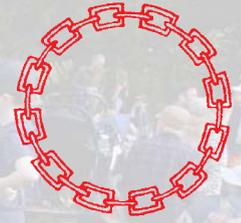


# RADYR CHAIN

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## Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2019

*Families enjoying the warm spring sunshine at the open air concert at Parc Radur, one of the highlights of this year's Festival*

*See centre pages for more photographs and a round-up of Festival highlights*

## Pilgrims Way

It might come as a surprise to many readers that Radyr sits on an important pilgrim route between the cathedral at Llandaff and Penrhys. In the middle ages, hundreds if not thousands of pilgrims would have walked from Llandaff to Penrhys, especially on the four Festivals dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

So important was the statue of the Virgin Mary of Penrhys that at the Reformation, it was taken to London to be publicly burnt, along with her equally important sisters of Walsingham and Doncaster.

The footpath winds for 21 miles though some of the most beautiful countryside in Glamorganshire. Llantrisant is about half way on the footpath and makes a useful point at which to break the walk into two days.

For several years the Penrhys Pilgrimage Project has been working to re-establish the route, and walkers will notice the distinctive blue and yellow waymarkers going up on footpaths through Radyr.



The Way will be officially opened in March 2020 – which happens to be a year of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Llandaff - although it is entirely accessible before then as it follows public footpaths for the whole of its way.

If you visit the lady chapel in Llandaff Cathedral, the reredos behind the altar shows plants associated with the Virgin Mary and one of these is the snowdrop. It is planned to plant examples of these

plants at various points along the path.

Over the spring children from Radyr and Bryn Deri Primary Schools planted snowdrops on the open space at the junction of Ffordd Las and Bryn Derwen. The photograph shows the children hard at work. We look forward to next spring.

A web site, which will give detailed maps of the pathways is in the course of being prepared.

## COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website [www.Radyr.org.uk](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

- Fri 26 July** **11:00 Space Chase Club at Radyr Library.** Come along to this free event. Please contact the Library on 02920 780996 to book a place.
- Thur 1 Aug** **10:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West** Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk "Secrets of a Private Eye" by George Brady. New members welcome. contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Fri 2 Aug** **11:00 Space Chase Club at Radyr Library.** Come along to this free event. Celebrate National Play Day with crafts, activities and a story. Please book a place by contacting the Library on 02920 780996.
- Wed 7 Aug** **11:00 Explore Learning Event at Radyr Library.** Come along to Radyr Library and join in this free event delivered by Explore Learning. Please contact the Library to book a place on 02920 780996.
- Fri 16 Aug** **14:30 Wild Challenge at Radyr Library.** Join your local library for an out of this world wild challenge! The RSPB will be helping us to explore our local environment with bug hunts, bird spotting, planting and wild flower forays.
- Fri 23 Aug** **11:00 Space Chase Club at Radyr Library.** Space Themed Craft Session and Story. Free event. Please contact the Library to book your place on 02920 780996.
- Fri 30 Aug** **11:00 Space Chase Club at Radyr Library.** Come along and join in the fun activities. Craft session and story. Please book your place by ringing 02920 780996.
- Mon 9 Sept** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI** Fashion Show by "FAB Clothing". Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Thur 19 Sept** **10:00 Bridge Lessons at Radyr Library.** A 12 week introduction to Bridge course. £72. Please contact Rachel Oliver on 07827 928810 to book your place. Limited places.

- Sun 30 June** **15:15 Tenovus Cancer Care Strawberry Tea.** Strawberry Tea. New School Rooms, Christchurch, Radyr. Adults £6 children £3. Please tel. 20843051 for tickets
- Thur 4 July** **10:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West.** Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk "Return to Ascension Island" by Ron Powell. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 8 July** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI.** "Summer Celebration" hosted by the Committee. Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Tue 9 July** **10:00 Litter Picking Group.** Litter Picking - Radyr & Morganstown. In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy. Meet at Radyr Library. Equipment and free refreshments provided
- Sat 13 July** **10:00 Councillor Surgery at Radyr Library**

## R&M History Society

There are still a few places available on the History Society's trip to Swindon on Thursday 20th of June. Leaving R&M at 8.30 returning at approx. 7.30.

The morning is spent visiting the Great Western Steam Museum - or you could spend the morning visiting one of the largest McArthur Glen's in the UK. After lunch we will visit a delightful Georgian House, gardens, parkland and Church, Lydiard Park, a few miles outside Swindon. Coach £9. Booking and information from Allan Cook on 2084 3176 or [cookatradyr222@gmail](mailto:cookatradyr222@gmail)

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I would like to express my grateful thanks to our local GP's in Radyr Medical Practice and also the Radyr District Nursing Team for the wonderful support and care they gave my husband Kev and myself over the past two years.

Unfortunately Kev lost his battle with a rare tumour and passed away in March.

The care, compassion and support we received was second to none, we couldn't have asked for better.

*From the bottom of my heart  
Thank you all so much*

Andrea Willoughby

## Dr Felicity Davies

(R.I.P. March 2019)

"The family of the late Felicity Davies of Windsor Road wish to thank you for all of the cards, letters and kind words following her recent passing.

The Davies family has enjoyed being part of the Church, schools and community of Radyr for over 60 years, and we will always treasure many happy memories.

Many thanks, from Stephen, Simon, Matthew, Sarah and Michael."

Thank you, Sarah Saunders

## 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

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



# Voluntary Year in Nepal Teaching IT



My name is Tom Hughes, I am 17 years old and attend Radyr Comprehensive School and was lucky enough to be selected by Project Trust to travel to Nepal to teach Information Technology (IT) in the foothills of the Himalayas. Project Trust has sent young people abroad to teach since 1967. They have provided me with an opportunity to gain invaluable skills and an unforgettable experience.

## What am I doing?

Last summer I travelled to Zambia and Botswana to undergo several tasks including building houses for AIDS orphans. Ever since coming back I have looked for my next task. I came across Project Trust and saw the opportunity I could potentially have. I'm hoping that this experience will give me lifelong memories whilst giving back to those who haven't had the same opportunities as myself.

## How will I do it?

For me to be able to undergo this journey I must raise a total of £6,200; all before July of this year. If I reach this goal, Project Trust can



send me to Nepal to teach IT to secondary school students. Whilst I may have to teach IT without even having a computer, I believe I am providing these children with countless future opportunities. To be able to fund this, I have already started planning a series of events and fundraisers that will all take place before July. I believe that the fundraising is just as important as the experience I will gain out of the trip. Fundraising will make me appreciate the trip a lot more than if I were to pay out of my own pocket.

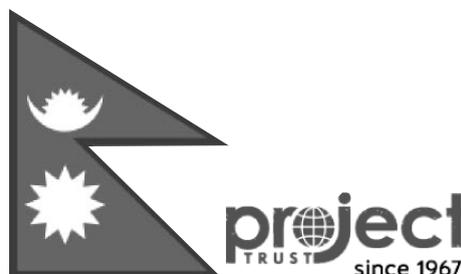
## Why me?

You must have hundreds of people writing to you every year, all asking the same thing, so, what sets me out from the rest? I am an extremely hard working individual who will always work to the best of my ability. I am extremely passionate about travelling and providing others with opportunities. I have always wanted to help people on a wider scale and this is the greatest opportunity I will ever have.

*For more information please follow the link below:*

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?pageId=1029635>

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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

**Smoked Fish Pie with Lemon and Herb Mash**  
An extremely tasty fish pie with a difference. Perfect for freezing  
Serves 6

- 1 kg. (2lb) floury potatoes, peeled and cubed
- Knob of butter
- 350ml. (3/4 pint) semi-skimmed milk
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsps dill- finely chopped
- 1 tbspn parsley-chopped
- 60g(2 1/2oz. ) plain flour
- 60g(2 1/2oz.) butter
- 200ml(1/3 pint) creme fraiche or double cream
- 2 t.spns Dijon mustard
- 2 tbsps chives- chopped
- 350g(12oz.)smoked haddock - deskinnd and coarsely cubed
- 400g(14oz.)oak roasted salmon-flaked
- 200g(7oz.) cooked peeled prawns
- Simmer potatoes in pan of boiling water until tender.
- Drain and mash with butter+ 50ml. of milk.
- Stir through lemon zest, dill, parsley, s+p.
- Taste for seasoning. Set aside.
- Light oven 180 C or Gas 4
- Poach haddock in remaining milk until cooked
- Strain off milk and keep.
- In separate pan melt 60g. butter.
- Add flour and stir to make roux.
- Gradually add the milk from haddock + creme fraiche, to make a thick white sauce.
- Stir in mustard,chives, s+p. Taste.
- In medium, ovenproof pie dish gently combine haddock, salmon, prawns and white sauce.
- Top with the mash, dot with butter.
- Bake until golden brown.

A.M.P.

## Rev'd. Vicki Burrows



Vicky with her rough collie Belle.

Following my installation as the first Vicar of Radyr in February, a number of people have asked that I write something about myself. So, whilst I would much prefer to meet you personally on 17th June when I shall be telling my "story" at the Radyr and Morganstown Association meeting, I will attempt to share something of my life with you in print.

I was born in London in 1961 and spent my childhood in Epsom, Surrey. My mother also grew up in Epsom where her father was a well known jockey and racehorse trainer. My father was born in Poland but his family came to England seeking asylum when he was a toddler. My sister and I attended a girls school near our home whose mission was to "educate daughter's of gentlemen" - very few girls went on to university however we all learned how to cook, sew and get into a sports car without showing our undies! I spent my teenage years riding racehorses and occasionally studying. After A'Levels and a year acquiring some book-keeping and office skills, I worked for a well known jockey and trainer before eventually joining our family dress manufacturing business where I worked for many years.

I met Billy in Kitzbuhel and we married in 1984 - we have five sons - William 32, Jack 30, Peter 28, Sam 26, Charlie 20, and we look after Rhianna 17 and Jasmine 10, along with 7 dogs! In my spare time I show Rough Collies and was thrilled to win Best of Breed at Crufts this year.

My father was born into an Orthodox Jewish family and married "out" when he met my, nominally Anglican, mother. So faith did not play a part in my childhood. Since

religion had been a taboo subject at home I began to explore faith in my early 20s. I bought a bible and read it as I commuted each day from our first home in Norwich to London - I was converted and was confirmed soon afterwards in Norwich Cathedral, expecting our first son.

Soon after returning to live in Epsom with our first child I was invited to lead the children's group at the parish church. I had no teaching experience but over many years the Sunday Club grew and flourished and many people encouraged me to offer for ordination.

After three years training I was ordained Deacon in 2004 and priest in 2005. I served my curacy (training post) in The Bourne in Farnham. I was then Rector of Long Ditton, Surrey, Vicar of Royal Wootton Bassett and Area Dean of Calne, Vicar of Bramley and Grafham. We moved to live in Pendoylan last September where I served in the East Vale Team whilst learning about the Church in Wales after years serving in The Church of England.

I feel honoured to have been called to Radyr to follow in the footsteps of those Rectors whose ministries have touched the lives of people here. I hope that in the years ahead I will make a difference too. Whilst I would love to see our churches filled to bursting, I want you to know that I am not here just for the religious but to serve all who live and work in Danescourt, Morganstown and Radyr.

In each of the places where I have ministered, my focus has always been on working with others to care for and resource the whole community - Jesus did not come to build a church but the Kingdom of God - which, in English, means a community where individuals love their neighbours and treat others with respect and compassion. To be a Christian is not to believe in the impossible but to say that we've seen a love that conquers evil in the life of an extraordinary human being, whom we call God, and that we are inspired by his life and try (and often fail) to be more like him.

I really look forward to meeting you - please do introduce yourself if you see me in our community and please

do not hesitate to contact me if you are in any kind of pastoral need, would like to explore faith or wish to suggest how our church could better serve our neighbourhood.

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## Probus Club of Cardiff West

### Calendar 2019

Thursday 6 June, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk entitled "On The Edge (of the River Severn)" will be given by Julia Scadden. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 4 July, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk on the "Return to Ascencion Island" will be given by Ron Powell. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 1 August, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk entitled "Secrets of a Private Eye" will be given by George Brady. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 5 September, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk on "Rorkes Drift" will be given by Roger Morgan. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 3 October, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk entitled "Hi De Hi (A Butlins Redcoat)" will be given by Rosemary Chaloner. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 7 November, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk regarding "Guide Dogs for the Blind" will be given by Judith Edwards. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Thursday 5 December, 10.00 am. At Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk entitled "Don't Squeeze the Toothpaste" will be given by David Kitchen. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

# RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

## 32nd FESTIVAL 2019



Children from the local schools with their parents lined up for the Festival Parade in Windsor Road depicting "Children in Action". The parade was led by two open top cars, driven by Jane, carrying the Festival Queen and her attendants, The second car, driven by Neil, carried ITV presenter, Kate Lewis, Cllr Rod McKerlich and David Silver to the Festival Fete. The parade climbed Windsor Road with Raymond Rivron in charge of the musical support.

Slowly the procession made its way to the Old Church Rooms, where there were many colourful stalls and lots of local people to greet the parade. During the day the Alzheimer's Group served teas and Imaging 2000 displayed competition photos in the Castle Room. The winner this year was Windsor Fortt, with Adrian Hopkins, second. The children were kept amused with a modern version of a animal version of the traditional Punch and Judy. The busy crowd was entertained by two Salsa dancers from the Havana People Salsa.



In the evening Cantorion Creigiau Singers entertained a receptive audience at Christ Church organised by our local Cardiff West Rotary Club, who are open to new members.

On Sunday afternoon a large group met at the Morganstown Quarry for a conducted tour around the area, organised by Allan Cook. Arriving in the centre of the quarry we met the manager, Graham. Allan addressed the group providing the history and background to the workings of the quarry. A large congregation attended the evening Civic Service at Christ church led by our new vicar, Reverend Vicki Burrows. We were met at the main door by a parade of Guides and Brownies. Both our MP, Kevin Brennan and AM, the first Minister Mark Drakeford were present at the service. At a following reception, Nina Rice outlined the work of "Action for Children".



The weather was improving and Monday brought the annual Fun Run with a good number of enthusiastic competitors both young and old. The winners are listed on our results page. It's thanks to the police and volunteers for ensuring the safety of this event. In the afternoon our 2019 Festival Queen, Megan Vigliotta was crowned by Community Councillor Ralph Vaughan. Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary School children provided Maypole Dancing, which was perfectly performed. This was followed by all the children "having a go". The Treforgan WI provided teas and cakes in the Methodist Hall to round off a very successful afternoon. Meanwhile the Queen and her attendants were off to the children's tea party in Morganstown Village Hall.



Jon Gower presented Y Noson Gymreig with a "Story of Wales" on Tuesday evening. The first of the library's storytime took place the next day followed in the evening with a choice of events – "Railways of Radyr and the Glamorgan Valleys" or "Night Must Fall" performed by a regular drama company "Fluellen". This thriller was written by Emlyn Williams and has stood the test of time!

A very competitive evening was held at Christ Church hall for the Tenovus Quiz, quiz master Nick Holmes testing the knowledge and memories of many of the contestants. The winners celebrated with a bottle of bubbly but were only marginally ahead of the runners up. Another good cause has been well supported by our local community.





Teeny tots were entertained by Eric Carle’s very hungry caterpillar book. This event was organised by our Festival Charity Fund Raiser, Nina Rice. Following all the wiggles the Wales Academy of Voice entertained a large receptive audience with music from many of classical composers and the balcony scene from West Side Story. Lucy Elston, soprano, who attended the Trinity Laban Conservatoire and Stian Okland, tenor, who studied at the Grieg Academy in Bergen, were accompanied by pianist Llyr Simon, a prize winner at the 2008 National Eisteddfod.

Friday was not finished! Raymond Rivron and Cube rounded off the week with a vibrant Jazz Concert in support of our Twinning Fellowship with St Philbert de Grand Lieu.



The busy weekend started with a half Marathon along the Taff Trail. Meanwhile the Association and helpers, and we need more, were setting up marquees for the Concert in the Parc. The weather was superb and the crowd built up through the afternoon.

We started off with a mixed choir and orchestra from the two primary schools. This was followed by a session with the “Big Band” from the Comprehensive School – what a great start to our 10th open air concert. A number of bands performed throughout the afternoon and the crowd built up, picnicking in the park. “The Radyrcals” rounded off the afternoon with music for all ages. The barbecue and bar ran out of supplies with record takings.

Thanks to Tom Evans and Nick Cook and all the volunteers who worked so hard. Chris Wills and Ralph Vaughan ended up with a “barbecue tan” for their efforts.

What a superb afternoon!



We all needed a rest, but not to be! Sunday morning four gardens were opened to the community and coffee and plant stall at the Old Church Rooms was a huge success raising over £500 for the charity. Meanwhile, those volunteers were busy again setting up the arena for the Festival Dog Show at Lychgate Gardens. The owners and dogs arrived along with ten vintage tractors for display and competition. A number of dog categories were judged by Clare with rosettes for all! Val and Tom Allen, have organised this event for many years.



A new week and the audience joined the sing a long to the "Sound of Music" at the Methodist Church organised by the charity. More story time at the library and the film night organised by Ian Thomas showed the classic Charlie Chaplin film "The Kid".

Wednesday brought another five events, including activities in our library (hwb), a coffee morning and in the evening the Guides and Brownies' traditional Beetle Drive. The School Boules Competition had been re-arranged for the 22nd of May. A near capacity audience attended the Cookery Evening with Beca Lyne-Perkis, finalist in "The Great British Bake Off". Her delicacies included a beer and cheese soda bread, brownies, and a lemon cake with icing and lemon curd. The cake was raffled for the Charity and won by Debbie Scott.

A demonstration of honeycomb making went down a treat!

The Audio Visual evening showing all the Festival events is now scheduled for the 31st of May. Friday, the weather went cooler, but not to worry as the event was indoors at the Methodist hall with harpist Eleri Darkins. Her programme included Handel, Haydn and David Watkins, "Tirlyn Cymreig" – a Welsh landscape.

Unfortunately due to a rare horse disease of "strangles" the Gymkhana had to be postponed to a future date which left two events on the Saturday – a very successful Victorian Tea Party attracting over 60 guests and the hilarious film performance of "The Pirates of Penzance". The last day of the Festival was started with a "Hog Roast" at the Golf Club. The Porthcawl Ukelele band entertained 150 guests with a variety of music. In the evening the final concert was given by the superb harmony singing of the Amici Choir performing at Christ Church.

A cheque for £10,000 was presented to the charity as a first deposit! The results of the Prize Draw were announced. Further winners are shown on the results page, twitter and hub.



# FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS RESULTS

## COLOURING COMPETITION

	<b>RADYR PRIMARY</b>		<b>BRYN DERI SCHOOL</b>
Reception	Charlotte Gabriela Gareal		Holly Haines
7 and Under	Harriet Barnes	Year 1	Sophie Thonas
	Rosalie Llewellyn	Year 2	Ethan
	Amelie George	Year 3	Ella Brown
	HC Gethin Downes	Year 4	Naomi Damsell
	HC Adam Ferguine	Year 5	Sofia Bailey Guerra
8 and Over		Year 6	Daisy Seabourne
	Loi Ffion Thomas		Megan Cole
	Mollie Richards		Hannah Cole
	HC Thomas Higginson		
	HC Noah Hind		
	HC Katie Higginson		

## LITERARY COMPETITION

	<b>RADYR PRIMARY</b>	<b>BRYN DERI SCHOOL</b>
Year 1	Amelie Searing	Thomas Morris
Year 2	Cai Merfyn	Nia Mansell
Year 3	Lara Boyes	Seran Thomas
Year 4	Isla Slater Brown	Carys Williams
Year 5	Gracie Stone	Cassie May
Year 6	Lewys Condon	Gethin Watkins

## PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

<b>1st Joseph Llewelyn</b> Jen fleet, Angela Williams, C. Jenkins, Finlay, Lynne Williams, Jen Fleet,	<b>2nd Mary Pearce</b> David Newman, Peter Jones, May Lewis, Passmore, Liz Davies, Ann Plassmore,	<b>3rd Lis c/o Janet Boyce</b> J O Waddon, Jan Lynham, R, Fishpool, Miasie, M Regan, and Pam Fortt.	Sylvia Middleton, Allan Cook, Chris Molcher, Jason,  Adam Hind,
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## FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

1st Windsor Fortt	2nd Adrian Hopkins	3rd Jackie Fenthon
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### ADULT MALE

1st Alex Cornett  
2nd Gareth Jones  
3rd Daniel Mckerlich

### ADULT FEMALE

Michelle Jenkins  
Nicola Pulman  
Joanne Jackson

### FUN RUN

#### BOYS

Luca Woodyatt  
Harri Morgan  
Luke Oneill

#### GIRLS

Holly Vittle  
Erin Gould  
Crystal Wales

Year 10-13  
Year 7-9  
Year 3-4

#### BOYS

Callum Thomas  
Tom O Callaghan  
Sam Evans

#### GIRLS

T O Callaghan  
Amber Rayner

**Radyr Primary Plate Winner**  
Luca Woodyatt, Holly Vittle

**Bryn Deri Plate Winner**  
Sam Evans, Lydia Bell



*Radyr Primary School boules team - winners of the Festival Boules cup.*



*The Adult Cup was won by a team representing Bryn Deri Primary School.*

## News from R&M WI

...from back page

many bottles. It was a sunny day but quite chilly and there seemed to be fewer visitors than we had two years ago. However, everyone was very generous and we were able to make a substantial donation to the Community Association for this year's charity Action for Children. Refreshments for the Festival Fete were provided by the committee of the local Alzheimer's fund-raising group which enlisted the baking skills of WI members and other willing helpers from the community. After all, the Festival seems to involve organisations and groups from all the local area. Our May meeting held on Monday 13th will be our Annual General Meeting and Resolutions meeting. The outcomes of this meeting will be covered in the next edition of the Chain. Meanwhile plans are in place for a lunch at the Miskin Arms on Friday

7th June and the annual summer trip. This will take place on Thursday 11th July and will be to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens. For our 10th June meeting, our speaker will be Alan Badmington whose talk is entitled "Lost for Words", described as "an inspirational story of overcoming adversity, laden with humour and poignancy". The last meeting prior to the August break is the Summer Celebration on 8th July. This will be hosted by the committee – no details as yet – but no doubt it will include food and drink in the time-honoured way! We meet on the second Monday of each month (except August) at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DF. All welcome - email us at [radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk) or visit our page on the Radyr and Morganstown Community website, [www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk) L J H

## Merched y Wawr

...from back page

Ei hail drysor oedd albwm o luniau a dynnwyd ar achlysur pen-blwydd arbennig. Cafwyd aduniad teuluol yn yr hen gartref, ac ymhlith uchafbwyntiau'r penwythnos roedd taith gerdded ar hyd y llwybr yr arferai Rhiannon ei gerdded i'r ysgol a'r capel, picnic yn y cwm a pharti yn y festri. Ac mae'r cyfan wedi ei groniclo yn yr albwm hyfryd. A'i thrydydd trysor oedd casgliad o 19 o lwyau i gofnodi ymweliad yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol ag 19 bro wahanol rhwng 1984 a 2002 – pob llwy yn dwyn atgofion lu.

Trysorau Eirlys Davies oedd tarian ymladdwr ynghyd â phicell fain a phastwm o wlad Cenia. Dim ond y darian enfawr a ddaeth Eirlys gyda hi ar y noson (am resymau ymarferol a diogelwch!). Rhoddwyd y trysorau hyn i'w gwr, y diweddar barchg T. J. Davies, mewn seremoni i urddo ymladdwyr newydd yn y Masai Mara flynyddoedd lawer yn ôl. Mae'r patrwm ar y darian yn fodd i adnabod y llwyth ac oedran yr ymladdwr. Roedd T.J. yn hoff iawn o Affrica, a bu Eirlys ac yntau a'u merch, Esyllt, allan yno ar

ymweliad. Difyrwyd pob un ohonom wrth i Eirlys adrodd ychydig o hanes y daith a'r profiad bythgofiadwy o wersylla mewn pabell fechan dan amodau cyntefig iawn! Roedd un noson yn fwy na digon, ond da o beth ei bod yn gallu gweld ochr ddoniol y profiad erbyn hyn!

Diolch yn fawr i'r ddwy am rannu eu trysorau, sef eu hatgofion a'u hanwyliaid, gyda ni.

## Gwyl Wanwyn Merched y Wawr Rhanbarth y De-ddwyrain

Plasty hynafol yng nghanol gerddi toreithiog ar brynghawn o wanwyn cynnar. A oes lleoliad gwell ar gyfle Gwyl Wanwyn y Rhanbarth. Eleni,



cangen Bro Radur oedd yn gwahodd aelodau o'r canghennau eraill yn y de-ddwyrain i ymuno â hwy yng Nghwrt Insole, Llandaf, i fwynhau prynhawn o gymdeithasu. Wedi gair o groeso gan Ruth Davies, llywydd Bro Radur, ac ychydig o hanes Cwrt Insole, cafwyd cyfle i fwynhau hanner awr o gerddoriaeth gan y ddeuawd offerynnol Ann Williams a Mehefin Parry-Jones, y naill ar y delyn a'r llall ar yr acordion. Pwy fyddai wedi meddwl y byddai dau offeryn mor wahanol yn asio mor odidog! Cafwyd ganddynt daith gerddorol o amgylch nifer o wledydd Ewrop ac America, a chyfle i ganu 'Ar lan y môr' a 'Daw hyfryd fis Mehefin cyn bo hir' fel ton gron. Yna, te prynhawn traddodiadol o frechdanau ac amrywiaeth o deisennau bychain a baratowyd gan aelodau'r gangen.

Yn ystod y prynhawn beirniadwyd y cystadleuthau ar gyfer Sioe Llanelwedd. 'Yr Arfordir' oedd thema pob cystadleuaeth. Llongyfarchiadau i'r enillwyr canlynol, a fydd yn mynd ymlaen i'r rownd derfynol yn y Sioe ym mis Gorffennaf:

Cap a sgarff – Brenda Jones,  
Bro Radur

Ffotograff – Gwyneth Davies,  
Cwm Rhymni

Mosaic – Jenni Jones-Annetts,  
Cwm Rhymni

Torth - Erith Davies,  
Bro Radur

Trefniant blodau – Ruth Davies,  
Bro Radur

Hyfryd hefyd oedd cael y cyfle i fusnesa o amgylch ystafelloedd y plasty a chrwydro'r gerddi cyn troi am adre.



# This Radyr Playground Needs You!

There are many residents of Clos Parc Radyr and further afield who have used the popular children's playground at Drovers Way. I'm there most days with a combination of dog and daughter, trying and often failing to tire either out.

Having witnessed the playground's slow and sad decline over the years I'm doing something about it. So I've set up a crowd-funding campaign to raise some money to help regenerate it. The playground has been half-empty of equipment for years - and I want to get it filled with new and exciting equipment. We also need to stop mud and water flooding onto the site.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council and Radyr Park Management Committee have both pledged £5,000 towards the project, with the remaining costs being met by Cardiff Council and the Welsh Government. Redrow Homes are leading on the investigation of the flooding of the playground, which happens every time it rains. They have promised to fix this problem.

So my crowd-funding campaign is to cover part of the cost only. I'm trying to raise £2500 to buy equipment to fill the final quarter of the playground.

To find out more about the campaign, have your say or to



donate, please go to any of the following websites:

[www.facebook.com/ParkRadyr](http://www.facebook.com/ParkRadyr)  
[www.twitter.com/ParkRadyr](http://www.twitter.com/ParkRadyr)  
[www.gofundme.com/RadyrParkRegen](http://www.gofundme.com/RadyrParkRegen)

Please pledge what you can, even if it's only a couple of pounds, because

every donation will help a new generation of Radyr children to play in a fun and safe environment for years to come.

The campaign will be running until Sunday 14 July.

Thank you!  
 Jamie Grundy, Plas y Mynach



cautious about some of the proposed traffic measures in Radyr and Morganstown. I looked at as many scientific papers listing *primary data* about air pollution for vehicles at 20 versus 30 m.p.h. as I could. In *every one of these papers* emissions were noted to be greater at 20 m.p.h. (If people require confirmation, I can give examples of such papers, on request).

Nevertheless, as I pointed out previously (to be accurate) the increases varied depending on which pollutant was measured and also the vehicle examined. To make doubly sure that my conclusions were correct, I consulted two world experts who work specifically on vehicle emissions. Both agreed with my assessments.

Of course, I fully accept that any accident is tragic and that being hit by a vehicle at 30 m.p.h. is likely to be more damaging than one travelling at 20 m.p.h. Nevertheless, as an elderly Radyr resident, I will do my best not to be hit by any car, van or bus—at any speed!

Unfortunately, I cannot avoid breathing in polluted air, which is widely recognised as one of the major causes of ill health in the U.K. and worldwide. Pollution affects everyone, not only for respiratory or cardiovascular diseases but also, for example, development in the young and dementia in the old. Thus, I urge that nothing is recommended that could increase air pollution and that includes many 'traffic calming' measures.

In addition, with the large housing development on the A4119, our current pollution is likely to increase significantly. The best we residents can do seems to be to get less polluting vehicles when we purchase anew, drive steadily and minimise the journeys we make by car.

Good luck everyone!  
 Yours sincerely, John Harwood  
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## Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

I am sorry for writing to the Radyr Chain again! I hadn't meant to do so but felt I had to respond to the two letters in Issue 241 about the Twenty's Plenty Campaign.

As I wrote before, my own research on respiratory disease and also on climate change (coupled with general knowledge that cars work most efficiently at around 60 m.p.h. and progressively worse at higher and lower speeds) made me

## An Exciting New Group for the Community



Rehearsals have started for Radyr Musical Society's next event. An evening of light entertainment and freshly prepared 3-course meal at a Speak Easy themed evening awaits those that book their tickets for this fresh, new venture for the group.

This one-off, special event boasts a range of musical numbers from Cabaret through to Guys and Dolls, Top Hat to Buggy Malone and includes several chorus and choreographed routines with a number of the RMS regulars and new members joining the ranks.

The Old Church Rooms, Radyr, will become a Private Speak Easy Club on Saturday June 22nd at 7:30pm. Attendees will be expected to dress to impress (no need to pack a bean-shooter, we ain't that kind of establishment) and provide the doorman with the correct password and following a 'light refreshment' at the door, they'll be escorted to their seats by one of the Cabaret Ladies before starting the evening with some entertainment before the first course.

So, guys grab your dolls and clean up those spats, Molls dust off those flapper dresses and cigar sticks and join in the fun.

With almost two hours of entertainment and a meal, this is an evening not to be missed. Tickets are £25 each and places are limited (discounts are available on block bookings of 8). Tickets are available via the website [www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets](http://www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets), via of the Facebook Page, or RMS members.

Your tickets will be delivered to you to ensure the cops don't find out about things.... we wouldn't want them turning up and spoiling our fun now would we?



*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 Buggy Malone.*

*The Old Church Rooms, Jack Road, Radyr CF15 8DF*

*1st Course @ 7:30pm. Carriages @ 11pm.*

*Tickets £25*

*Tickets available at [www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets](http://www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets)*

## Two Murders in R&M

It's a bit like London buses you wait ages for one to come along and then two come along together. I'm talking of course of Murder Mysteries. In April the Radyr Drama Society performed Agatha Christie's **Spider's Web** followed in May by Fluellen's **Night Must Fall** by Emlyn Williams.

Spider's Web is a decidedly better play than her more famous Mousetrap. It was written for the well known actress of the period, Margaret Lockwood, who wanted a comedy as a change from her usual femme fatale rolls.



Once again the RDS was hit by bad luck, in November Peter Griffiths had to take over one of the female rolls with spectacular effect. This time the actress playing the Margaret Lockwood part broke her leg and the large part had to be taken over, at

three weeks notice, by Nicki Sian, who was word perfect on the night that I saw it.

There were several nice cameo performances around her, including Peter Griffiths as Jeremy Warrender, Ian Ogden as Sir Rowland and a scene stealing performance from Roger Page as Constable Jones, complete with valleys Welsh accent.

The RDS will perform Neil Simon's delightful comedy **The Odd Couple** in November, a play previously performed at the Festival by Fluellen.



Fluellen, the professional Swansea based company, are no strangers to the R&M Festival and this year they played to a full house with Emlyn Williams' dark thriller, **Night Must Fall**. This is less a who-dun-it as a will he get caught.

The difficult Mrs Branson, an invalid, lives in a lonely house in the woods. When her maid falls pregnant she tries to persuade the father, Dan, to marry her but falls for his charm herself and ends up hiring him as a companion. Her niece is uncertain of Dan and when parts of a female body are discovered in the woods she starts to suspect the worst.

The excellent cast of eight brought out the full horror of the play. Mrs Branson is a gem of a part for an older actress and Clare Novelli took full advantage of it. Stefan Pejic, who acted and sang Larry Parks in the Other Jolson some year's back, was spine chilling as Dan. A.C.

# News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

As I write the May report, Radyr and Morganstown Festival is now half way through its final week. The festival committee has provided the usual eclectic mix of activities with something to appeal to all members of the community. Alongside all the varied events, the organisations of Radyr have pursued their programmes and our WI continues its usual activities.

Our April meeting was held on Monday 8th April. Our guest speaker was Rhisiart Arwel, a classical guitarist who told us about his life and career interspersed with playing classical pieces. He also played some Welsh classics which many of our members were able to name when challenged. Although maybe not our usual type of speaker, it was hoped the presentation would demonstrate efforts to provide something for everyone. Members



seemed to appreciate it and the evening has been described as relaxing and cultivated.

It was the turn of Treforgan WI to provide the afternoon tea on May Day Monday when the crowning ceremony and the maypole dancing took place. Our WI hosted a Tombola Bottle Stall at the Festival Fete which took place on Saturday 4th May. Our members rose to the challenge again by donating all the

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# Merched y Wawr

'Fy nhrysor i' oedd testun sgwrs dwy o'n haelodau. Dechreuodd Rhiannon Evans trwy holi am ein ddiffiniad o'r gair *trysor*. Ai golud, gemau neu dlysau drudfawr yw? Mewn rhai amgylchiadau, efallai bod hynny'n wir, ond gan amlaf ein trysorau yw'r gwrthrychau sy'n gysylltiedig â'n hanwyliaid ac sy'n cyniwair atgofion melys.

Y cyntaf o drysorau Rhiannon oedd piser mawr, trwm wedi tsipio yn sgil blynnydoedd o ddefnydd. Prin y byddai hwn yn werth unrhyw arian mewn siop henbethau, ond mae'n gadwyn sy'n cysylltu Rhiannon yn dyn gyda'i bro enedigol.

Perchenogion gwreiddiol y piser oedd John a Winnie Griffiths, bwthyn Troed y Rhiw, ac arferai John weithio ar fferm teulu Rhiannon. Er nad yw Troed y Rhiw, Llanrhystud yn golygu rhyw lawer i ni, daeth wal y bwthyn bach tlawd hwn yn rhan o'n hetifeddiaeth. Er i'r bwthyn fynd â'i ben iddo wedi dyddiau John a Winnie, saif un wal yn gadarn i brocio'n cydwybod. Arni mae'r geiriau Cofiwch Dryweryn.

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# Teeny Tots 'Giant Wiggle'

As part of the festival, Teeny Tots celebrated 50 years of Eric Carle's 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 150 years since the formation of 'Action for Children' with a sponsored Giant Wiggle. Some dressed as caterpillars and butterflies and all the children wore caterpillar and butterfly crowns which had been made the previous week at Teeny Tots. They wiggled around Windsor Gardens 3 times before returning to the Methodist Church Hall for Hungry Caterpillar snacks. It was a fun morning which raised £157.87 for Action for Children.

