

# RADYR CHAIN



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## R&M Association cheque presentation



The picture shows members of the R&M Festival committee at their July meeting. David Silver, chair of the RMA, presented a cheque for £12,000

to Nina Rice, area organizer for Action for Children. Nina said how grateful she was to the R&M Festival for raising this money and she knew

that it would be well spent.

At the same meeting R&M representatives of Tenovus, the charity for the next year, took over. Tenovus is one of our main charities in R&M and they hit the ground running. David Silver pointed out that the recent Government announcement that the May Day Bank Holiday would be moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May so that the Bank Holiday would fall on the 75th Anniversary of V E Day, would inevitably, involve a change in the pattern of the 2020 Festival. He hoped that the highly successful "Concert in the Park" could be moved to the Friday Bank Holiday and that the RMA and the Community Council could work together to make this a very special event for the whole community.

## 1st Radyr Scouts 2 day Expedition

On the 18th May, myself and 3 other 1st Radyr Scouts (Abi, Freya and Erin) set off on our 2-day expedition from Pencoed to Radyr. This is one of the final steps in us achieving our Chief Scout's Gold Award.

Using only a map and compass, we navigated our way along footpaths and across fields. As well as that, we had to carry all our equipment on our backs, making our bags very heavy - it might only be two days, but we needed an awful lot of snacks!

We set off from Pencoed at about 10am and finally reached our end destination, Misken Mill Scout Base, at around 4.30pm. We also had bases that we had to reach in different places along our journey, where 2 of our leaders would meet us to make sure we were still alive!

While we were walking, we also encountered many animals including horses, sheep, pigs and lots of cows!

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## COMING EVENTS



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

- 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.

- Mon 23 Sept** **19:30 RMA General Meeting** Raymond Rivron - The history of Radyr Woods. Attendance at the meeting, in the Old Church Rooms starting at 7:30pm, is open to all residents.
- Thur 26 Sept** **19:30 Radyr Film Club** Big Screen film screening at the Old Church Rooms. Further details to follow. [www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub](http://www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub)
- Sat 28 Sept** **10:00 Councillor Surgery at Radyr Library.** Councillor McKerlich will be at the Library to provide advice.
- Mon 14 Oct** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI** "Birds in the Garden" by Anthony Walton. Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.
- Thur 17 Oct** **10:30 Tenovus Cancer Care** Coffee Morning at Radyr Golf Club All welcome.
- Thur 24 Oct** **19:30 Radyr Film Club** Big Screen film screening at the Old Church Rooms. Further details to follow. [www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub](http://www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub)

## New Methodist Minister



Members at Radyr Methodist Church are looking forward to welcoming a new minister, Rev Judith Holliman, in September. Judith said "I am really excited to have been stationed to Cardiff Methodist Circuit with responsibility for Radyr, Fairwater and Plas Dwr and am looking forward to working alongside my new church families there.

I am married to Peter, who works in Swansea at the University and we have two children. James, who lives with us, and Anna who is just married to Kyle but they are also

moving down to be in the area as they continue their further education. We have three cats; one elderly gentleman called Gannymede, one slightly ditsy one called Toothless (after the dragon – if you don't know, 'How to train your dragon' then you should go and watch it) and a totally mad kitten called Blot.

We have lived and worked in London, Leicester, Glasgow and Conwy before moving to Radyr and have had the delight of overseeing a very lively church family alongside chairing the local Food Bank, helping with the soup van, women's aid and local autism groups.

We really enjoy walking and talking and have heard great stories of the Taff Trail. We have already had a splendid meal at Cicchetti and look forward to returning there soon. James has found the Lego shop in Cardiff and is planning an early return. Our move will take place over the summer and I will be in post for the start of September; God willing.

I love hearing people's stories whatever their age and I believe in a church without walls as God is everywhere. We simply need to work out what God is doing and get involved, hopefully having a great deal of fun and many shared memories along the way as we partner Christ in sharing God's love with all who we meet.

*We are all looking forward to meeting you."*

### Web sites

Please remember that we now have two web sites:

**Community Website**  
[www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)

On which news, society news, events and a full of events diary can be found.

**The Community Council Website**  
[www.radyrandmorgnastown.org](http://www.radyrandmorgnastown.org)  
On which information from and to do with the Community Council can be found.

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

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

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## Threading together the community

... from back cover

Pupils from a Cardiff primary have been swapping the classroom for altogether different lessons recently in an intergenerational project that is bringing the community together.

Putting aside their exercise books and pencils for an hour each Monday morning for the past 10 weeks, six pupils from Bryn Deri Primary School in Radyr have made their way down to Radyr Library for the regular Knit and Natter group there, where they join the local ladies for a spot of 'knit one, purl one', to pick up new skills and learn from one another.

The sound of laughter and chatting from voices young and older resound around the library while the children and ladies get to work on their latest woolly creations and now, as the end of the school year approaches, the project is being hailed as a success and a new group of pupils can look forward to joining the group in September.

Bryn Deri Headteacher, Claire Davies, said: "We were approached by Radyr Library to get involved with this intergenerational project which we thought was fantastic. The children are learning good social skills and are having some time and space to take part in something that is potentially therapeutic and promotes positive wellbeing.

"The ladies here are getting something back as well by having young people to discuss things with, and to learn about. They've spoken about their lives now and then, as well as the skills that are involved with knitting and crocheting - they are passing on some of their expertise. It's all about sharing because we're all part of the same community."

Knit and Natter group member, Diane Page, said: "The children are very entertaining. It's lovely to hear the things that they have been doing and I think we have benefited as much as they have. We learn from them which is lovely."

The project is a good example of the community inclusion work being

carried out by hubs and libraries across the city, to benefit the health and wellbeing of communities by getting people involved with activities and thereby combating loneliness and social isolation.

In addition to the successful network of community hubs that serve as one-stop-shops for council, partner and community services across the city, the Council is developing new wellbeing hubs to serve communities in the northern part of the city. The wellbeing hubs are being developed with a focus on an increasingly older population in these areas and a need to focus on social wellbeing, healthy and active lifestyles, community engagement and independent living.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities, Cllr Lynda Thorne, said: "Our community and wellbeing hubs and libraries are real focal points for their local areas. They are not just libraries, or somewhere to go to get some help with council services, they are real community spaces where people can get together for events and activities that will benefit their wellbeing.

"It's great to hear about the success of Radyr Library's scheme with Bryn Deri primary and the Knit and Natter group, and that members of the group, whatever their age, are helping each other and building a strong sense of community spirit at the same time."

The Knit and Natter project supports the Council's work to attain Unicef Child Friendly City status and its five clear goals around children's rights:

Every child and young person is valued, respected and treated fairly.

Every child and young person has their voice, needs and priorities heard and taken into account.

All children and young people grow up in a safe and supportive home.

All children and young people access high quality education that promotes their rights and helps them develop their skills and talents to the full.

Children have good physical, mental and emotional health and know how to stay healthy.

To find out more about events and activities at your local hub or library, visit [www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries)

## Retirement



It was with a huge mixture of emotions that Radyr Primary celebrated the retirement of Mrs Rhian Richards at the end of the summer term.

Mrs Richards joined Radyr Primary school as deputy head from Creigiau Primary. She has worked with four headteachers, hundreds of staff and thousands of children. Mrs Richards has seen the school grow from just 230 pupils to well over 450 today.

Mrs Richards was a wonderful, committed member of the team at Radyr Primary and throughout this time she devoted herself tirelessly to the life of the school. She has never failed to put the needs and welfare of the children at the centre of everything she has done and we know that there will be many families who feel they owe her a huge debt of gratitude.

Countless generations of children will remember the eagerly awaited hatching of the chicks and annual Christmas productions. She has mentored many teachers from their first day of work to become lifelong friends.

Her retirement will allow Mrs Richards to spend more time with her family and friends as well as carrying out her role as a foster carer.

We are all going to miss Mrs Richards enormously. Thank you Mrs Richards for your many years of support, encouragement and kind words, that so many children, parents and staff have benefitted from.

# 1st Radyr Scouts 2 day Expedition

... from back cover



On the first day, we packed our own lunch and lots of water for the walk. Occasionally, we stopped for breaks and after lunch we had to climb a steep hill, which was tiring, but was worth it in the end.

Later on, there was a really muddy track, which we were advised not to go down, but we took it anyway! We had to cut brambles down to make a path and soon we were sinking into deep muddy water. We realised we had to turn back because it wasn't possible to go any further.

When we reached Misken Mill, we soon started to put up the tents and light the fire for dinner - pasta. We all ate as much as we could because we were so hungry from the walking.

After dinner, we played cricket and sat down for hot chocolate and cake around the campfire. We went to bed early so we could get a good night's sleep for the next day.

The next day, we woke up and had breakfast early; then took down the tents and packed everything up. We left the campsite at around 9.30am and began our walk back to Radyr. Before we left, we recruited a new scout member, Lexi, and she wore my necker the whole way home!

It was a long walk back, through

fields, tracks, a golf course and lots of rain!

We did get lost a few times but we managed to work out where we were and soon got back on track.

We finally arrived back in Radyr at around 5pm where we unloaded all of the equipment.

I had a fantastic time on the expedition and it was an amazing experience. We became more independent and had fun together over the weekend, while we overcame lots of challenges! Pencoed to Radyr is only 12 miles apart, and you can drive it in 20mins, but it was certainly much further using only public footpaths. We wouldn't have had half as much fun in the car though!

**Frances Davies-Walsh**  
1st Radyr Scouts

## RMS the next voyage

What an amazing night RMS had performing in the Cabaret Evening, the comments from our audience couldn't have been better.

But now that our wonderful Cabaret Evening is over we look to the next show for RMS, and it's safe to say it's one we're all very excited about. In February 2020 we will be launching into space, rescuing fair a maiden, fighting with a most hideous monster and all hands will be needed on deck to ensure the safety of the ship and it's crew... All set to a fabulous 50/60s rock and roll score and loosely based on Shakespeare's the Tempest.

If you would like to join us on our voyage please register your interest and join us on the 27th September 2019, where you will get to meet the team tasked with getting you into space... Then on the 4th of October for those brave men and women who would dare to lead this mission, auditions will be held. Do you have what it takes to Captain the ship, be the lead Science Officer or the ships Cook, for further details please check out the website [www.radyrmusical.org.uk](http://www.radyrmusical.org.uk) ....



## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Peas, feta and mint frittata with a lemon-dressed salad

A simple, nourishing mid-week meal. Cook until golden but with a 'wobble' in middle.

Also excellent cold for a picnic. Serves 2

- 3 Tabspns olive oil
- 1 small red onion peeled and finely sliced
- 200g (7oz) Charlotte potatoes, thinly sliced-
- Cook for 5 mins in salted water then drain and pat dry.
- 4 large eggs
- 2 Tabspns milk
- 15g (3/4oz) fresh mint, roughly chopped
- 100g (4oz) frozen peas, defrosted
- 10g (1/2oz) chives, finely chopped
- 120g (4 1/2oz) feta cheese

#### Salad

- 80g (3oz) watercress, spinach and rocket salad
- 6 cherry tomatoes halved
- 1 avocado peeled and chopped
- cucumber to taste
- juice of 1/4 lemon

Pour 1 Tabspn olive oil into nonstick frying pan

Add onion + potatoes

Cook slowly until golden and soft  
Crack eggs into bowl+milk and whisk

Add 1/2 mint + 1/2 chives s+p,+peas

Pour into pan and crumble in feta

Cook gently for 6-8 mins

Heat grill to hot

Place pan under grill until golden and with a slight wobble

**TAKE CARE AS HANDLE MAY BE VERY HOT!**

Slice as a pie to serve

For dressing mix remaining oil+lemon juice+ remaining mint and chives+s+p

Gently fold into salad

Serve sliced frittata with salad on side

A.M.P.

# News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

July 2019

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Monday 13th May, the format for the evening comprised the monthly WI meeting, the Resolutions and, finally, the Annual Meeting. Our President, Ginny, began by welcoming the special guests: Claire Atherton, Adviser from Glamorgan Federation, who would later preside over the Annual Meeting; Dr Roe, Head of 6th Form at Radyr Comprehensive School and Millie Yule, a student at the school, and her parents.



*Millie Yule of Radyr Comprehensive being presented with her trophy in*

This is the sixth year that Radyr and Morganstown WI has presented an annual award to a 6th Form student who has made an outstanding contribution to the school and wider community, as nominated by Dr Roe and his team. Dr Roe gave us details of the many ways that Millie has contributed to school life, such as being secretary of the school council, and how she is an excellent role model for young women. Ginny presented Millie with the trophy and a cheque for £30.

The visitors then left and the normal business of the monthly meeting took place. This was followed by voting on the two Resolutions put forward for this year "A call against the decline in local bus services" and "Don't fear the smear". Ginny read out each Resolution's statement and some information provided by the NFWI for both sides of the argument. The results would be forwarded to Federation House and



*Members on their summer trip to Hampton Court Castle.*

then to the National Annual Meeting.

Our May meeting closed at this point and we moved seamlessly into our Annual General Meeting. Officers' reports were received and our President's detailed review of the year gave an insight into the many and varied activities of our very busy WI. She thanked all who had helped and supported our WI during her first year of office, especially her small but hardworking committee.

The existing committee then stood down and the meeting was taken by Claire Atherton. The six current committee members agreed to stand for the new committee: Frankie O'Brien, Judy Billington, Babs Hanson, Ginny Jenkins, Sue Llewellyn and Jo Smith. A ballot was held for the role of President and Ginny was duly re-elected. Congratulations and good wishes go to her from all members.

And so, we move on into June. On 7th June, 16 of us enjoyed a lunch at The Miskin Arms, always a popular venue. Our June meeting saw one member presented with a card and gift for a "special" birthday. Our speaker was Alan Badmington, who gave us a truly inspirational talk about how he overcame his stammer and his resulting passion for public speaking, for which he has won many prestigious awards.

Our July meeting, the last before the summer break, a "Summer Celebration" was hosted by the committee. Feedback from this meeting was that it was relaxed and sociable and the food and drink were superb – with some quizzes to keep our brains active!

Our summer trip to Hampton Court Castle and Gardens was chosen as somewhere that most members had

not visited before. We went on Thursday 11th July on a warm but cloudy day and thoroughly enjoyed our day out; with a guided tour of the castle, a leisurely wander through the beautiful gardens, getting lost in the maze and, of course, many visits in between to The Orangery restaurant.

We resume on 9th September with a Fashion Show – meanwhile enjoy the rest of the summer.

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.com](mailto:radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.com) or visit our page on the Radyr and Morganstown Community website, [www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk) GJ

## Health and Wellbeing: Taoist Tai Chi

The welcome was warm yet I knew nothing about the evening class I was joining apart from a vague notion that it would involve elegant and meditative movements. When I'd 'seen it on the telly', it seemed to have huge benefits and didn't require any special equipment. Marvellous! I was hooked.

I'm still doing it. The 'it' was and is **Tai Chi**, Taoist Tai Chi to be precise - an international organisation with charitable status.

My perceptions about the physical movements, just 108 of them, were partly accurate however I hadn't anticipated the positive impact Tai Chi has on emotional health and wellbeing. In September I shall be able to walk to a class in Radyr! I am so excited. Are you interested in finding out more? Try the website [www.taoisttaichi.org](http://www.taoisttaichi.org) and pop down to the New School Rooms adjacent to Christ Church on Heol Isaf. An Open House Tai Chi session begins at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th September 2019 where you can watch and learn more about Tai Chi.

The welcome will be warm.  
*Sally*

# Shine Theatre

“Radyr based shine Theatre School presented a weekend of Theatre on 13th and 14th July with a performance by their 4 and 5 year old “Sparklers” and 3 performances of “Our Generation; a celebration of 21st century Musicals”. Since shine Theatre School established in Radyr in 2012, they have presented at least 3 productions a year starring local children. It was their 3rd summer performing at the Dance House, WMC and this year featured items from 17 different modern musicals such as Billy Elliott, SIX, Dear Evan Hansen and Spamalot.

Each age group performed on their own and together as ensembles in a variety of costumes, displaying dancing and choral skills with some virtuoso performances reflecting the vision, time and hard work spent behind the scenes. The emphasis is on creating high standard Musical Theatre performances with a lot of fun and making new friends. A slideshow of photograph highlights from the last 7 years was a lovely touch as the cast prepared for an effective candlelit group finale. With so many opportunities for so many children to perform in roles, it’s very hard to pick a highlight or standout performer. For this reviewer, The Diamonds’ (High School ages) item Heathers was extremely slick and Hamilton was very powerful with outstanding vocals from Radyr Comprehensive student Amy Grant as Aaron Burr, we saw excellent



Gwen Fishpool as Matilda and Indiana Rayner as Miss Honey, both from Radyr Primary, starred in Matilda.



MINI Stars (school years 2 and 3) in Elf the Musical. Head Elf played by Freya Williams from Bryn Deri Primary School with Buddy the Elf performed by Radyr Comprehensive Sixth Former Freya Morris, who has been a member since primary school.

comedy from the Sunshine group (School years 4 to 6) in School of Rock and a fabulous duo of Radyr

Primary pupils’ Amelie Downe as Donkey and Katie Higginson as Shrek maintaining a superb Scottish accent, the youngest cast Members in Our Generation, the MINI Stars, performed with confidence beyond their years as brilliant, recognisable characters from Spongebob Squarepants and not forgetting the Sparkler’s (Reception and School year 1) beautiful song “Somewhere over the Rainbow”. An audience favourite was clearly seeing the whole cast perform together in “When you’re an Addams” with a variety of ages represented in the Addams family and some impressive ancestral graveyard dancing. I certainly look forward to what the next production, Madagascar jr, holds at Easter next year!



Diamond Members aged 11-18 perform “Opening Up” from Waitress

Reviewed by John McLauchlan”

# Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus Sponsored walk

Sunday June 30th was a good day for walking, so intrepid adults, children and dogs met up at the back of Cardiff Castle and proceeded to walk the 4.8 miles back to Christchurch in Radyr along the Taff trail.

They had to navigate their way through a number of cyclists and other



walkers to make it safely, first to Hailey Park for refreshments and then to the church for a scrumptious strawberry tea.

This event was organised by the Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus

to raise funds. Over £2000 has been pledged so far but we are hopeful of more to come.

A huge thank you to all those that participated.



## New Local Website! [www.radyrandmorganstown.org](http://www.radyrandmorganstown.org)



Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has a new website.

It's where you can find out about **local** news, events, grant schemes, consultations, opinion polls, clubs & societies, planning and development issues - and much more.

The new website is also the place to book your event at the Old Church Rooms.

We're also on Twitter:

@RandMCCouncil

Mae gan Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan wefan newydd.

Yma, gallwch ddod o hyd i faterion **lleol**, gan gynnwys newyddion, digwyddiadau, cynlluniau grant, ymgynghoriadau, polau piriwn, clybiau a chymdeithasau, materion cynllunio a datblygu - a llawer mwy.

Y wefan newydd yw'r lle, hefyd, i drefnu eich digwyddiad yn Hen Ysgoldy'r Eglwys.

Mae gennym le ar Twitter, hefyd: @RandMCCouncil

Aim your smartphone camera here to visit our new website:

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## Having problems with your Mobile Phone Signal?

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council would like to know how well we are served across our community with regard to mobile phone signal strength. You can help us by completing our short, online survey.

The council will publish the results, so you can compare your experiences with those of other residents - with different service providers and different mobile phones.

If the council sees that the service most people get is not as good as it could be, then it can share the survey results with Ofcom, which is the regulator for communications services, with a duty to help ensure that the public gets the best from their mobile services.

Please visit the community council's website, at [www.radyrandmorganstown.org](http://www.radyrandmorganstown.org) if you would like to take part in the survey.





### Community Council News

Once again, it's been a busy period for the community council.

In May I was appointed as Chair. I've lived in Radyr since 2002, with my wife and our teenage son. I am a retired civil servant (having worked for the Welsh Government) and a season ticket holder with Cardiff City.

A huge thank you must go to our retiring Chair, Cllr Ralph Vaughan - who held the position for two years and led the council very well indeed.

Councillors - and the council's staff - have been dealing with the following issues:

We met with Cardiff Council **planning** officials to discuss our concerns that views sent to them by Radyr and Morganstown residents sometimes seem to be ignored as planning applications are considered. We were assured that this is not the case; promised straightforward guidance on those issues which are *material considerations* with regard to planning applications - and agreed to meet on a regular basis to discuss planning from a general perspective - as well as the impact of the Plasdwr development on our neighbourhood. In the meantime, we wrote to Cardiff to support local residents' objection to an application to build seven houses at **Springfield Gardens**, in Morganstown. Our work on road safety continues. Cllr Rod McKerlick has led on this issue for many years - and his excellent work is now supplemented by our **Road Safety Working Group**, led by Cllr Kieran Webster. We have had several meetings with Cardiff Council's transport officials (which were arranged for us by Cllr McKerlick). These resulted in a number of proposals, such as three extra zebra crossings on Heol Isaf and Ty Nant Road - and the proposed 20mph limit for Radyr and Morganstown. We continue to press for more road improvements. The working group is also discussing **safer cycling** with Sustrans - and developing ideas to give the road through Radyr and Morganstown more of a **village-feel**, to remind drivers that they are driving through a densely populated area - not along a rural road.

We worked closely with Cardiff Council to mitigate the impact of the closure of **Llantrisant Road** (for three weeks, from 22 July). This saw the Council reversing its decision to lift the ban on HGV travel through Radyr and Morganstown during the road-work period. We also made sure that the residents of Clos Parc Radur would have easy access to the road

network during this period.

We have launched a new system to book rooms in the **Old Church Rooms**. The process will be entirely on-line - and easy to use. The new system can be found on our website - and must be used to book events to be held from September onwards.

At the end of July, contractors will lay a new floor in the Garth Room. This will be a wood-effect finish - giving the room a lighter and more contemporary look. We are also buying a new piano for the hall - as the fifteen year old model slowly falls apart.

Our **new website** is up-and-running - and going from strength to strength.

Please visit it at [www.radyrandmorganstown.org](http://www.radyrandmorganstown.org). to find out about our work, local news and more. It includes our first **online survey**, which is seeking views about the adequacy of mobile phone signal strength in and around Radyr and Morganstown. To date, the responses suggest that we are poorly served. Please take part in the survey - so that we can get as good a picture of the service as possible. We can then present the findings to Ofcom Wales - and ask them to ensure that we get a better service.

We also have a busy **Twitter** feed, here: @RandMCCouncil.

**Dog poo** remains a problem! Some dog owners don't seem to get it! Dog poo is disgusting! Radyr Beavers have installed dog poo bag dispensers in many of our parks - so now there is even less of an excuse to leave your dog's poo where people can tread in it. So if you're one of the minority of dog owners who don't clean up after your beloved pooch, please start doing so!

Someone dumped a **felled tree** in our park in Pentwyn! This is quite dangerous. Any children exploring that corner of the park could suffer an injury. Sharp twigs on the branches could pierce an eye. The community council will now have to pay to deal with the tree (using your money!) to make the area safe.

Work continues in **Pentwyn Park**. We have installed a drainage gully and a soak-away to reduce flooding on the path. We are also developing plans to install a retaining wall between the park and the car park behind the flats on Cae'r Graig. A huge thanks must go to Cllr Helen Jones for her hard work over many years, leading on this and countless other environment projects.

Work continues to redevelop the **children's playground** at Clos Parc Radur (where much of the equipment has been

removed, after the footings were rusted away by mud and water flowing over the playground). We want to prevent the flow of mud and water before installing new equipment. A drainage survey has been completed - and the cost of dealing with the problem will be around £15,000. That money has to be found before we can install the new equipment (which Cardiff Council has in storage). Readers are welcome to encourage Cardiff Council to find the money to undertake the drainage works.

A huge thank you needs to go to local resident **Jamie Grundy** for his work in setting up a crowd-funding campaign to 'fill the final quarter' of the playground. The community council, Cardiff Council and the Parc Radyr Management Company raised enough money (£30,000) to fill three-quarters of the circle - so Jamie's work will ensure that, for the first time ever, the park will be full of play equipment. Thanks, also, to all those who contributed to the crowd-funding campaign - which recently passed its target of £2,500.

Our **lunch club** at Radyr Golf Club continues to provide opportunities for residents to meet over a plate of warming food - and to enjoy guest speakers and the occasional quiz. All are welcome! See our website, or contact our clerk, for more information.

We have a **vacancy** for a new councillor. The deadline for applications was 8 August - and we'll let you know when we appoint a new councillor.

Congratulations, also, to the **Radyr and Morganstown Association** for their amazing work in raising £12,000 for Action for Children. They do this by arranging the R&M festival - so be sure to support next year's events. And, if you want to help the RMA with its work, you can get in touch with them via their website.

A Welsh language version of this report is available on our website (under 'Our work' / 'The Chair's Blog').



Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones  
Chair  
Radyr and Morganstown Community Council.  
July 2019

## Spanning the Border

The photographs show Harry Fry, a former Radyr Comprehensive pupil being awarded one of his England under 18 rugby caps by Danny Cipriani and in his England kit, having represented England against Wales, France and Scotland.

He played for Cardiff schools as a back row forward and then as a prop forward, the team winning the prestigious Welsh schools Dewar Shield.

Harry left Radyr after his GCSEs to attend Hartpury College Gloucester. Whilst playing for Hartpury he was selected to play for the Gloucester RFC academy resulting in his selection for England, unlike his brother Ben who played for Wales. The fact that the brothers played for different countries is apparently unprecedented in Radyr Comprehensive School history.



## Festival 2019

The 2019 Festival as seen by the Festival Queen, Megan Vigliotta and her two attendants Maycee-Lou Tustin and Crystal Wales. Megan describes being so excited of the start the Festival Parade and Fete, still not believing that she had been selected, as the 2019 Festival Queen.



The three girls were looking forward to wearing their new dresses, meeting new people, taking part in so many different events and helping to raise money for the Festival charity "Action for Children". Maycee describes getting into the open top car and meeting Kate Lewis of ITV. Megan says she was "lovely and very chatty." They felt like celebrities opening the Fete with her. Megan and Maycee's favourite thing was holding a beautiful fluffy barn owl. Crystal's number one event was the Parade and Fete. Their diaries read as follows:

**Saturday 4th** – The concert in the evening was enjoyed by all three girls, entertained by the Cantonian Cregiau Choir. Maycee recalls the funny poem read from Roald Dahl's "Boy" and the magnificent singing of Calon Lan.

**Sunday 5th** – They all attended the Civic Service with some important invited people. Crystal was impressed by all the photos outside the church with so many

nice people. Megan was inspired by the sermon led by the Reverend Vicky Burrows, encouraging the local residents to support our community with their time, not just money. At the reception afterwards Maycee was impressed by the food and Megan thought that Nina Rice speech outlining the work of "Action for Children" gave her more understanding of the work that the charity performed, especially for children less fortunate than her.

**Monday 6th** – Crystal came 3rd in the Fun run and described it as exhausting. Megan was nervous leaving the Methodist Chapel and got the giggles. She felt very honoured to be crowned in front of so many people. They all enjoyed the maypole dancers and the lovely flowers given to them. Afterwards they had some lovely homemade cakes made by the WI. Megan admitted that she failed to meet the record of eating seven cakes made by a previous queen! Then it was off to the children's tea party where there was even more cake, party food, music and lots of bubbles.

**Saturday 11th** – Crystal described the Concert in the Parc as really good fun. She met up with her friends and enjoyed the loud and lively music and mixed school choirs.

**Sunday 12th** – This was the day they all were looking forward to – the Dog and Tractor Show. Megan stated "that it was great to help judge the different categories and meet all the gorgeous dogs". Maycee was overwhelmed by their cuteness and found it difficult to choose the winners. Crystal's favourite dog was Daisy, a

white cockapoo. All the girls had a photo sitting in the tractor, which had won the competition.

**Monday 13th** - The Sing-a-long-Sound of Music was really good. Megan now appreciates all the different types of music she experienced after watching "Pirates of Penzance" and the Amici choir concert.

**Wednesday 15th** – Whilst Megan and Crystal came last in the Beetle Drive, Maycee achieved three beetles in a row! She also won three prizes in the tombola.

**Saturday 18th** – All the girls were disappointed that the Gymkhana was postponed due to a horse infection. They all enjoyed the humorous performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" and at the interval indulged in ice cream and drinks.

**Sunday 19th** – Final Concert in Christ church was outstanding, in the words of Maycee. With lots of photos being taken, they helped with drawing the raffle, there were lots of prize winners. At the end of the Amici Choir Concert each one said a few words to express their thanks to everyone, especially Maggie for chaperoning them and general looking after their every need.

Megan closed her write up as follows: "I can't believe how quickly the time has passed. I have thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and will never forget it. There are so many amazing people who have given up their time to help organise the Festival and I would like to thank all of them, especially Mrs Maggie Roberts for her support."

## The “Red Ridge” Island of Colour



The residents of Cefn Coch have clubbed together to buy the mini roundabout at the end of their Close. Over the last year, or so, they have developed a garden which contains a variety of shrubs and colourful plants, all donated by the residents. Colin Euden, an enthusiastic gardener and model maker is shown here tending the plants and removing the weeds. This attractive island creates a colourful centre for both the neighbours and those passers by.

## Threading together the community



Pupils from a Cardiff primary have been swapping the classroom for altogether different lessons recently in an intergenerational project that is bringing the community together.



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## Tenovus

The picture shows members of the R&M Tenovus team with a Tenovus van which had been loaded on May 22nd with nearly 250 bags and boxes filled with donations of used items. All donations will be taken to the Aberystwyth Tenovus Cancer Care Shop.

Many grateful thanks are sent to all those residents of the villages who so kindly supported the Charity on this occasion.



Treforgan W.I.'s annual photograph. This preceded our scrumptious Annual Afternoon Tea. It was enjoyed by 46 of our members who all had a very enjoyable time.