote woodland bungalow, a wheelchair bound woman and a shocking discovery.

A thriller to "knock em dead", *Daily Mail*.



Eleri Darkins,

Rotary Club of Cardiff West



The Rotary Club of Cardiff West was formed nine years ago and meets every Tuesday in Radyr Golf Club. We are a mixture of men and women, who have come together for fellowship and to help local charities and good causes.

Since our formation, the Club has organised the opening concert of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival, which is held in Radyr Golf Club. This year the concert will take place on Saturday 4th May with Cantorion Creigiau providing an evening of well known music.

The concert will start at 7.30 pm, the bar will be open from 6.45 and there is a large car park.

Tickets are £11 for adults, £9 for concessionary groups and they can be bought: online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/rma from The Little Flower Den, at the

rear of 2 Station Road
or by telephone on 02920 512740

If you would like to know more about the Rotary Club of Cardiff West, or you would like to attend one of our meetings, please contact us through our website: www.CardiffWestRotaryClub.wordpress.com

Mansel Thomas
President.

Ian Thomas

Living in Morganstown

**Went to Blackwood
Comprehensive School
between 1974 and 1979**

Please Contact:

Martin Suter
on 07974 174215

or Christine Woods
on 07838 225773

Regarding the 40th
Anniversary Party for the
class of '79

Letters to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

I would like to request that you put an article in the Radyr Chain asking Dog Owners to Please be more vigilant with their own dog's mess, and also to keep an eye out for irresponsible Dog owners.

We walk our grandchildren regularly to Bryn Deri School and almost every day we have to avoid at least two to three amounts of dog litter on a route of no more than 600 yards from our home.

The council have agreed to check we have enough dog litter bins in our area and to ensure they are emptied regularly. It seems to be reliant on the general public to actually report anyone caught not cleaning up their own dog mess, and there is a significant fine.

I would like to thank you for your assistance with this problem.

Yours sincerely

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

Two sides to every story... The '20's Plenty' response

Following recent letters to the editor in the Radyr Chain; the Radyr & Morganstown Residents Road Safety Group also known as the '20's plenty group' and 'Love Our Villages' felt it was time to make an appropriate response in our pursuit of a reduced speed limit to 20 mph.

It is very important to the group that the message we put forward is founded on fact and this is why any statements we have made are from freedom of information requests to GoSafe in the case of the traffic/current speed data and from systematic reviews and public statements published by organisations such as Public Health Wales/England, NICE, and the World Health Organisation etc. To address reports that we have been posting "fake news" we have made available all our references both to the editor and on the 'Love Our Villages' Facebook page and we invite residents to take a look.

However, we recognise there will be reports, statistics and other data that

could contradict our argument of reducing speed through the village to 20mph; then again, this can be said for many arguments across time, history and the world over. There will always be an argument 'for and against' and each side will always believe themselves to be right.

We want to make it clear we are not an environmental or political group. We are a group concerned about road safety and our ultimate aim is to increase the safety and wellbeing of everyone using our village, including the more vulnerable road users such as children, the disabled and the elderly. We want to prevent any such potential fatal incidents rather than wait for them to become statistics that we can quote to further contribute to our cause.

If you would like to support us you can request a sign, join our Facebook page 'Love Our Villages', and join our mailing list. Please send an email to the following: LoveOurV@gmail.com to either request a sign or to join our emailing list.

Yours sincerely

Radyr & Morganstown Residents Road Safety Group.

Dear Editor,

One person's "fake news" is another person's evidence-based assessment

It is simply not enough for your correspondent (Letters February 2019) to declare that something is "false news" for it automatically to become "false news".

It is not enough for your correspondent to say something is "simply untrue" for that to be the case. It is not enough for your correspondent to cherry pick one sole piece of research and one uncontextualized quotation as a sound basis to undermine the entire Twenty's Plenty Campaign.

Whether the topic is climate change, speed limits or healthy eating, I prefer to make my assessment on the entirety of the evidence available. That is precisely the approach taken by our public health experts in Public Health Wales. I respect the findings in their position statement on this topic and urge others to read it: <https://bit.ly/2IoOUUV>

I see no reason to disagree with their carefully argued assertion that,

"Urban, residential area maximum speeds of 20mph are increasingly being advocated for and implemented to reduce crash and injury risks as well as many of the other negative factors associated with cars; noise and air pollution, physical inactivity, community severance and personal isolation and loneliness."

I am sure that your correspondent's views are sincerely held. However, I do not respect the use of single, highly selective pieces of evidence to make such strong assertions, especially on a matter of such importance.

[Since your correspondent chose to not include their name, I choose to do the same.]

Y Gwcv

Bydd Cwmni Cwm Ni, Caerffili, yn ymweld â Chanolfan Gymdeithasol Morganstown nos Wener, 17eg o Fai i gyflwyno eu cynhyrchiad diweddaraf. Eleni maent yn mentro ar y gomedï "Y Gwcv" a gyfieithwyd gan Ben Jones gyda chaniatâd y dramodydd Barry Lambert a Lazy Bees Scripts. Hon yw'r noson y bydd beirniaid cystadleuaeth actio drama fer Eisteddfod Genedlaethol, Llanrwst, yn dod atom i gynnal rhagbrawf.

Caiff Ben Raynor andros o sioc o ddeall ei fod yn rhannu ei fflaf gyda merch ddeniadol ifanc o'r enw Devra. Ond maen nhw wedi bod yn rhannu ers tri mis, a hynny heb yn wybod i Ben! Wrth i'r ddrama fynd yn ei blaen gwelwn fod gan Devra bwerau hudol. Ac i gymhlethu pethau ymhellach, does neb ond Ben yn gallu ei gweld. Mae ei phwerau yn ei galluogi i newid bywydau Ben a'i gyn-wraig Hilary. Mae effaith y digwyddiadau yn achosi dryswch i ffrind Ben, Gwilym, P.C. Pullen a'r gyfreithwraig Miz Birchall. Fel y gallwch ddychmygu, mae'r holl gamddealltwriaeth yn cyfuno i greu comedi ddoniol dros ben.

Dewch atom i fwynhau rhyw hanner can munud o ddifyrwrch pur. Edrychwn ymlaen at eich croesawu!

Neuadd y Pentre Morganstown am 7.30 y.h. Tocynnau £4 gan Allan Cook, 20843176.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



These last three months have seen a great deal of activity. Council were delighted to welcome the First Minister, Mr Mark Drakeford, to the January meeting. In his introductory remarks, the Minister stated that he would be recommending a 20mph speed limit in all residential areas, towns and cities throughout Wales. Several prepared questions were asked. All were pertaining to our areas. These questions included road safety and transport infrastructure, the possible increase in both atmospheric and noise pollution, health care and education facilities associated with the forthcoming increase in the local population, the future role of Community Councils, housing and the position of landlords who provide tenancies for vulnerable people. He would consider these questions and send responses. Some have arrived and are available for residents at the Council Office. He also accepted an invitation from the Council that Mr Kevin Brennan, the local MP and he, held two political surgeries every year in our community as well as those regularly held at the Cardiff West Constituency Office. The dates for these surgeries have now been confirmed as Friday, the 5th of April and Friday the 4th of October 2019 between 17.00pm and 18.00pm at the Old Church Rooms. Further information can be obtained from the Council Secretariat or at the Cardiff West Constituency Office.

Road safety THROUGHOUT Radyr and Morganstown remains a Council priority. In the last newsletter, I reported that a Council delegation had met with Mr Paul Carter at the Planning Department. As yet, there has been no further correspondence. However, following several complaints, I met with Mr Gavin Colman from the Highways Department and inspected three sites. The first was the hedgerow running from the motorway bridge upwards towards the Scout Hall. The hedge needs cutting back as it has grown onto the pavement. Secondly, the area on Windsor Road where there is neither a pavement nor an official crossing. Thirdly, the dreadful state of the pavement from Ffordd Las down to the entrance to the Golf Club. A report is awaited. The state of Bethel Chapel and the graveyard alongside is not only an eye sore but also an insult to those who have been interred there. Councillor Mckerlich and I have dispatched letters to those who are responsible for this quite disgraceful state of affairs.

It is a pleasure to report that the Council has supported various local developments. Grants have been awarded to the Parents Teachers Associations at both primary

schools and to the very successful Cricket Club. The latter have plans to increase their facilities and the Council will assist with a grant of £13,000 - which will cover 10% of the development costs. It is a pleasure to record that several of their female playing members have been awarded national honours. All the local schools have received books written in English and Welsh regarding World War One. Lastly, your Council is supporting the Radyr and Morganstown Festival which will commence in May this year.

Residents will recall that your Council supported the establishment of the Radyr Tap. Not only has this venture been successful but it also provides an additional service to the Community. With this in mind, a letter is being sent to the person responsible for the old Spar shopping area, to encourage the development of the premises to bring another service to the Community.

There are several developments about to commence at The Old Church Rooms which is much used by residents and many societies. The first are repairs to the roof which has developed a leak. The second is to replace the carpet in the Garth Room which is much used by many different groups. The third is the replacement of apparatus in the all important kitchen. Finally, a new retaining wall will be built at the east end of the building. At times, car parking can be a problem at the OCR particularly at school times. It is of particular concern during the times when the Nursery School Pupils are in residence and later in the day when the after school activities commence. Residents are respectfully asked to consider these activities and avoid parking in the OCR car park.

The environment activities in the community are reduced due to Springtime and, in particular, by the onset of bird nesting. However, the work at Pentwyn Park continues so that the pathways are free of large puddles. A retaining wall behind the commercial area is in the planning stage. Furthermore, work continues on the Pilgrims Way as it traverses Radyr. It is hoped that this way, starting in Llandaf and ending at the site of the Holy Virgin at Penrhys, will be opened later this year.

The improvements at the Drivers Way Play area are proceeding albeit at a slower pace than anticipated. The organisers, who have worked hard and raised considerable funds, are still awaiting confirmation of an input from Redrow. Your Council will also contribute financially to this development with a



grant of £5,000. The civil engineering works at the south end of Heol Isaf continue to be a source of frustration to residents who need to travel to their places of work. It is hoped that the delays experienced by residents and other motorists will decrease in the near future.

The 50+ lunch club, held on alternate Wednesdays, continues to welcome its many guests. All are welcome. The lunch is usually followed by a talk from a speaker on his/her favoured subject. What is required currently, are more volunteers to pick up and return attendees to their homes. Council are very grateful to Councillor Huw Jones and Mrs Hashumati Patel for their enthusiasm and dedication which has led to the increasing popularity. Further information can be obtained from the Council Office.

It is a pleasure to welcome the Reverend Vicki Burrows to the Parish. I am sure that all residents will look forward to meeting her and hope that her term of office will be both pleasurable and rewarding.

This will be my last newsletter to residents as Chairman of the Council. I do hope these letters have been of benefit. I would very much like to thank my fellow councillors for their considerable help and support over the last two years. Finally, I am deeply indebted to the senior clerks, Mrs Ceri Mortimer and Ms Lynne Thomas. I would also like to pay my considerable thanks to our Assistant Clerk, Mrs Julie Hopkins, who ran our office most efficiently between the departure of Mrs Mortimer and the appointment of Ms Thomas.

Ralph S. Vaughan
Chair Radyr and Morganstown
Community Council

News from Bryn Deri PTA

Parents, teachers, pupils and the community are all involved in raising money to enhance the educational experience of all pupils at Bryn Deri. A wooden climbing frame funded by the PTA was installed last month which the children are really enjoying.

We are now focussing our fundraising to build "Multi-Use Games Area" on the school grounds. This will provide a contained, bespoke facility in which sporting activities can take place. This will not only benefit the pupils at Bryn Deri but also the wider community.

In addition to our regular Christmas and summer fairs, and discos, we currently have two on-going fundraising activities.

Firstly, we applied to become a Co-op "Local Cause" and were lucky enough to be selected! Until October 2019, Bryn Deri PTA will benefit from all purchases of Co-op branded goods (at any Co-op) when a Co-op Membership card is shown. Track the fund raising progress on screen in local stores.

Secondly, to link with "One World Week" in Bryn Deri, pupils have been asking friends and family to donate foreign or old coins. These coins have been used during lessons and will ultimately be exchanged for sterling with the Cash4Coins Schools scheme.

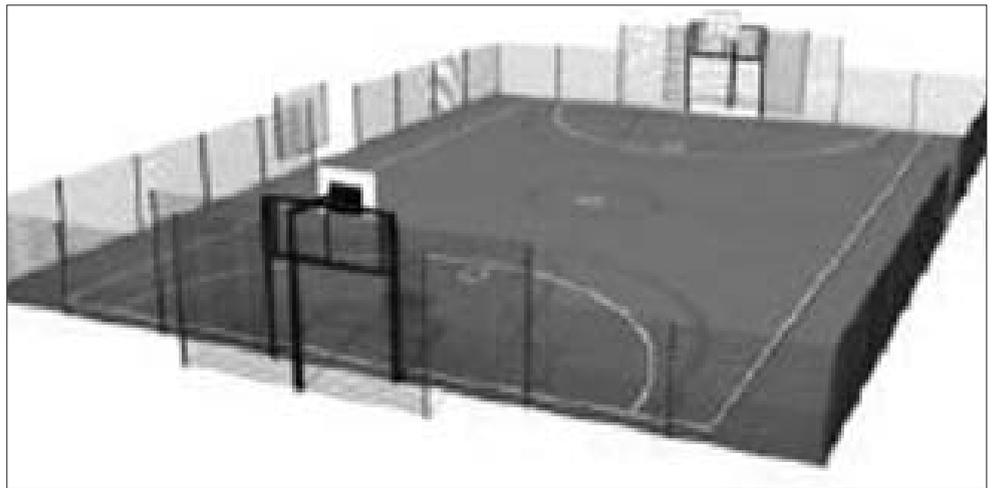


The way it works:

1. Purchase a Co-op member card for £1
2. Choose Bryn Deri PTA as your local cause
www.coop.co.uk/membership
3. Present your card in any Co-op (not just in Radyr) to get:
 - 5% back for yourself
 - 1% for Bryn Deri PTA when you buy Co-op branded goods.

If you have any old or foreign coins you would like to donate, Bryn Deri's friends, the Ty Nant and the Radyr Post office have kindly agreed to take donations. Please leave your notes and coins in the labelled bottles. Donations can also be taken to Bryn Deri School.

The PTA also applied to the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council for a grant and were thrilled to be



given £1,000. The majority of this will go towards the creation of a Multi-Generational Allotment on school grounds which will give members of the Community and pupils the opportunity to work together. The remainder will help the PTA purchase a new Wales flag which will be flying from the Bryn

Deri flag pole in the next few weeks.

If any members of the community have any fundraising ideas or opportunities, or would like to be involved in activities the PTA would love to hear from you. We can be contacted via the school.

Many thanks.

DONATE YOUR OLD OR FOREIGN COINS & BANKNOTES TO HELP

BRYN DERI SCHOOL

We are raising money to build a Multi-use Games Area in the school play ground

- ✓ All foreign coins & banknotes
- ✓ Current UK coins and banknotes
- ✓ Any old British & Irish money
- ✓ Even obsolete currency!

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Alzheimer's Society

Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society Volunteer Fundraising Group has been nominated for the Alzheimer's Society People Awards, in the **Committed To Creating a World Without Dementia** category. This is a fantastic accolade for the group, who have been established for around 18 months, and have so far raised over £30,000 for the Alzheimer's Society.

The People Awards are a chance for the Alzheimer's Society to say thank you for the contributions of fundraising groups and volunteers across the UK. The shortlist is due to be announced imminently, with finalists for each category announced in mid-March, and an award ceremony taking place in the spring.

The group continues to plan events and activities for 2019, and is aiming for a grand fund-raising total of £40,000 by the end of the year. The group will be hosting the festival tea at the Radyr and Morganstown festival in May, so please drop by and say hello to us.



There is also a collection bucket in Radyr Library where you can donate unwanted foreign coins and other items, such as used stamps, ink cartridges, unwanted cameras and phones to help raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. All coins are accepted, even in currencies which are now obsolete, so if you have any unwanted francs or drachma in the back of the drawer, please bring

them along to the Library, where they can be put to good use for fundraising purposes.

If you would like to find out more about the volunteer fundraising group, please contact Cheryl George, Community Fundraiser for South East Wales, on 02920 475573 or Cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk

Radyr and Morganstown District Gardening Club

Does the thought of taking cuttings at the right time of year scare you? Do you know the difference between hard wood cuttings and soft wood cuttings? Are you totally confused? Worry not, come and join us at our meeting on 10th April where Lynne Davies of Pugh's Garden Centre will be talking to us about "Propagation".

This is our final meeting of the year until September and our thanks go to the numerous speakers who have all given us many interesting talks since last September.

The club has arranged a trip to Aberglasney on Wednesday 19th June 2019. If there is space available on the coach and you would be interested in joining us please contact Linda on the phone number which is at the end of this article.

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 for our gardens. 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)

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£40.00

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Original oil painting of Garth Mountain
by N. Proctor

In frame
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£60.00

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with spare spool and line

£10.00

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02920 843832

Correction...

In the article 'Radyr Comprehensive School' in the last issue of *Radyr Chain* "Oxbridge Success" it stated that 6 students had interviews and 5 were offered places and that this was the highest in the school's history.

A reader correctly pointed out that, in fact, in the academic year 1986/87 there were 9 students who gained places at Oxbridge. *Ed.*

Radyr & Morganstown 1939

As family and local historians know censuses are a gold mine of information but due to the 100 year rule the latest available is 1911.

However the national register drawn up in October 1939, not being a census as such - although it is hard to spot the difference - has been released. It gives details of the occupants at a specific address including their date of birth and occupation. This was compiled by enumerators as the basis for the National Identity Cards issued on the spot after the start of the Second World War. Interestingly that same register, updated, formed the data base for the newly created NHS in the late 40's.

The records are available on fee-charging websites such as Ancestry and Findmypast.

As the base is national, searching by person is laborious unless you have more detail or an unusual surname. Pick "Jones" and half a million appear!

To get to Radyr I asked Allan Cook, Chairman of the History Society, for suggestions on more unusual

surnames who may have lived here in 1939. He came up with several, one of which in Glamorgan caught my eye being a railway plate layer. Sure enough he lived in Junction Terrace so I had located where Radyr was, enumeration district XLAD. I found further records for Radyr and Morganstown in XLAE. You can then view a scan page by page of the individual register which contains over 1000 names.

Heol Isaf was the road for professionals in medicine, education and law with a smattering of live-in domestic servants.

Now vanished occupations from 1939 include a safety lamp maker, a steam tram operator, a junior wireless* mechanic and two men living in Gelynis Terrace who were dolomite stone getters [sic].

In Radyr the blue collar railway employees were in the Terraces, the white collar clerks up the road in Windsor Crescent.

Some of the information is redacted, eg some persons who are currently not yet 100 years old but nevertheless an interesting resource.

Martin Jeeves

*ask your grandfather what a wireless is, he may even have a valve tucked away he can show you!

History Society

The History Society has announced its programme of summer visits.

Sunday 5th May at 2 p.m. A walk around Morganstown, starting at the Quarry entrance on Ynys Bridge Road. We will visit the interior of the quarry, then make our way through Morganstown to the Guide Centre. Be warned, parking around Pugh's will be difficult as there is a football competition on at the Mound Field. It will last about 2 hours. Free.

Thursday 23rd May at 10.15. A visit to Insole Court. Meet at the Potting Shed Cafe. Entry £2. Book in advance.

Thursday 20th June. A visit by coach to Swindon. Leaves Radyr at 8.30 a.m. In the morning visit the Great Western Railway Museum or visit McArthur Glen, Swindon. Lunch in the Museum or McArthur Glen. In the afternoon we will visit the delightful Georgian Lydiard Park, house and Church. Return about 7.30 p.m.

Coach £9. Entry to the Railway Museum and Lydiard Park £5.25. Book in advance.

Thursday 19th September at 10.30. A visit to Cardiff Castle. Guided tour £2.50 to keyholders.

Book in advance.

The visits are open to non members of the Society. Please book in advance with Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

Radyr Drama Society



Spider's Web

Do you enjoy Agatha Christie mysteries? Well the Radyr Drama Society are about to perform one of her best known stage plays, *Spider's Web*. Although Agatha Christie is well known for her novels she wrote very few stage plays, and *Spider's Web* is one of her most successful. In fact, it is the second most successful after *The Mousetrap*, which is still running in the West End of London more than fifty five years later, and the longest running play in the history of theatre.

It was written at the request of Margaret Lockwood, who played the lead. Margaret was a well known stage and film star of the period and

she wanted a play that showed a different side of her personality. A slightly more humorous aspect and *Spider's Web* does have an element of comedy.

Why has Classisa been offered the rent of the house at half the price offered to others? Is it because her surname is Brown and the owners

want someone called Brown living at Copplestone Court?

Spider's Web can be seen in Morganstown Village Hall from the 11th to the 13th April starting at 7.30. Tickets, £12, can be obtained from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr, www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama and from, 07949 382328



My Assistance Dog ~ A request..

My name is Tracey and I live in the Radyr area. Opposite is a picture of my dog whom I am training myself to become my assistance dog. For those who do not know of these dogs they are trained in helping with personal issues, help around the house and outside work in shops etc for people with health issues. Most people don't know of these dogs and only know of dogs for the blind. These dogs are trained to a high standard and are trained to ignore the public because they are working for their owner to help them when they need it. On my dog is a jacket stating that he is Working and in training to advise the public of what he is doing and Do Not Touch him.



Unfortunately even with his jacket on some people just ignore this and touch him without my consent and distract him from his work and

looking after me. Unfortunately I have had to use a wheelchair to get around and my dog comes with me to assist in helping me with tasks that I can't carry out. My dog has not come from an organisation already trained I am training him myself and I have worked hard for the last two years to get him to a standard that he is entitled to enable him to have a jacket to enable me to take him into shops etc. If you see us out and about yes, we would love to stop and have a chat, but **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH HIM** as this disrupts his work and all it does is undo all the hard work and training I have put into him and stops him working and looking after me when I need it as he is my lifeline to the outside world. Please respect he is working hard to concentrate on me and me alone. *Thank you.- Tracey*

Radyr Cricket Club News

An exciting 2019 is in store for Radyr Cricket Club both on and off the field. A new structure is in place across the South East Wales Cricket League and excellent performances last season have seen Radyr sides ideally positioned. This gives the club, a strong platform to develop further, the juniors making their way in senior cricket and fixtures at some of the best grounds in the region.

Off the field the club is moving forward with a proposed extension which will see additional changing facilities and add to the upgraded bar and kitchen area completed last year. The extension is substantial, as is the cost of delivery. The club is enormously grateful to both Cricket Wales and the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council who have agreed to donate significant sums to assist the club towards its goal. The fund raising campaign is still ongoing and any support, either from individuals or companies, would be gratefully received.

Thanks again to the club's main sponsors: Cicchetti who will be the shirt sponsor for the third year and to Pugh's Nursery and Rees Wood Terry who are always supportive. Thanks also to the other sponsors throughout the village.



U15 greens, winners of the Cardiff & Vale B league 2018

If there are any statisticians out there or anyone simply interested in cricket please get in touch with me on www.radyrcc.co.uk as the First XI requires a scorer. I can assure you you will be fed and watered and if the side wins a drink or two will be on me.

Turning our attention to our juniors our U15 green team ended 2018 having won the Cardiff & Vale B league. Following a thrilling game at Pentyrch CC last September Radyr won on the last ball of the match and were crowned champions. Congratulations to all the U15 greens who played last summer it was a

real team effort.

Throughout the winter players from our U11, U13 and U15s have all had the opportunity to attend winter training and in early April our U9s will also have had chance to refresh their cricketing skills in time for the new season. We are grateful once again for the support we have received from the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Youth Fund. Their help has subsidised our winter training programme and has allowed us to offer more net sessions. In addition children from years 2, 3 and 4 at

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