

# RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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## Radyr & Morganstown Gardening Club

Sadly, due to a steady decline in membership over the past few years, it was decided at the AGM held in April to wind up the Gardening Club on 1st September 2019.

The club commenced over 25 years ago and in its early years there were plenty of members who enjoyed interesting talks as well as trips to gardens in both Wales and the West of England. We very much enjoyed our last trip to the Physic Garden which is situated in the centre of Cowbridge and is open daily with free entry. We had a guided tour by volunteers one of whom was Sue Duffield. Sue and Sonia Thomas, who was also present, were founding members of the Gardening Club. The photograph, above, was taken on the day.

It was decided at the AGM that Radyr Woods would be an appropriate recipient of any surplus funds.

We'd like to thank those who worked tirelessly in the early days to set the

wheels in motion as well as all the members and committee members in the past and present. We'd also like to thank the speakers some of whom travelled in the winter when the weather has not been particularly

good to give us interesting talks.

Who knows, one day another group might decide to start a gardening club in Radyr & Morganstown and should that happen, we wish them all the best.

## Radyr Cricket Club - 2019 Season

When the time finally comes to write the complete history of Radyr Cricket Club, the 2019 season will surely have a chapter all of its own. This year has seen unprecedented

success on and off the field and it will surely rank as one of, if not the best, years ever.

On the field there were three promotions for the club's ... *continued on page 12*



## 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)

- Wed 9 Oct** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
Another Evening with my Father's slides - Scotland by David Cross  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/)
- 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.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/)
- Thur 17 Oct** **10:30 Tenovus Cancer Care**  
Coffee Morning at Radyr Golf Club  
All welcome.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)
- Thur 24 Oct** **19:30 RMA Film Club - Kind Hears and Coronets (PG)** Big Screen film screening at the Old Church Rooms  
Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or online  
[www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub](http://www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub)
- Sun 3 Nov** **16:00 All Souls Service - Christ Church, Radyr** All are invited to come to light a candle in Commemoration of the Departed as we gather to remember our loved ones. Refreshments served after the service. Contact Vicki.Burrows@me.com for more information  
[www.radyr.org.uk/parish/events/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/events/)
- Mon 11 Nov** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
Our speaker, Romeo Basini, is returning with his talk "The Italian Connection - Part 2". Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and New members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/)
- Wed 13 Nov** **10:30 Coffee Morning for the Alzheimer's Society**  
All Welcome for coffee and cakes at Radyr Golf Club in aid of the Alzheimer's Funding Group.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)
- Wed 13 Nov** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
50 years on the beaten track - five decades of exploring abandoned and forgotten railways in South Wales and beyond by Geoff Atkins [www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/) or <http://bit.ly/RCTSSW>

**Mon 18 Nov** **19:30 RMA General Meeting**  
Dr Barry Mc Donnell - Cardiovascular health. Attendance at the meeting, in the Old Church Rooms starting at 7:30pm, is open to all residents.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**21-23 Nov** **19:30 RDS Performance of 'The Odd Couple'** RDS Production of The Odd Couple by Neil Simon at Morganstown Village Hall  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Thur 28 Nov** **19:30 RMA Film Club - Tolkien (PG)**  
Big Screen film screening at the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or online  
[www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub](http://www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub)  
[www.radyr.org.uk/ev-ents-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/ev-ents-summary/)

**Mon 9 Dec** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
"Christmas 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.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Wed 11 Dec** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
Mike Wilcock Videos of South Wales and beyond by Mike Wilcock  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5984-2/) or <http://bit.ly/RCTSSW>

## Charities Fair & Coffee Morning

at

### Radyr Methodist Church

Saturday 9th November

10.00am - 12 noon

Entrance £1.50

(Refreshments included)

Proceeds to

## Christian Aid

Come and support various charities with Christmas cards, Scout stamps, Traidcraft gifts and more

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

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by November 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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## Do you wish to send greetings to family & friends this Christmas?

*Why not use Scout Christmas Post 2019.*

Once again Radyr Scouts are providing the opportunity for you to send Christmas Greetings through the Scout Post to family and friends living in the **Cardiff and Vale areas.**

If you wish to support scouting in Radyr and Morganstown, please purchase your scout post stamps from the local area outlets:

**Pugh's Garden Centre, Morganstown**

**P'zazz Hair Designers, Castle Court, Caer Graig.**

**Solo Hair & Beauty, 1a Springfield Gardens, Morganstown.**

**Radyr Library, Park Road. Slice, Station Road.**

**Little Flower Den, Rear of 2 Station Road.**

**Section Leaders and members of Radyr Scout Group.**

We are grateful to these local businesses that support scouting in Radyr and Morganstown by selling stamps during such a busy period. Can I thank all those people who have supported Scout Christmas Post in the past.

By purchasing your stamps locally, you are providing the Radyr scout group with its largest source of fund raising during the year.

Leaflets giving information on Scout Post 2019 will be delivered to your door and stamps will be available at the local outlets from the start of November.

Please note that scout post greetings will only be delivered to the **Cardiff and the Vale areas** indicated on the scout post 2019 leaflet.

The last date for posting this year is **Monday 2nd December 2019.**

Please use the post boxes provided at the above outlets and the scout hall.

The price of the scout post stamp is 30p. The Radyr group receives 24p for every stamp sold.

**Be prepared and post early to save money by using**

**SCOUT POST 2019**

**JBT**

# When Is Plastic Fantastic?

A slightly strange title for an article I know, in view of the recent media attention focusing on the problem of plastic pollution.

So let me explain just how plastic can be fantastic and how I came to be involved in this campaign.

During the course of my daily work as a pet sitter covering Radyr and the local area, I became acutely aware of just how many pet food pouches were ending up in rubbish bags as the council were unable to recycle them. These pouches have grown in popularity over the last few years with fewer clients using the traditional tins or cardboard packets. Both wet and dry cat/dog food is now readily available in these handy plastic pouches. That is great for the pet owner, but a disaster for the environment.

If just one pet owner uses 2 pouches per day, that equals 14 per week. This in turn means over 50 per month, and over 600 in one year!

Recently when visiting a regular client she left me note asking me to wash and dry the pouches and keep them for her. Apparently she had found a way to recycle them! This was certainly of great interest to me.

I have now found out that the pouches are being recycled and money is being raised for charity at the same time. The charity is raising money for brain cancer research, and support for children, in memory of Ellie Othick-Bowmaker who passed away in 2010.

Before her death Ellie raised an astonishing £25,000 by organising fund raising events to help other children facing the same illness. The fund raising known as Ellie's Fund was continued by her mum Heather until 2017. Heather took a step back to spend more time with her family and it is now part of BTRS, Brain Tumour Research and Support Across Yorkshire.

There are over 18 different streams of plastic that can be recycled for Elliesfund. I have chosen to get involved by collecting the food pouches daily. Once enough are

collected I take them to a local drop off point in Llandaff North, and they are posted off to the charity. The pouches must be clean and dry before being sent off. Once processed, the material is then turned into plastic granules which can be used to make products such as fence posts and benches.

I am also collecting bread bags for Ellie's Fund These are also turned into rigid plastic products like benches, or used as film for products such as rubbish bags.

If anyone is interested in collecting any of these items for me, that would be amazing. I am happy to collect them from the Radyr/Morganstown area.

I recently delivered my first box of over 250 pouches collected in less than a month!

Alternatively there is a collection box for the pet pouches in Village Garden and Pet Supplies, Station Rd, Llandaff North.

Please call or text me on 07938058868

For more information check out [www.elliesfund.com/recycling](http://www.elliesfund.com/recycling)

Or their facebook page - Recycling for Ellie's Fund-a BTRS Charity Fund

Here you can find full details of all the products they accept and how to get involved.

Thank you, Nicky

## History Society

After a busy summer of events the last two indoor meetings of the year will be on;

### Thursday 17th October

Graham Davies will give a talk You are Legend - The Welsh Volunteers in the Spanish Civil War.

This will include a section on Robert Traill of Radyr, who died near Madrid in July 1937.

### Thursday 14th November

Paul Barnett will give a talk on Lydney's Lost Fleet. Shipping in the Forest of Dean in the 19th Century.

Both talks will take place at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



Present

# Bingo Lingo

As the rehearsal season starts again for the Radyr Musical Society's 2020 production of "Return to the Forbidden Planet" plans are also underway for a fundraiser for the group that will be suitable for all ages.

RMS are bringing you a fun night of entertainment in the form of Bingo Lingo, a modern twist on the old classic with a bit of extra fun thrown in with mini challenges for extra prizes. Not only will you be jumping up for a line or house, but also for best dancing or tongue twister amongst other fun games.

Bingo Lingo will take place on Friday 8th November 2019 starting at 7:30pm at the Christ Church Hall in Radyr. Don't be afraid to give it a go and join in the fun, it's eyes down and dabbers at the ready for a heart racing night of searching for Two Little Ducks, the Brighton Line and Dancing Queens with a light buffet thrown in, raffle and extra little side games along the way.

This will be a fun night for all ages, groups and solo's, so if you fancy a night out with the Radyr Musical Society then get yourself a ticket from the RMS Website

[www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets](http://www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets) or speak with a member of the society. Tickets are priced at £6 each...and you know we can put on a decent spread for that!

It's not too late to come and join the group and be part of their crew taking off for the 2020 Musical that is on stage during the week commencing Monday 17th February. Rehearsals for chorus take place in Christ Church Hall on Friday evenings from 7:30pm.

If you'd like to support RMS further, please check out our VIP membership scheme on our website. As always, your continued support in the society and its events will help to ensure that its future is bright and we can continue to bring you quality productions that help to bring the local community together.

COUNTRY MIND PRESENTS

# LIV AUSTEN and ELERI ANGHARAD

(another name to be announced soon)



**DATE** Sunday 29th March 2020

**VENUE** Acapela Studio, Heol Y Pentre,  
Pentyrch, Cardiff, CF15 9QD

**TICKETS** £14 from [acapela.co.uk](http://acapela.co.uk)  
All proceeds to Mind UK



Box Office Number: 02920 890 862

## Music at Christ Church

November 15th will see a new series of concerts based at Christ Church, Radyr. It is hoped that these concerts will be held approximately every two months.

The idea is to mix professional musicians with the talented young people from our local schools. Bryn Deri, Park Road Primary School, Radyr Comprehensive and Danescourt Primary School.

The first Concert will include an orchestra made up of Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary School pupils, and talented soloists from Bryn Deri and Danescourt Primary Schools. The professional artist or group has yet to be confirmed.

One of the aim of these concerts is to raise money for local charities. The schools will nominate their chosen charity in turn. Bryn Deri had the first choice and have nominated Bobath Cymru.

Bobath is based in Whitchurch and provides physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy to children who have cerebral palsy by concentrating on the ability and not the disability.

These concerts will start at 7 p.m. on Friday evenings so that as many children as possible will be able to attend and aim to be a fun evening mixing well known classics will music from musicals and the theme music from popular films.

*Look out for further details.*

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Grilled Sea Bass with Fennel and Lemon

The simplest recipes are best for fish as long as the fish is really fresh.

Serves 4

4 fillets sea bass/ sea bream or red mullet

4 medium fennel bulbs , cut in 6 lengthways

(Reserve the green fronds to garnish)

good 100ml olive oil (1/4 pint)

juice of 1 unsprayed lemon (warm slightly before using)

lemon wedges to serve

Salt+ freshly ground black pepper

Boil or steam fennel for 5 mins.

Place in 1 layer of lightly oiled ovenproof dish

Season fish and place on top of fennel

Place with skin upwards

Pour over 1/2 olive oil and all lemon juice

Preheat grill to medium

Place under grill

Grill for 8 mins until skin is really crispy

Pour over remainder of oil

Serve with lemon wedges

A few toasted fennel or onion seeds could be scattered on top

A.M.P.

## Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus

Would like give our grateful thanks to all those people, who walked on our sponsored walk in June and also those who attended the Strawberry tea afterwards. We are pleased to announce that we made £3923 in total.

Rosanne Holmes

## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

...from back cover

Unfortunately, a few days before the show, Judy had broken her foot and had to model a shirt and jacket whilst sitting down. She was persuaded to stand briefly to show off her latest fashion accessory, her support boot! All part of the fun and the new "term" got off to a good start.

The following day, Tuesday 10th September, a group of members went on an early Autumn trip on the Brecon Mountain Railway. This outing was chosen following consultation with members where it became clear that some members would be interested in shorter trips, i.e. less travelling time and not lasting all day. Many members have family and social commitments. The mountain railway trip proved very enjoyable largely due to the superb weather. The previous days had been wall to wall rain and thick mist! However, on the day, the sun shone and the scenery was stunning. Lunch in the nearby pub was then enjoyed and everyone returned to Radyr by 3.00pm with plenty of time to continue the day's activities.

All our subsidiary groups have their Autumn programmes in place and the October, November and December meetings of 2019 look interesting and varied.

Another date for the diary is the October birthday dinner. This is due to take place on the evening of Tuesday 22nd October at Radyr Golf Club.

Looking further ahead, we will be hosting a stall at the Christmas Tree Lighting Event in early December, weather permitting. Details of this nearer the time.

We meet on the second Monday of each month 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)

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## Rotary Club of Cardiff West



The Rotary Club of Cardiff West, once again, organised the opening concert of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival which, this year, was held in Christchurch and was very well attended. Cantorion Creigiau provided the entertainment, which was to their usual high standard and very much enjoyed by everyone present.

The Festival's Charity this year is Action for Children, which works with vulnerable children, young people and families to enable them to fulfil their potential and make the most of their lives. The concert raised £750 which, with a grant of another £750 from the Rotary Foundation has enabled us to work with Action for Children to organise two "days out" for families with disabled children. These will be held during the October half term and the February half term. Most families enjoy these events regularly but for some this is not possible. At Christmas 2018, the Rotary Club joined with Action for Children to fund a visit to the pantomime for a group of families, none of the children and very few of the adults had ever visited a pantomime before that.

I would like to thank the Rector of Christchurch and the Churchwardens for allowing us to

use the Church for the concert.

I would also like to thank everyone in Radyr for your support during the last year and look forward to your support in the coming year.

**Mansel Thomas**  
President 2018-19.

### Radyr Food For Thought

*Venue:* The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

*Time:* Tuesdays 12.15-2.00pm

*Membership Fee:* £20.00

*Lunch:* £7.50. *Talk only:* £3.00

Autumn Programme 2019

**October 8th** New Town... Little Ireland - Richard Brittain

**October 15th** A Walk with Elephants  
Roy Gee

**October 22nd** Peru  
Richard Smith

**October 29th** HALF TERM

**November 5th** TRIP

**November 12th**  
Adventures in Quizzland  
Gwerfyl Gardner

**November 19th** Family Work at HMP  
Parc - Hayley Morris

**November 26th** Secrets of a Private  
Eye - George Brady

**December 3rd** Behind the Scenes  
Rosemary Chaloner

**December 10th** DNA, Fingerprinting,  
Forensics & Crime - Dr. Rhian Morgan

**December 17th** A Musical Interlude &  
Christmas Lunch - Abdul Seckam

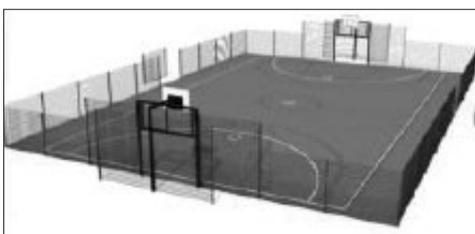
Next Term begins on 7 January 2020

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2084 2225

# News from Bryn Deri PTA

After a lovely summer break, the PTA are back with parents, teachers, pupils and the wider community to raise money to enhance the educational experience of all pupils at Bryn Deri. We have a lot in store for this academic year!

We are continuing to focus our fundraising towards a "Multi-Use Games Area" (MUGA) on the school grounds, which 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. Although the MUGA is a long-term fundraising goal, we have chosen to pay for it in instalments so that the current pupils can begin to enjoy it right away. By the time of reading construction should be well underway!



Bryn Deri PTA is a Co-op "Local Cause" until the end of October. We will benefit from all purchases of Co-op branded goods (at any Co-op) when a Co-op membership card is shown.

We are still asking for donations of foreign or old coins. These coins have been used during lessons and will ultimately be exchanged for sterling with the Cash4Coins Schools scheme. Please note the collection of coins will stop at the end of October, so get them in quick! 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.

Rags 2 Riches has been a wonderful way to raise money for the PTA the past few years, with the added bonus

of providing a quick way to recycle unwanted things! If you have any old/unwanted items, Bryn Deri will be taking collections on **November 7th**. You'll be helping the school and

helping yourselves in one go! For details about what items Rags 2 Riches accept, see the image with this article.

Our Christmas Fayre will be on



## WE ACCEPT CLEAN, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

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| <p><b>Clothes:</b><br/> <b>Adult's clothes</b><br/> <b>Children's clothes</b></p>   | <p><b>Accessories:</b><br/> <b>Belts</b><br/> <b>Hats</b><br/> <b>Scarves</b><br/> <b>Gloves</b><br/> <b>Bags</b><br/> <b>Purses</b><br/> <b>Wallets</b><br/> <b>Tights</b><br/> <b>Ties</b><br/> <b>Underwear (new)</b></p> | <p><b>WE DO NOT ACCEPT</b><br/> <b>DIRTY, WET, RIPPED</b><br/> <b>OR SOILED CLOTHES,</b><br/> <b>PIECES OF CLOTH,</b><br/> <b>PILLOWS, DUVETS,</b><br/> <b>CURTAINS, BOOKS, CD</b><br/> <b>OR CLOTHES WITH</b><br/> <b>SCHOOL BADGES</b><br/> <b>SEWN ON.</b></p> |
| <p><b>Other:</b><br/> <b>Shoes (tied in pairs)</b><br/> <b>Jewellery</b><br/> <b>Bedding</b><br/> <b>Bath &amp; hand towels</b></p> |  |   |

**Saturday 30th November, 10-12.** All members of the community are welcome, so pop the date in your diary and come and enjoy the festivities with us!

Finally the PTA would like to thank the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council for their £1,000 grant that helped pay for the Multi-Generational Allotment on the school grounds. Pupils and the community will be able to enjoy it for years to

come. The grant has also gone towards a new Wales flag, which can be seen flying from the Bryn Deri flag pole now. 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!





**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](http://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.

# Radyr Cricket Club - 2019 Season

... from front cover



senior sides with the First X1 winning their division, the Under 13 and 15 girls teams proving to be the best in Wales and the Under 19s winning the T20 Welsh Cup: the first time the club has ever won a national competition. Off the field the clubhouse extension, long talked about, is finally happening thanks to many donations and grants from Cricket Wales and the Community Council.

The First X1, which is the flagship of any cricket club, led the table for most of the season, but going into the final Saturday they had slipped into second place. Whilst promotion was the ultimate goal, the players who had given so much wanted the title. Following a crushing victory, which finished at 3.30pm, it was sit and wait time. Then three hours later the news came through that our rival's opponents had held out and Radyr, by one point (280 to 279) were champions. The joy and subsequent celebrations will live long in the memory.

The Second X1 had also led their division right until the death, but a few losses, especially one to the ultimate champions, meant second place but a well deserved promotion. This was achieved on the penultimate Saturday and was no mean feat given that the side generally consisted of eight juniors and three adults. How we managed to travel away on occasions was a mystery.

The Third X1 had a slow start in a division filled with excellent, experienced teams: the side were always competitive but not able to win those tight games. However as

the season progressed they eased themselves into the season and began moving up the table. By the last Saturday they knew a victory with maximum points would see them promoted. They achieved that with the minimum of fuss with a crushing victory.

The Fourth X1 as with the other three sides were always competitive, and near the top, but a few unfortunate losses meant they ended up in a creditable mid table position. They defeated the then unbeaten champions, as well as blooding some exceptionally talented youngsters, which will hold them and the whole club in good stead for years to come.

The Radyr girls in the Under 13 and 15 age groups were just too good for Welsh opposition. In the Lady Taverners competitions they both won the local titles and subsequently flexed their muscles across teams from across the bridge. The older girls ultimately went the furthest losing in the quarter finals, having taken some significant scalps on the way. In Welsh ladies cricket Radyr is the place to be.

Then the icing on the cake: the triumph of the Under 19s who, in the semi and subsequent final, smashed their opponents from east and west Wales. The twelve lads on display were a credit to the club, showing huge commitment, massive talent and a desire to win. They are the future of the club and amazingly the vast majority are available for next year's competition. If you wish to see their moment of triumph just pop onto Twitter and look for@radyrcc.

The season continues in one way and that is in the building works for the extension to the pavilion. This will provide new changing facilities for players and officials, it will enhance what the club can offer its members and will be a fitting tribute to a fantastic season.

**Christopher Hitchings - Chairman  
Radyr Cricket Club**

## Radyr Parish Gift Day

27th October 2019

So many people who live in Radyr have a long and close affection with both Christ Church and the original and 750 year old parish church of St John's where some of Roald Dahl's family are buried. For generations we have attended these churches for the baptisms and weddings of our children and grandchildren and we have gathered to say our sad farewells at the funerals of our loved ones.

Over the years those who worship each week in these churches have invested time, talents and financial resources to keep the buildings in good order. In recent years we have redecorated the churches and upgraded our lighting and sounds systems. Every five years parish churches are inspected by a surveyor and our recent report has shown there are hidden problems with the structures of both churches. Given the age and value of the churches the scale of the necessary repairs is not vast but we do need to raise around £25K to be spent on each church over the next five years to ensure the buildings remain secure and watertight for future generations.

It would be a real gift to this community if all who feel an affection for our churches would consider making a gift to Radyr Parochial Church Council on 27th October (or at any other time) there are GiftAid envelopes available for you to use in our churches if you are a UK tax payer.

I invite you all to join us in worship on 27th at 9.15am at St John's or 11am at Christ Church - or if you would rather just send a gift anonymously to The Rectory I can assure you that your donation will be put to good use so that we can better serve the community now and in the years to come

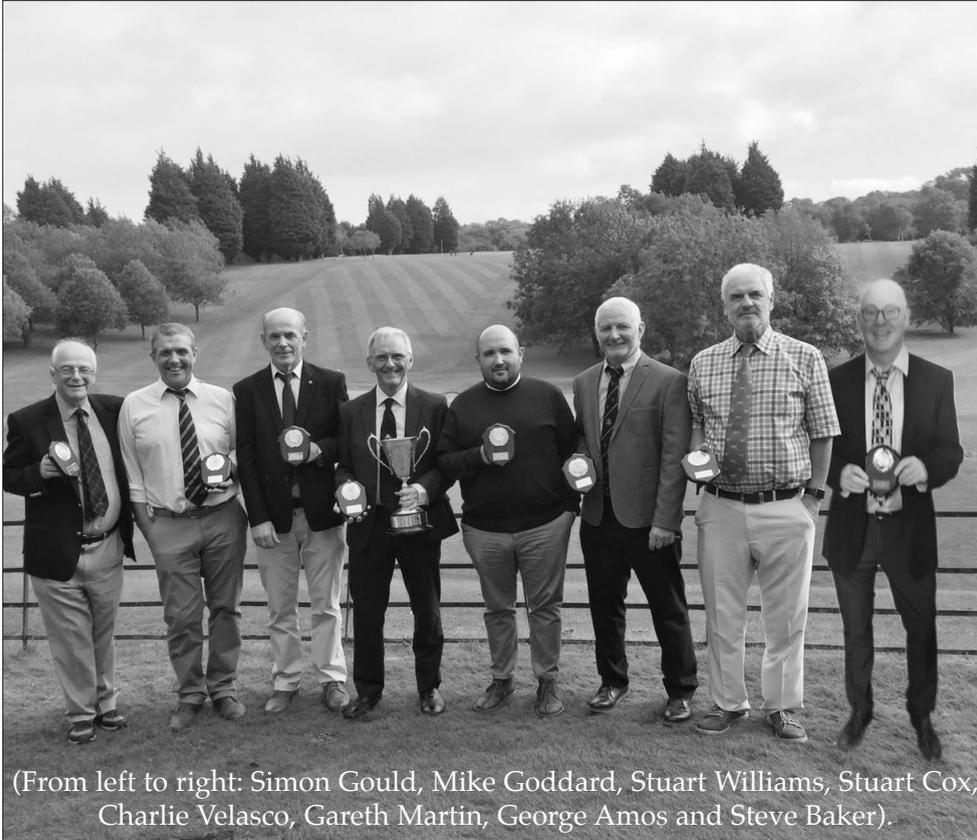
*In hope and gratitude  
Vicki  
Vicar of Radyr*



## Hallett's win the Glamorgan title...

Congratulations to Radyr Golf Club's Hallett team on winning the Glamorgan County title for the second time in the last three years.

Well done to everyone that was involved throughout the year. The winning finalists are pictured below:



(From left to right: Simon Gould, Mike Goddard, Stuart Williams, Stuart Cox, Charlie Velasco, Gareth Martin, George Amos and Steve Baker).



## Finals Day at Radyr Golf Club

The players in Bold were the winners:

Club Cup - Mike Donofrio & Sal Schiazza Vs **Alex Evans & Rob Mullen-Jones**

Lougher Bowl - **Roy & Margaret Colenutt** Vs Robert P Evans & Wendy Hamer-Evans

Ladies Wednesday Cup - **Jeong-eun Cho** Vs Alison Morris

Seniors Knockout - Huw Llewelyn Davies Vs **Owen Golding**

Ladies Challenge Bowl - **Caroline Michael** Vs Linda Jones

Wednesday Cup - Chris Payne Vs **Jordan Standing**

Junior Plate - **Owen Evans** Vs Ceri Vaughan-Jones

Peace Vase - **Eryl Williams** Vs Matthew Stevens

Marcroft A - Richard Putterill Vs **Gareth Button**

Marcroft B - **Michael Burgess** Vs Matthew Dews

Ladies Copper Championship - **Leah Edwards** Vs Mary Hawkins

Ladies Bronze Championship - Helen Young Vs **Suzanne Brown**

Junior Championship - Jordan Bolderson Vs **Harry Powell**

Ladies Club Championship - **Charlotte Bethell** Vs Sian-Elin Jones

Men's Club Championship - **Mark Lewis** Vs Kyle Davies

There were also two other club finals played earlier in the week, which consisted of the following;

Ladies Coronation Bowl - Charlotte Bethell Vs **Sian-Elin Jones**

Ladies Foursomes - **Gemma Easton & Charlotte Bethell** Vs Annette Campbell & Amanda Mullen-Jones

*Congratulations to those of you who were involved in Finals Day and thank you to the members who gave up their time to contribute to what was a successful day.*

## NINA THOMAS

It is with sadness that we report the death of Nina Thomas at the grand old age of 104. Nina lived for many years in the flats at the corner of Danybryn Avenue until infirmity forced her to go into a home in St Hilary, relatively recently.

Nina was born in the north of Scotland and was a practicing midwife at Guy's Hospital in London at the outbreak of the Second World War, working a great deal in the east end of London. She recorded her memories of working as a midwife in Guy's in *Wartime Memories*, a book produced by the R&M Community Council to mark the 60th anniversary of the ending of WW2. Although now out of print it can be downloaded, free of charge, from the History Society pages on the Community

website. In fact Nina's Memories could easily have been the source material for the BBC drama series *Call the Midwife*. After the war she moved to Cardiff with her husband who was a G.P in the Ely area.

Her daughter Liz Davies still lives in Radyr. We send our condolences to Liz and the family.



### Community Council News

First of all, I hope you all had a good summer and a nice holiday - preferably somewhere hot - and far away from the woes of Brexit, work and the Llantrisant Road traffic lights.

We've been working hard over the summer, developing a number of projects across Radyr and Morganstown. These include:

Cardiff Council has invited us to submit ideas for its new **infrastructure ideas list**. These will be projects that Cardiff can fund via Section 106 Money (which is provided by housing developers, as part of their planning consent deals). We have gathered residents ideas via an online survey - and via the RMA. We also have our own ideas! This is a very exciting opportunity for R&M - and we will publish our contribution to the list in the near future. New ideas can be submitted at any time, since Cardiff will be keeping their list as a 'live' document. This needs a health warning, however, since it is unlikely that every idea will be accepted by Cardiff for funding. But if we don't submit any ideas - we won't get any money! We will also be meeting Cardiff's Section 106 team in the near future, to press our case.

**Road safety:** we had an excellent meeting with Cardiff Council's Transportation team on 10 September. We discussed several items, including the imminent installation of a **Nextbike** stand outside McColl's on Station Road (with more stands being considered, including electric bikes at Radyr Station). Start of works is planned for Jan / Feb 2020 for our three new **zebra crossings**, near Heol Syr Lewis, Ty Mynydd Close and Rectory Close. The legal preparations are underway to introduce a **20mph zone** across all of R&M (apart from Parc Radur). The scheme should be introduced in spring / summer 2020.

**Golf Club Lane** is to be closed - with work carried out in summer 2020. And the Council has asked us to propose improvements to the **Station Road area**, to improve its role as a place for the community to meet, shop and socialise. We will be conducting an online survey about this, soon, to seek views and ideas from residents. And we have, of course, expressed our

concerns about the **Llantrisant Road traffic lights**. You can visit the News section of our website to read more about the meeting.

Cardiff is consulting on a **new primary school** to be built on the Plasdwr site. This will be a bilingual school, with English and Welsh language streams. Again, you can read more about this on our website.

The **Old Church Rooms** has had a minor upgrade over the summer, with the installation of oak-effect floor tiles in the main hall. We think it makes the room look bigger, better and lighter. It will also be much easier for hall users to clean after their events. No more gouging Camembert from carpet tiles after cheese and wine parties. No more dabbing at red wine stains with a wet cloth. Simply mop and sweep! We have also been discussing buying a **new piano** for the hall - which would please those groups who use the OCR for choir practice and concerts.

In the near future we will be considering the provision of facilities, activities and support for our young people. This work will be undertaken in liaison with a number of agencies and organisations - as well as young people from across R&M. We want them to enjoy a range of activities - and to have good places to socialise - whilst sharing the values that help make R&M a great place to live.

We have responded on our website to the **arson attack** on a bird hide located in Forest Farm. Although this is not in Radyr and Morganstown, it is an area enjoyed by members of our community. It is a great pity that some people think that setting fire to a community resource is something worth doing - and it is difficult to believe that they have any respect for their community and neighbours. They may also be unaware of the penalties they could face, if caught. These are set out in the Sentencing Council's Sentencing Guidelines. A fire such as this one, causing moderate damage to a public amenity, can result in a prison sentence ranging from 6 to 26 weeks. Similar penalties exist for criminal damage. Anyone with any information about the attack should contact the police.

Finally, I am very pleased to announce the appointment to our team of **two**

**new members**. Joining us as a councillor for the Morganstown ward is Vina Patel. Vina is already an active member of our community - and we look forward to benefiting from her experience as we develop our work. We also welcome Michelle Lenton-Johnson to our team. Although not a councillor, she will join us in our council meetings - bringing her valuable local knowledge and her tremendous enthusiasm to our work. Welcome both!

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*  
*September 2019*

### Bumps A Daisy

Babes 'n' Tots Group in Christ Church Hall (new school rooms) each Wednesday beginning 6th November from 10am until 11.30am

### All Souls Service

Commemoration of the Departed 3rd November 4pm at Christ Church Radyr. Come and light a candle and remember loved ones. Refreshments after the service

### Cymun Bendigaid

- St John's Danescourt 4pm 13th October Bydd paned ar ôl y gwasanaeth.

The Parish of Radyr is introducing a quarterly Welsh Language Eucharist 4pm at St John's Church Danescourt on 13th October 2019

The service, sermon and hymns will be in Welsh. We hope you will come and join us - Everyone is welcome. The service will be followed by refreshments

Services in 2020

12th January, 12th April and 12th July

## Your Community Website

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

The new RMA Web Team took ownership of your Community Website <http://radyr.org.uk> back in July. Through July and August we have made some security and functionality updates to the site. Why not take a look and see if you notice the changes? September has seen us start an audit of the content currently on the site and we are working with contributors to ensure that all entries are up to date. If you are running a group in Radyr and Morganstown that is not listed in the Directory then please get in touch to create your entry. We want your Community Website to reflect the full breadth of life going on in our community.

As part of our site review, alongside the Social Media feeds managed by the team, we have updated the seven aims for the website:

1. A one-stop shop for information about Radyr & Morganstown events, organisations, businesses and services
2. An on-line diary for Radyr & Morganstown organisations
3. A source of news about people and events in the locality
4. A place to interact with us on Facebook / Twitter
5. A window on the history of where you live
6. A photo-archive for our local community
7. A notice-board for you to use

We can only achieve this if you keep us informed of what is happening in our local area. Please send any news, article or photo submissions to [web-team@radyr.org.uk](mailto:web-team@radyr.org.uk)

The beauty of [radyr.org.uk](http://radyr.org.uk) is that it is a one-stop shop for the variety of life that is happening in our community. One of the aims of the RMA is 'making Radyr a better place to live and work'. We had that in mind when we took over responsibility for the site and that is our focus as we plan for its future development. Going forward, we are keen to publish stories of what is happening in Radyr and Morganstown, so do

please send any suggestions for news items that we can publish on the front page of the website to our address – [web-team@radyr.org.uk](mailto:web-team@radyr.org.uk) or let us know about features you would like to see.

Finally, feel free to add any relevant events to our diary <http://radyr.org.uk/calendar> - which now includes the ability to link to further content about an event either within our site or elsewhere.

The RMA Web Team  
Ian, Tom, Nick, David  
[www.radyr.org.uk@RMHUB](mailto:www.radyr.org.uk@RMHUB)  
<http://bit.ly/fbRMHUB>

## Festival 2020

You may or may not have heard that the Government has moved the early spring bank holiday in 2020 from the Monday to the Friday of the first full week of May. This means that the bank holiday will be on Friday 8th May, the 75th anniversary of VE day.

This has meant the RMA and the Festival Committee having to plan next year's Festival in the light of the change of the Bank Holiday date. The Fun Run will be on the first Saturday followed immediately by the Fete (hopefully in the grounds of Radyr Primary School) and the Concert in the Parc will be on Friday, 8th May (the moved Bank Holiday) and take the form of 'VE Day Commemoration Concert in the Parc'.

The Festival Walk will move to Monday, 4th May and will be around Cowbridge, starting at 7 p.m., the first lunchtime concert will move from Friday to Thursday, 7th May, Tenovus will be holding a Fashion Show on Thursday, 14th May and the Jazz Night will be on Friday, 15th May. Other events will, broadly, be as usual, with a Cookery Event, a Festival Play, a Film Night and a final Charity Concert (on Sunday, 17th May) for Tenovus, the 2020 Festival charity. The first full planning meeting for the Festival is on Thursday, 3rd October in the Old Church Rooms. If you can volunteer to assist in co-ordinating Festival events or have an idea for something new, please get in touch with the RMA on [rma@radyr.org](mailto:rma@radyr.org)

## Remember, Remember.....

*Some thoughts for Remembrance Sunday from our Vicar, the Revd. Vicki Burrows.*

Dear Friends

I regularly struggle to remember where I left my car keys but thankfully there are things I cannot forget.

One of my earliest memories is seeing my father grieve. He never spoke of his escape from the pogroms in Poland or the journey his Jewish family made to the UK seeking asylum. I remember seeing tears roll down his face as he watched a holocaust documentary and I will never forget the silent tears he shed when Olga, the only cousin to survive Auschwitz, died.

Some years ago as I conducted a Remembrance service I watched a little girl, in a poppy red coat with a black velvet collar and wet cheeks, bravely plant a small poppy cross for her father in Royal Wootton Bassett's "Field of Remembrance". As the BBC and paparazzi cameras whirred and clicked she stood silently amongst thousands of crosses and my own eyes filled as I recognised in her loss the huge and personal cost of working for peace.

For Christians painful remembering is at the heart of our faith. We break bread and share wine as we remember a life lived and sacrificed for others - perhaps it is this remembering that helps us try to love our enemies and seek justice for all.

I hope you will join us in remembering those whose lives have been given or scarred by conflict by gathering at Radyr's war memorial and joining us in church for a Remembrance Service on 10th November

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them

Yours in Christ,  
Vicki



## Our Scouting Year!

Well the saying is as busy as beaver! And there is no doubt that 1st Radyr Beavers are busy! We have had another full and fun year. 40 Beaver Scouts in Radyr have: played 100s of games! Iced biscuits, decorated cakes, cooked on a camp fire, been on a welly walk in the dark, learnt about and walked along the Walnut Tree Viaduct and tunnel trail with our families and taken part in an eggciting Easter Egg Trail! We proudly marched in the Remembrance Sunday Parade and made and displayed our own poppy display outside the Scout Hall displaying the names of all the lost servicemen from the Monument. We have practised and demonstrated our personal skills by looking after our teeth, keeping fit, learning our address and sending our families postcards. We have learnt to be mindful and not to be bullies or



bullied. We've had visits from Hedgehog Helpline and were able to donate food for the rescue centre and had a Hedgehog box made for our garden. We took part in RSPB birdwatch and made bird feeders for our own gardens. We had an evening with St Johns Ambulance, so we are all in safe hands if we feel unwell! We have celebrated Chinese New Year, Burns night, St Patricks Day, Baden Powell's Birthday and July 4th. We have made a difference to the world by looking at Global issues and Fair Trade and have adopted a Red

Panda in Folly Farm. We have enjoyed local and community events, one of our favourite nights was spent in Radyr Library to celebrate World Book Day. The Radyr Librarians opened up especially for us and we heard stories and took part in craft activities and a book hunt. (Thank you ladies!) We have made 8 dog poo bag holders for the village, to which we had an amazing positive response from the Radyr Residents. We can decipher codes and learnt some Makaton. We had a very musical evening learning to play African drums. The sound of 20 African drums will stay with me for ever! So this is a quick round up of some of our evenings. Fun and Friends – Yes, busy as a Beaver –Yes! Thank you to all the Beavers for making our evenings so much fun, and their parents for their continued support. I can certainly recommend being a Beaver Scout Leader, so if you are interested in joining our team please get in touch. No qualifications needed, just the ability to have fun! After a rest during the Summer Holidays we are ready for another Busy Year!!!!  
Simba

### 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 pinwn, clybiau a chymdeithasau, materion cynllunio a datblygu - a llawer mwy.

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

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## Operation Christmas Child

Once again we shall be filling Christmas shoeboxes to send via Christ Church to the warehouse in Llantrisant. There, teams of volunteers work in extremely cold conditions, to sort the boxes into age and suitability groups. Once checked, they are tightly bound with tape, crated and distributed worldwide. They are given to children suffering in some of the world's most deprived areas. Your shoebox could assure someone of a little glimmer of light and love at Christmas.

The shoeboxes are distributed at schools, orphanages and Churches.

Last year the total sent from South East Wales was Liberia 8,212, Romania 5,614, Belarus 2,978 and Moldavia 8,118.

Please will you consider packing a shoebox?

The flat pack boxes (50p) are available at the back of Christ Church and St. John's Church along with the instruction leaflets and also from my home.

It is vital that filled boxes are taken to Church or me before Shoe Box Sunday on **November 17th**.

Any enquiries to:

Anne-Marie Phillips - 2084 2526

# Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Cawsom noson i'w chofio yn ein cyfarfod agoriadol, pan fu Parti'r Efail yn ein difyrru. Da dweud bod y Neuadd yn llawn i'r ymylon a chroesawyd pawb gan Elsbeth Edwards, llywydd y gangen.

Sefydlwyd Parti'r Efail yn 1995 ac maen nhw wedi cystadlu ymhob Eisteddfod Genedlaethol a Gwyl Cerdd Dant ers hynny - tipyn o gamp! Menna Thomas yw arweinydd y parti ers y cychwyn ac mae'n amlwg bod y criw hwyliog yma yn mwynhau pob munud wrth berfformio.

Cyflwynydd y noson oedd Gwyn Hughes Jones a chafwyd rhaglen amrywiol dros ben a oedd yn symud yn rhwydd o fyd yr Alaw Werin i Gerdd Dant. Buom yn crwydro siroedd y De wrth wrando ar Gân y Cardi ac Englynion y Daten gan Waldo Williams, cyn dychwelyd i Forgannwg at yr hen dribannau. Dewis canu yn nhafodiaith yr un sir wnaeth Menna wrth iddi gyflwyno eitem unigol hyfryd.



Braf oedd gwranddo ar lais swynol aelod ieuengaf y parti, Iwan Gruffydd, yn canu alaw draddodiadol ac hefyd mwynhau ymson digri Ifan Roberts.

Daeth y noson i ben gyda phenillion cyfoes a doniol o waith Rhys Dafis wedi'u gosod gan Menna Thomas. Mawr yw'n diolch hefyd i Bethan Roberts am gyfeilio.

Yng ngeiriau Elsbeth, llwyddom i daro'r jacpot wrth wahodd Parti'r Efail i noson gynta'r tymor.

Byddwn yn cyfarfod eto nos Fercher, Hydref yr 2 ail yn Neuadd y Methodistiaid, Windsor Avenue, Radur am 7:30 pm pan fydd Dr. Ffion Reynolds yn sôn am brosiect Archeoleg Bryn Colli Ddu. Creoso i aelodau newydd.

# Radyr Drama Society's



Next production will be **'The Exorcism'** by Don Taylor. It's a Christmas ghost story

Dan and Margaret have come to spend Christmas with Rachel and Edmund in their renovated seventeenth-century cottage. Events become sinister and macabre when Rachel has a feeling of Deja vu, the electricity fails, the phone is out of order, and strange happenings escalate out of control.

It's been compared to the style of 'The Woman in Black'

An adjudicator once said to me 'trust the script, and trust the audience, their minds will complete the story they are seeing'

This play will get your nerves tingling, your brain thinking and your heart pounding.



November 21st-23rd 2019 at Morganstown Village Hall. Curtain up at 7.30pm.

Not to be confused with 'The Exorcist' it won't make your head turn...or will it??

# FILM CLUB

By the time this edition of *The Chain* hits your doormat the Film Club will already have shown two films. The next film is on the 24th of October. Films are shown on the big screen in the Old Church Rooms, starting at 7.30. Plans are underway to purchase some new seat "cocoon" which will make the Old Church Rooms seating more comfortable.

Tickets at £4 can be bought from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr, online or at the door on the evening. All are welcome.

**Thursday 24 October 2019 at 19:30**

Kind Hearts and Coronets

Certificate: PG

Runtime: 104 mins

Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IT0eAGSV5Ro>

When his mother eloped with an Italian opera singer, Louis was cut off from her aristocratic family. After the family refuses to let her be buried in the family mausoleum, Louis avenges his mother's death by attempting to murder every family member (all played by Alec Guinness) who stands between himself and the family fortune. But when he finds himself torn between his long-time love and the widow of one of his victims, his plans go awry.

As a celebration of this classic Ealing comedy reaching 70 years young, we invite you to introduce this stone-cold classic to old faces & newcomers alike. Sir Alec Guinness' hilarious multiple personalities never fail to raise a laugh and we think it'll evoke positive memories of a classic era for British comedy. They don't make them like this any more!

**Thursday 28 November 2019 at 19:30**

Tolkien

Certificate: PG

Runtime: 112 mins

Trailer:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq2MFEGJ\\_Sw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq2MFEGJ_Sw)

As a young student, J.R.R. Tolkien finds love, friendship and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow



outcasts. Their brotherhood soon strengthens as Tolkien weathers the storm of a tumultuous courtship with Edith Bratt and the outbreak of World War I. These early life experiences later inspire the budding author to write the classic fantasy novels "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings".

Nicholas Hoult moves away from his superhero roles to take on a more serious character. Not without its flights into fantasy, Tolkien aims to tunnel through the prose and link his novels to real-life occurrences to discover the inspiration to his cherished works. With popular actors in the central roles, Tolkien has appeal outside of literary circles.



## Parc Radur Play Area



Congratulations to the residents of Parc Radur who exceeded their projected appeal on Crowd Funding to raise money to improve the Parc Radyr play area in Drover's Way. Together with a generous grant from the Community Council, the money is in place to have a top class play area.

Work to provide the new equipment will start once the underlying drainage problems have been resolved. We are therefore very sad to hear that that drainage work might not be completed before the middle of next year because Cardiff Council do not have enough money in this year's budget to carry it out. We sincerely hope our County Council can find the money to complete the work as soon as possible.

## Surprise Award for Radyr Guiders

Margaret Gregory, Judith Turnbull & Julie Davies received mysterious invitations in June to Afternoon Tea in Broneirion, the home of Girlguiding in Wales. They arrived to join over 100 other leaders, all equally mystified & gathered in a large marquee in the grounds. Judith, Margaret & Julie had been invited as a Thank You from Girlguiding, for their long service to Guiding in Cardiff & East Glamorgan. Unknown to the ladies the County had nominated them to receive a Vice-Presidents Award. Tori James, President of Girlguiding Cymru, The Hon. Shân Legge-Bourke, Vice President, and Lesley Mathews Chief Commissioner presented the awards. Everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and chat with Guiding friends old & new before travelling home to all corners of the Principality.



## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

September 2019

Our first meeting of the Autumn term took place on Monday 9th September. We were pleased to welcome five visitors to a relaxed fun event – a fashion show featuring clothes from “Calon” in Rhiwbina and presented by the proprietor, Kath. The outfits displayed were in the “smart casual” genre rather than “occasion wear”, that is no “mother of the bride” ensembles! They were modelled with great panache by four committee members and two WI members, all six being of varying heights and builds. The brave volunteers were Megan, Marian, Frankie, Babs, Sue and Judy all six being of varying heights and builds.

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## Celebrating 100 years

Earlier this summer, Mrs. Sarah Hickson of Maes-y-Bryn, Radyr, celebrated her 100th birthday with her two daughters, Christine and Rosann, and son Alex. Her sisters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews came from far and wide to wish her a most happy birthday.

Sarah has a great interest in her family life, loves reading and going out for meals. When she lived in Greenwich, London, she did voluntary work for the Save the Children charity until she was 84, and is still knitting beautifully for Operation Christmas Child.

**Well done Sarah!**

