

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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Christmas Tree Lighting 2019



Once again the lighting of the Station Road trees and the three larger Christmas trees around the two villages were a great success and we were blessed by favourable weather once again. As you can see from our photograph four to five hundred

people milled around Station Road waiting for Father Christmas to arrive, looking at the stalls and using the various food and drink outlets. This year's charity is Tenovus and they have got off to a good start collecting over £5,000 in the

Christmas period.

This event shows the Association, Community Council and local shopkeepers working together. Congratulations to all those involved in organising it.

Double Thinking

It was with some annoyance that the residents of Radyr and Morganstown heard that the County Council and Cardiff Bus had decided to cut our daytime bus services from three to two an hour.

The third will be diverted along the Llantrisant Road to the new estates. The Llantrisant Road already has at least four buses an hour and the loss of one of our services will greatly inconvenience the residents of Morganstown who need the bus to get to the shops, Health Centre and Pharmacy.

This was in a week when Cardiff Council suggested that they were looking seriously at bringing in a congestion charge for vehicles entering the central Cardiff area and were aiming to achieve a 50% 50% balance between the use of cars and

the use of public transport. Is cutting existing bus services the answer?

Another example of "Double Thinking" by our County Council is that in the week that they announced that more than 200 deaths annually, in Cardiff alone, could be directly attributed to car fumes and that they were working to reduce car emissions; they started a "consultation" on introducing a 20 m.p.h. speed limit for most of Radyr and Morganstown.

Driving at 20 m.p.h rather than 30 m.p.h. has been scientifically proven to considerably increase car pollution. There is now a campaign to get rid of sleeping policemen, road humps or table crossings because they too considerably increase pollution. Come clean Cardiff Council, what do you want?

Goodbye to the Festival Queen



At the request of some of our school councils the Festival Queen and her attendants will be dropped from the 2020 May Festival to be replaced by Festival Ambassadors.

The new ambassadors can be male or female and will be there to represent the Festival and the chosen charity. More details of how to become one of the Ambassadors on page 19.

COMING EVENTS



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

Thu 6 Feb **10:00 Cardiff West Probus Club**
Radyr Golf club - An illustrated talk "Glyn Houston(actor)" by Dean Powell. New members welcome. Contact 07780 990847
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thu 6 Feb **16:00 Plasdwr Drop-in session - New Schoolrooms**
Expert members of the Plasdwr team will be on hand from 4pm to 6.45pm to chat through timescales, plans and answer any questions on the current and future works along Llantrisant Road. www.radyr.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Poster-for-drop-in-sessions-200113-2.pdf

Sun 9 Feb **19:15 Confirmation Preparation Group (First Meeting)**
The Parish of Radyr has a group of 20 young people who are all starting to explore the possibility of Confirmation into the church by the Bishop in April 2020. This group is open to anyone wishing to explore the possibility of confirmation but please speak to Rev. Vicki first to express your interest in attending.
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 10 Feb **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
"Bute Park - Cardiff's Hidden History" by Rosie James - 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/

Wed 12 Feb **19:00 PACT Meeting**
All welcome to the PACT meeting with the local police and County Councillor. Venue to be determined...watch this space. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 12 Feb **19:00 RCTS South Wales**
The Monmouthshire Railway and Canal Company in Newport by Ray Viney. www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/

Thu 13 Feb **10:30 Alzheimer's Group**
Coffee Morning at Radyr golf Club in aid of Alzheimers. all welcome
<https://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/>

Mon 17 Feb **19:30 RMA General Meeting**
Chris Dale - Raiders of the Past Attendance at the meeting, in the Old Church Rooms starting at 7:30pm, is open to all residents. radyr.org.uk/rma

Thur 20-22 Feb **19:30 Radyr Musical Society presents Step Back in Time**
Showcasing over 30 years of the society's past shows. Morganstown Village Hall Tickets £10 / £8 concessions Licensed bar. www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets

Tue 25 Feb **19:30 Shrove Tuesday Quiz**
New School Rooms at 19:30 Chris Dale has been busy preparing questions on a wide range of subject to challenge all! Tickets available from the Churchwardens or Vicar. Tables of 8, help can be found to make up a table if required. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 26 Feb **19:30 Ash Wednesday Service** Sung
Eucharist with imposition of ashes at Christ Church, Radyr. www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/

Thur 27 Feb **19:30 RMA Film Club - Downton Abbey**. The Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Big Screen film screening at the Old Church Rooms Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma> www.radyr.org.uk/filmclub

Fri 28 Feb **12:00 Lent Lunch for Christian Aid**
Lent Reflection at Christ Church led by Rev'd Vicki Burrows followed by a Soup Lunch for Christian Aid in the New School Rooms. www.radyr.org.uk/parish/church-in-the-community/partners/christian-aid/

Sun 1 Mar **Explore Pilgrimage - Sunday Evenings in Lent at Christ Church**
The Year of Pilgrimage Lent course begins with ourselves and our own individual experience through our faith journey. Throughout this course we are encouraged to think about how we journey in faith. Sometimes the invitation is to undertake a particular kind of journey, a sacred journey which involves both inner and outer dimensions. As we set out, what is our desire, or longing?
<https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/lent->

Mon 2 Mar **"The First Easter" - Discussion group**
An empty tomb, a missing body, four different stories. What really happened? The resurrection of the Son of God is crucial to our understanding of the

Christian faith. Bring a bible and let's do theology together. This is the first of a series of sessions on Monday evenings through Lent at St John's, Danescourt. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/course-2020/

Thur 5 Mar **10:00 Cardiff West Probus Club**
Radyr golf club - An illustrated talk "Churchill and the Dardanelles" by Richard Wood. New members welcome. Contact 07780 990847
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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Fri 6 Mar **19:00 World Day of Prayer**
A woman-led, global, ecumenical movement. World Day of Prayer is an international inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. Join Christians from across the area as we gather at Radyr Methodist Church for a service followed by refreshments. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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"Wales Air Ambulance" by Catrin Hall - 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/

Wed 11 Mar **19:00 RCTS South Wales**
A Ninth Colour-Rail Journey by Paul Chancellor www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/

Fri 13 Mar **Concerts@ChristChurch**
Concert featuring musicians from Radyr Comprehensive School alongside a professional artist. www.radyr.org.uk/parish/events/

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Sat 14 Mar **07:30 Tenovus Cancer Care**
Murder Mystery Event at Morganstown Village Hall Tickets £18 to include supper. For tickets please ring 20842096 or 20401872. All welcome www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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

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Radyr & Morganstown Scout Post 2019

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

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

- Slice, Station Road**
- Little Flower Den Florist, Heol Isaf.**
- Pugh's Garden Centre, Morganstown.**
- Pzazz, Hair Designers, Castle Court.**
- Radyr Library, Park Road.**
- Solo Hair & Beauty, Main Road, Morganstown**

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

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

In particular I would like to thank the volunteers that help sort mail

during the day throughout the two weeks of scout post. Without this help we would not cope with the amount of mail we receive.

Scout Post is organised by the Cardiff and the Vale Scouts for the collection and delivery of Christmas greetings in their local area. The collection and delivery of post is organised by local area scouts and voluntary organisations in areas where there is no active scout group. Last year scout post put about £150k into resources for scouting in the Cardiff and the Vale area.

Since 2009 you're purchasing of scout post stamps locally has raised over £42k for the Radyr and Morganstown scout group.

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

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

Pictured below are volunteers sorting the 2019 Scout Post



Radyr Cricket Club

...from back cover

Another first for Radyr CC is a "hard ball" ladies team who will play in the fledgling South Wales and South West Cricket League. The competition will consist of six sides, three of them from Wales, who will play forty overs a side on a Sunday afternoon. The anticipation in ladies cricket circles is palpable and the club is delighted to be at the forefront of this latest innovation, and it is the only place in Cardiff that such cricket will be played.

It should also be remembered that things are falling into place for the

senior sides, the Under 19s and the junior section who will be looking to hit the ground running when the season starts in April. It might seem a long way off but time does fly and if you or any member of your family fancies trying cricket or merely looking for a pleasant place for a drink on a sunny Saturday or Sunday afternoon, just pop down to see us and you will be made to feel very welcome indeed.

Contact details can be found on the website which is www.radyrcc.co.uk or email christopherhitchings@btinternet.com

Christopher Hitchings -
Radyr Cricket Club Chairman.



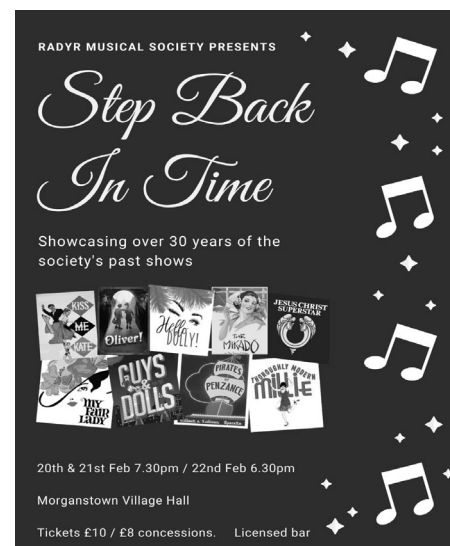
Step Back in Time

Rehearsals are well underway for the Radyr Musical Society Revue taking place in

Morganstown Village Hall from Thursday 20th February through to Saturday 22nd. With a range of musical numbers that are bound to bring back some fond memories for lifelong supporters RMS are using this seasons musical to pay tribute to the long history of the group, from the days of RPMG to it's revamped image of RMS. The group has been entertaining the local area for over 30yrs, bringing to the stage musicals such as Hello Dolly, Jesus Christ Superstar, Oliver and My Fair Lady, through to the Gilbert and Sullivan favourites of The Pirates of Penzance and The Mikado, so in this revue there is going to be something for everyone.

Take this opportunity to join us on a stroll down memory lane and purchase your tickets today from the Radyr Musical Website or Radyr Members or from Sue Thomas on 07544 289434.

Two other events are also planned for later this year with the group taking part in the Radyr and Morganstown festival with a "Swing When You're Singing" set on Saturday 16th May. Following on from the successful 'Speakeasy' evening that the group held in 2019 they are staging a "Heroes and Villains" Cabaret evening on Saturday July 4th where the group will be performing a range of songs with a Gothic/Victorian era feel with a meal included in the price of the ticket. Once again, tickets will be available from the Radyr Musical Website (www.radyrmusical.org.uk/tickets).





Cardiff North and West



At Cook Stars we are passionate about cooking and we simply LOVE good food! We share our love of cooking through teaching children and teenagers how to create their very own dishes from scratch. We offer classes for pre-schoolers, children and teenagers. We also host special event workshops, birthday parties and classes within schools and the community. 2020 will see the introduction of classes for adults. The staff at Cook Stars take care of all the preparation so make it easy for our Cook Stars to simply come along and enjoy our classes. All ingredients, cooking equipment, an apron, packaging and cooking know-how is provided! We keep the children entertained with a foodie craft activity whilst their dishes cook in the oven. Everyone takes home their lovely dish along with a recipe card to cook again at home. We even see to the dreaded clearing away and washing up!

The Old Church Rooms in Radyr is one of the venues for Cook Stars. We have been running weekly Mini and Junior sessions (2-11 years) on Sunday mornings 9.30-11am.

The Radyr Academy, for those aged 10+, runs from the kitchen in the Old



Church Rooms on Sunday mornings 11.30am – 1pm. These classes are fortnightly.

Classes are run by Annette and Sian. We are very proud to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the Wales Children's Activities and Service's Awards in January in the Franchisee of the Year category.

For more information contact annette@cookstars.co.uk / 07367070814

Radyr Food for Thought

Venue: The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm

Membership Fee: £20.00

Lunch: £7.50. *Talk only:* £3.00

Winter Programme 2020

4th February – A musical treat!
Maddie Beswick & Co.

11th February – Thirty years of
British Comedy
Steve Abbot

18th February – Half Term

25th February – How guiding affected my life
Yvonne Rees

3rd March – Family History
Dr Diane Brook

10th March – Trip

Next Term begins on 17th March

Telephone Number 2084 2461 or 20842225

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Marmalade Bread and Butter Pudding

Now we are in 'marmalade season', this seems an appropriate pudding. It is warm and comforting for this time of year.

6 thick slices of thick white bread.
A decent sliced Farmhouse is best.
butter (or alternative)
marmalade
3 large eggs
75g (3oz) sugar
10 fl oz milk
2½ fl oz cream (or alternative)
25g. (1oz) mixed peel
25.g (1oz) demerara sugar
grated rind 1 orange

Grease ovenproof dish 30cm x 18cm (approx. 12" x 7")
Oven at C180 or Gas 4

Thickly bread and make into marmalade sandwiches.
Also butter outside.
Cut into quarters and stand (overlap) in dish.
Beat eggs+ sugar + milk + cream.
Pour over bread.
Sprinkle over rind+ peel+ dem. sugar.
Stand 30 mins to let bread absorb liquid.
Bake until puffy and golden (approx.35mins)
Serve immediately.

Brenda Cole (nee Pugh)

Brenda Pugh who passed away on 28th December 2019 was born in Chapel Road Morganstown in 1934 and lived in Heol Syr Lewis until she married Don Cole in 1955. Don who lived in Cardiff remembered that travelling between Cardiff and Morganstown was difficult in the 1950s as there were only 4 buses a day. During their 64 years of marriage they lived in Grangetown and Machen before settling in Fairwater.

FILM CLUB

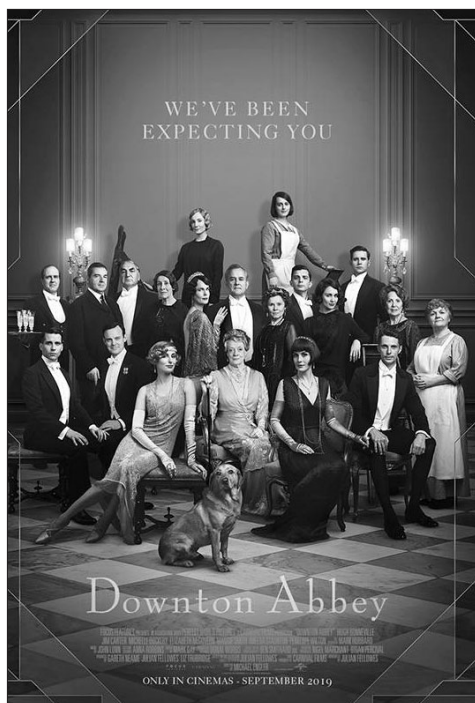
Forthcoming Film Club event

27 February 2020 – Downton Abbey (2019) – PG

122 Mins + Intro by Julian Fellows exclusive to Moviola venues

The Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the King and Queen of England will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance

If you love the Crawley's, you will love the movie. It's fun, full of glamour & pageantry, and a few



twists & turns. It's a little predictable, but who cares. It's fun. Violet, our lovable dowager, is her quip usual self, & thank goodness. Be prepared to be pleasantly entertained and enthralled by it all.

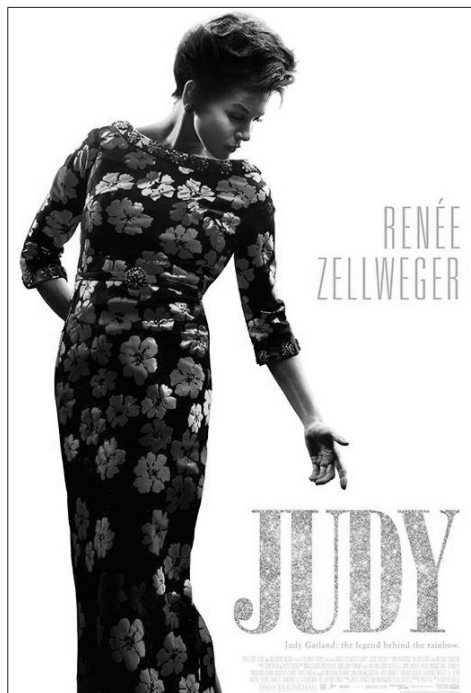
Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu3mP0c51hE>

26 March 2020 – Judy (2019) - 12A
118 Mins

Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland (Renée Zellweger) arrives in Swinging London to perform a five week sold-out run at

The Talk of the Town. It is 30 years since she shot to global stardom in The Wizard of Oz, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. As she prepares for the show, battles with management, charms musicians and reminisces



with friends and adoring fans, her wit and warmth shine through. Even her dreams of love seem undimmed as she embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband.

Trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q46cw-cuzAQ>

STOP PRESS...

Good news from Bryn Deri Primary. The Estyn Inspection Report has just arrived at Bryn Deri and, unsurprisingly, it judges them as good in all aspects. The report recognises the strong features in performance and practice.

"The school is a welcoming and vibrant community that provides a stimulating learning environment for its pupils. Nearly all pupils show positive attitudes and speak with enthusiasm about the experience the school provides", says the report. "A Community Developing Happy, Confident, Caring Children with a Positive Attitude towards Life and Learning."

The inspection was conducted in early December. The full report can be found via the following link Estyn Report 2019

Bryn Deri Primary School

We are Currently Recruiting
Application and Details available on
E-Teach

https://www.eteach.com/job/midday-supervisor-1083013?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

Bryn Deri County Primary School
Midday Supervisor
Post Reference : ED50076477
Required As Soon As Possible
1 Post available

HAPPY CHILDREN ARE LEARNING CHILDREN

Midday Supervisor
Grade 2 (£3,022 to £3,082 p.a.)

We have a vacancy for a Mid-Day Supervisor to join a team responsible for assisting in the dining hall, organising play for children during the lunchtime break and supervising pupils.

This Lunchtime supervisor post is expected to work during term time only (38 weeks) for 1.5 hours a day from Monday to Friday. The applicant will be expected to demonstrate the qualities of a good role model and have good levels of spoken and written English. You must be reliable, committed and interested in working with children, promoting safeguarding and their welfare.

This post is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Enhanced check.

Completed application forms to be returned direct to the school by the **closing date of Monday, 31 January 2020**. Safeguarding and Child Protection are key priorities for the Council. We aim to support children and vulnerable adults to ensure they are as safe as they can possibly be. Our services and schools are committed to ensuring the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults, and will take action to safeguard their well-being, and acknowledge that children and vulnerable adults have a right to protection. This is supported in the general ethos of the Council and all schools.

As an equal opportunities employer, we value diversity. Therefore, although not a requirement for application, we welcome and encourage applications from underrepresented individuals including those:

- aged under 25;
- not in employment, education or training;
- from our local communities including in particular disabled individuals, carers and those from the Cardiff BAME and LGBT+ communities;
- ability to communicate fluently in Welsh.

News from Bryn Deri PTA

Community Matters

Multi Use Games Area – The MUGA

At the end of November, the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) had its official opening, with Radyr Co-op visiting to the school and presenting the PTA and the students with a cheque for £5,528 towards the total cost. As you can imagine everyone was delighted. The



pupils are thrilled with the new facility and after school clubs are already taking advantage of the all-weather pitch which we are hoping will benefit not just the school but the whole community. Please contact the school if you would like to consider hiring this for a local community activity.

We were even more delighted to find out that Bryn Deri will again be a nominated charity with Co-op as we



The way it works:

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

continue to fund raise towards the cost of this new facility. We would like to thank everyone that has selected Bryn Deri as their chosen charity to help raise this significant sum of money. If you have not already signed up this is how you can get involved in the scheme.

Community defibrillator

Following the presentation, pupils had fantastic fun taking part in the all-day penalty shoot-out to raise money for the community defibrillator which is to be installed outside the school gate for easy access to local residents, and the school community. Research shows that the closest defibrillators are currently;

1. Morganstown Village Hall (15 min walk or 4 min drive from Bryn Deri)

2. Radyr & Morganstown Community Council (8 min walk, 3 min drive).

A defibrillator at Bryn Deri would plug a geographical gap in Radyr & Morganstown and will result in many people living, working, visiting and being educated closer to this potentially lifesaving equipment.

The day was cold but at least it was dry! There were plenty of goals scored and the penalty shoot-out fundraiser made an outstanding £919! We are very grateful to everyone who supported the event. The defibrillator and storage cabinet have arrived and will be fitted by CR Electrics (a local company who have kindly offered to install the cabinet and defibrillator free of charge), and first aid training sessions are being arranged for the



whole school in the New Year, as well as for parents and the local community. Watch this space for more news.

Christmas is a Time for Giving

Christmas in Radyr and Morganstown began well with Bryn Deri Primary and Radyr Primary Schools singing together in a joint choir at Radyr Methodist Church to a packed audience once again this year. Rumour has it that there were so many people keen to hear the music that some had to listen from the entrance hall and the pavement outside! Thank you to Mrs Venter from Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Music Services for providing this service for the joint community events and to Radyr and Morganstown Community for part funding this venture. The joint choir has performed at a number of community events particularly during the Radyr and Morganstown Festival and without additional funding this would not be possible. The children



and adults then gathered around the Christmas Tree in Windsor Gardens for the official Lighting of the Christmas Tree 2019! Thank you to everyone who supported this event and supported the fund raising for this year's Radyr and Morganstown Charity Tenovus.

During the Christmas period both primary schools continued to support Tenovus. Bryn Deri Christmas Performances began with the Nursery Nativity followed by an afternoon and two evening performances of 'A Creepy Crawly Christmas' by key stage two and finally two performances of 'Not such a Silent Night' by foundation phase pupils. During this period we would like to thank all our families and friends who came to watch the performances and



gave generously to Tenovus. As School we raised £815 towards the community charity and we were overwhelmed by everyone's generosity.

But the giving didn't stop there....

Christmas Jumper Day

During the final week of the term we held our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Everyone made a real effort and looked fantastic. Together we raised £163 for the charity. Our School Ambassadors reminded us how fortunate many of us are and that not every child is as lucky. All children have the right to a good standard of living, the right to food water and medical care and a right to follow their own religion. Hopefully by raising awareness and a little money at Christmas we can help all children have their rights and needs met.





Community Council News

So that's the festive season over and done with. Brexit is upon us - and as we enter the twenties the community council is ready to face another decade of hard work, aimed at benefitting all who live and work in Radyr and Morganstown.

In the meantime, thinking back to **Christmas**, our thanks go to all of those who helped us celebrate our Christmas lighting event, including Radyr Comprehensive, Brynderi, Radyr and Gwaelod-y-Garth Primary Schools, Radyr Methodist Church the RMA and our staff.

As ever, one of the main issues we will have to deal with is managing the impact of road **traffic** flowing through our community. The Plasdwr development continues to grow - and we need to do what we can to deal with the extra traffic that will flow from there.

To this end, Cardiff Council is consulting about its proposals to introduce a **20mph speed limit** across the whole of Radyr and Morganstown (apart from Clos Parc Radur). We have carried this story on our website (www.radyrandmorganstown.org) - where we have also published an **online survey**, to find out what residents think about the proposal. As I write this piece, we have 221 responses: 50.5% in favour of the speed limit, and 49.5% against. However, 61% want a 20mph limit on the road where they live - as opposed to 39% who do not. Cardiff's consultation continues until 31 January - as will our survey.

Following the huge delays and disruption with the 24 hour traffic lights on **Llantrisant Road** before Christmas, we met with Cardiff Council - and pressed them to change their protocols, so that the County Councillors will be consulted before any temporary lights are installed, which could have a significant impact on the movement of traffic. Our County Councillor could, in turn, discuss the proposals with the community council. We know the area better than Cardiff Council does - so they should seek our advice. We await Cardiff's response to our proposal.

Contractors should be on site in April / May to begin installing three new **zebra crossings** on our main road (near Heol Syr Lewis, Ty Mynydd Close and Rectory Close). One problem Cardiff Council has is a shortage of contractors - with so many working on major projects such as Plasdwr. We will, of course, keep you posted.

HGV traffic remains a problem. We are working with Cardiff Council on a solution to this. One or two interesting options have been discussed and, again, we will let you know when we have a firm proposal to hand.

Cardiff's public consultation about the closure of **Golf Club Lane** should take place soon.

Other news includes preliminary talks with Cardiff about changes to **Station Road**. Should it be one way? Can parking be better managed? Can it be enhanced as the centre of our community? We hope to consult residents about the possibilities before long.

In October we broke the news that the new tenant set to occupy the old **Spar site** on Station Road will be the Coop. Some residents have spotted that the 'Under-offer' sign has been removed from the site - and that 'To Let' is back in view. We have spoken with the letting agent. This is what we were told: a lease was agreed with the Coop in December - but (according to the letting agent) the company is being slow to act with regard to completing the legal processes involved. If the Coop does not act quickly, the site will be re-marketed. Removing the 'Under-offer' sign is a first step in that process.

We have agreed procedures with Natural Resources Wales with regard to reporting, and dealing with, **pollution in the River Taff** as it runs past Radyr and Morganstown (especially plastic bags hanging on overhanging trees). We will say more about this in the near future - on our website.

We continue to manage many of the open spaces across Radyr and Morganstown, including **Radyr Woods**. We planted an oak tree in the woods in December, during National Tree Week. If you want to help, you can join the Radyr Woods Wardens' working parties. They would be delighted to welcome you. The dates are usually posted on our web site, the community web site - and the Radyr, Pentyrch and Morganstown - and Friends of Radyr Woods Facebook pages.



We are close to agreeing a deal for refurbishment of the **children's play area** at Drover's Way. A total of £42,468.64 has been raised (from ourselves, Cardiff, Parc Radur residents, a crowdfunding campaign and the Welsh Government) - and Redrow is to fund essential drainage works which will prevent the flow of mud and water onto the site. This work needs to be done before the new equipment can be installed.

We held the first meeting of our **Youth Engagement Working Group** on 6 January. The group brings together the community council, social workers, the church, local police and schools to discuss developing services and activities to benefit our 12 to 17 year olds. The next stage of this work will involve setting up a forum on which our young people can help us develop ideas.

And don't forget our **over 50s lunch club** - held at the golf club twice a month. Good food, great speakers and the occasional quiz. Contact our clerk if you would like to attend.

We continue to work to rebuild the wall between **Pentwyn Park** and the adjoining flats, following work to improve drainage of the footpath. We have a number of legal niceties to resolve.

Towards the end of 2019 one of our councillors stepped down, leaving a vacancy on the community council (Morganstown Ward). When a vacancy arises on the Community Council, the process to fill the vacancy is as follows:

If ten or more registered electors within the relevant ward (members of the public) call for a by-election then an election is organised by the Electoral Registration Office and a Notice of Election is displayed.

If a by-election is not called then the Town or Community Council is notified by the Returning Officer to fill the position by co-optation as soon as is practicable.

In this case, ten electors did call for a by-election - and the process was set in motion to hold a **by-election**. On 10 January, the Electoral Services Office confirmed that the election to fill the vacancy will be contested and that a poll will take place on 6 February. The cost of the by-election will be borne by the community council. You can see on our website the official statement of persons nominated. Poll cards will be sent by post to all relevant electors in the near future. It has been quite some time since an election was held for Radyr and Morganstown Community Council - and we encourage all registered electors to vote on 6 February.

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 January 2020

Merched y Wawr, Cangen Bro Radur

Dathlodd ein cangen ni y Nadolig eleni yng nghwmni Luned Davies Scott, llywydd Rhanbarth y De-Ddwyrain. 'Sbeisys ac Arogleuon Nadoligaidd' oedd ei thestun. Cawsom hanes difyr am werth sbeisys mewn cyfnod cynnar pan oedd yna fasnachu o wledydd pell. Fe'n holwyd yngl?n â pha wledydd oedd yn cynhyrchu ac yn cael eu cysylltu â sbeis megis paprica, saffrwm, tyrmerig, fanila, sinamon ac yn y blaen. Dangosodd Luned i ni sut i ddefnyddio amrywiaeth o sbeisys mewn nifer o seigiau melys a sawrus. Yn eu plith roedd bisgedi grawn pupur pinc, iogwrt saffrwm, falafels, picl cymysg llugaeron, rholiau selsig llysieuol a pharseli corgimwch. Fe baratowyd sbeis cymysg cartref i ni gael gweld pa gynhwysion i'w cynnwys a hefyd 'dukkha' sydd yn ffasiynol 'nawr gyda nifer o gogyddion. Difyr iawn oedd cael gwybod sut i wneud meringues aquafaba drwy ddefnyddio sudd gwygbyys tun (chickpeas) yn hytrach na gwynnwy. Noson i'n hysbrydoli i roi cynnig ar rai o'r ryseitiau. Cawsom deisennau briwdda a 'stollen' gyda gwin Nadoligaidd cynnes i orffen y dathliad.

Erbyn ein cyfarfod fis Ionawr, ar ôl holl rialtwch a dathliadau'r Nadolig, roedd pawb o'r aelodau yn barod am sesiwn o 'Fyfyrddod a Meddwlgarwch' yng nghwmni Siwan Reynolds. Merch o Gaerdydd yw Siwan, ac ar ôl addysg gynradd yn Ysgol Gymraeg Pencae, yna Ysgol Uwchradd Plasmawr fe raddiodd mewn Seicoleg ym Mhrifysgol Caerwysg. Erbyn hyn mae'n athrawes myfyrdod a meddwlgarwch ac yn gweithio gyda disgyblion cynradd ac uwchradd ledled Cymru. Sefydlodd ei chwmni ei hun ac mae ganddi wefan y gall athrawon gael mynediad iddi os ydynt wedi tanysgrifio. Cawsom gyfle i wneud ein hunan yn gyfforddus ac ymlacio'n llwyr drwy gael ein harwain drwy rai o fyfyrdodau Siwan!

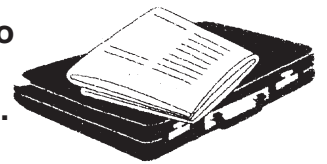


Marjorie Collins



The Staff and residents of Cwrt Brynteg would like to wish Marjorie many happy returns and congratulations on her 100th birthday on 3rd February 2020.

Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

Allow me to refer to the letter in the December 'Chain', which describes how the writer had been 'stuck' in a queue of southbound traffic travelling through our Villages at 20mph behind a person who had decided to impose their own speed limit.

The effect on this occasion was to create, what appeared to be a long, tightly packed and polluting snake of traffic behind this rude and inconsiderate driver.

Should any driver experience this type of behaviour, I would suggest that they note the registration number and description of the vehicle and report the matter to the Police who can then commence proceedings for 'driving without reasonable consideration for other road users'. Contrary to: Sec 51(A) of the Road Traffic Act 1961. The more witnesses you can gather, the better.

There is no legal definition of this offence, but is generally considered to be a selfish use of the road or acting like a nuisance. The penalty? A very sobering maximum fine of £5000 and between 3 and 9 penalty points.

Universal 20mph limits are a polluting madness! They should be time limited outside schools etc with camera enforcement - who could argue with that? Everyone would know that, for example, Heol Isaf between say, Woodfield Avenue and say Shepley Court would be strictly restricted to 20mph between the hours of say 0715 and 0830. 1130 and 1300. 1430 and 1600 each weekday. The signs would be clear and unambiguous and if anyone thinks that this wouldn't work, then I suggest they take a trip to Germany where it works very well indeed!

Name and address supplied

Auditions for Festival Ambassadors



**Tuesday 11 February 2020 from
19.00 – Old Church Rooms, Radyr**

**Open to all young people who live
in the R & M Community Council
area, regardless of where they go to
school.**

**Successful applications must be
available to attend a variety of
functions during the Festival
Fortnight from Saturday 2 to
Sunday 17 May 2020.**

The Festival Committee are looking for a small team of Ambassadors to help champion the work of Tenovus, the Festival Charity, through the Festival Fortnight and at other times during their year of office.

This is a new and exciting role for 2020 and will replace the previous "Festival Queen" role. This is an opportunity for a team of ambassadors to undertake a year in office, starting with the May Festival, and representing the RMA and our Charity at Festival events and some charity events throughout the year. The successful team will also have the chance to contribute their ideas to the work of the Festival team. The RMA will offer training and support to the ambassadors to assist them in performing their role and making the most of this opportunity in their year of office.

At the audition, participants will be asked to speak to the panel; introducing themselves as a potential ambassador and explaining how the work of Tenovus is important to Radyr & Morganstown. There will then be an opportunity for a question and answer session with the panel.

Auditions are open to ALL young people in Years 5, 6, 7 who live in the Radyr & Morganstown area, regardless of where they go to school.

Any questions? – e-mail
Ambassadors@rmfestival.org.uk

Festival Ambassadors FAQs

What is an Ambassador?

Our Festival Ambassadors will be representatives of both the RMA/Festival Organising Committee

and our chosen charity (Tenovus for 2019/20).

Will I have to wear special clothing?

The Ambassadors will each be given a sash and pin-badge to signify their official role at the Inauguration Ceremony on Sunday 3 May 2020. It is expected that the Ambassadors will dress appropriately for each occasion they attend simply adding the sash/badge to that outfit. This may mean smart dress for a more formal occasion, wellies and warm clothing another day or simply putting the sash on over their normal school uniform to deliver an Assembly.

What is the commitment?

There are approximately 10 events across the Festival Fortnight (2 to 19 May 2020) where our team of Ambassadors will be expected to attend – but it may not be the full team required for each event. We will also hold 2 training evenings before the Festival for the Ambassadors to get to know each other and start building some of the skills they will need during the year.

We are also looking to work with the Ambassadors to build a programme of other appropriate events through the year where they can represent the RMA/Festival Committee and promote the work of the chosen Charity (Tenovus). This may include preparation and delivery of school assemblies, delivering a message through fun activities at a Guides group or hosting a quiz night. This programme will be created with the appointed team (and their Parents/Carers) to work with their existing interests and commitments.

Where has this new role come from?

Whilst the ambassadors are a new and exciting role for 2020, they will replace the previous role of the Festival Queen and her attendants. This change has come as a direct result of feedback received by the RMA from young people in the community both directly and through our routine consultation and review exercise for the annual May Festival. The views expressed were clear that a change was required that was both respectful to the long tradition of Festival Queens and also updated the role making it more inclusive and more participatory for the young people involved.

In creating the new role, Pupil Voice

at both Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools were consulted on the potential responsibilities and naming of our new team. We look forward to the role of Ambassadors being shaped by the unique team's interests and skills each year and as usual will be seeking feedback on all aspects of the Festival in the summer to ensure it continues to evolve and meet its aim of supporting Radyr & Morganstown as a great place to live and work.

Catrin o Ferain

Fydd y Noson Gymreig Wyl
Radyr ar nos Fawrth 5ed o Fai
eleni am 7.30 y.h. yn Hen
Ysgoldy'r Eglwys. Testun y sgwrs,
gan Gwynn Matthews, fydd
Catrin o Ferain.

Mae'r llun enwog ohonni yn yr
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Catrin, a hi yn sicr oedd Cymraes
enwocaf cyfnod Elizabeth I. Sail ei
henwogrwydd oedd ei pherthynas
gwaed a'r frenhines. Bu'n weddw
dair gwaith, a bu ganddi bedwar
gwr - bob un ohonynt yn ddynion
dylanwadol - a chafodd blant
gyda'r tri cyntaf. Fel canlyniad
cafodd yr enw "Catrin Mam
Cymru". Bu hi a'i theulu yn agos
at rai o ddigwyddiadau mwyaf
cyffrous yr oes.

Christmas collection for Tenovus

Over the Christmas period the magnificent sum of £3,200 was collected for Tenovus, our Community Charity for the year. Many thanks go to the two local primary schools, Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary, who between them raised £2,500 at their Christmas concerts. The rest was collected at the Christmas Lighting event.

The R&M branch of Tenovus have announced that they have already collected over £5,000 and are only half way through their year as the Festival charity. With many events already planned, including an ever popular Murder Mystery at Morganstown Village Hall on March 14th, they hope to make this a bumper year for the charity.



Little Aces Tennis

Our Little Aces tennis programmes are delivered three times a week by Coach Phil & Tom on a Wednesday morning 09.30-10.15am, Friday afternoon 2-2.45pm and Monday 4-5pm at Radyr Lawn Tennis Club.

Little Aces – stage one is every Wednesday morning & Friday afternoon ~ (AGES 2-4)

Stage 1 of Little Aces is designed to encourage balance, agility and co-ordination whilst helping to build each child's self-confidence. Children will develop throwing and receiving skills and also improve their confidence

through fun games and skills whilst developing numeracy and language skills alongside their tennis.

Coloured equipment helps to keep children stimulated and it is also important that children of this age begin to develop their social skills, and we promote these by encouraging Little Aces to share and take turns. We encourage all Parents / Grand-Parents to get involved in stage one sessions when possible.

Children will use specially designed rackets and balls to introduce them to striking and receiving skills and at the end of each Little Aces session and children are rewarded with stickers and these practices can be practiced at home with mum and dad.

Little Aces – Stage 2 is every Monday 4-5pm (AGES 4-6)

Stage 2 of Little Aces builds on the motor skill development and the early years learning goals from stage one and introduces more racket skills helping children become more familiar with how to control the ball from both sides of the body.

In this stage, children will further develop their striking and receiving skills as well as being encouraged to work in pairs and as part of a team. Children will progress their counting and language skills as they develop more independence and get more

comfortable listening to instructions and carrying out more complex tasks. Above all else, the Little Aces programme emphasises fun whilst providing a balanced curriculum for children to learn alongside their parents.

All stage one sessions will take place mostly indoors in our large clubhouse. If the weather is dry and not too cold, then advance to the courts.

There is tea and coffee available to Parents with an honesty box, so make yourself at home.

Our team of coaches, led by Phil and assisted by Tom are well qualified, DBS checked, and first aid qualified, but more importantly they both really enjoy working with this age group and help start off children with their tennis journeys.

All Children will need to become members of Radyr LTC and that membership is £12 a year (£1 a month) running April to April (you can join at any time).

If you want to join the Little Aces Programme and become members of our club then please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/radyrlawntennisclub/Membership/Join>

The link to subscribe onto the new term in January 2020 is <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/radyrlawntennisclub/Coaching>

The new 6-week term commences on Monday 6th Jan 2020 and ends on Saturday 15th Feb. £3 per session paid for as block of 6 weeks – total £18 for the term.

We also deliver some high tempo Cardio tennis sessions (no tennis level required) for Adults, Parents, so come and take full advantage of our amazing tennis academy and drop in sessions – message or call our Head Coach Phil Thomas firstballin1@gmail.com

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Christmas Tree Festival

We enjoyed another successful Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church with the trees standing right through the Christmas period. This meant that our services were greatly enhanced by the delightful background of 22 sparkling trees on the window sills and dotted around the church.

It was particularly good to have some new groups joining our festival and also interesting to see that quite a number of the trees were decorated using re-cyclable items.

Vicki, our vicar, plans to repeat the festival next Christmas and there will be a small prize for the best idea for a theme. Closing date will be 30th September. You'll have a reminder!"



Operation Christmas Child

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

It was a sight to behold on Sunday November 17th at Christchurch! The aisle was packed with a queue of adults and children all clutching their filled shoe boxes. They were arranged in a very colourful wall at the altar, where the Vicar gave them a blessing. This special day is now known as Shoe box Sunday.

The following morning 3 volunteers arrived in a large van to pack them all away, as I counted them carefully. They then proceeded to Park Road and Bryn Deri Primary Schools before returning to the newly acquired warehouse at Culverhouse. Scores of volunteers efficiently checked the boxes for unsuitable contents before they were banded and crated. There was a slight problem this year as sweets and toothpaste were banned due to customs regulations in some countries. They had to be removed, but were later distributed to children's homes or charities. I visited the warehouse and again was impressed by the dedication of the volunteers and their efficiency. It would be easy to become overwhelmed by the mountain of boxes to be sorted!

I am delighted to report that 23,992 shoe boxes were processed at the Cardiff warehouse. The boxes were transported to Liberia (7,861 boxes), Moldova (9,581 boxes) and Bosnia (6,650 boxes).

Our contribution this year from Radyr was 201 boxes.

A huge thank you to all of you who packed boxes with such thought and loving care. What a difference your box has made to 1 child's life!

Again, I must single out a few people who stoically knit hats, scarves and mittens all year.

They are Gill Davies and Marion John. Many thanks to the following groups and to you individually for your beautiful boxes and donations.

Sunday Clubs (Christchurch and St. John's), Mothers Union, Radyr and Morganstown W.I., ladies section Radyr Golf Club, Radyr Music Society, French class Rhiwbina and our 2 Primary Schools.

Anne-Marie Phillips

Radyr Primary Immersion Day

On Monday 13th January Radyr Primary pupils and staff dressed up to launch their topic for the Spring Term 'People who changed the world' and 'Special People'. Staff joined in the fun by dressing up as some key people who have changed our world with key figures from the world of music, science, fashion, civil rights, space exploration and more.



We found that lots of children in the foundation phase appreciate the wide range of people that make up our community and are already planning to be fashion designers, teachers and police officers of the future. They were thrilled to be given the opportunity to try on the different police uniforms from 1970's to the current day and look



FOR SALE

Gas Cooker - 4 rings
£50.00

Recliner Chair
£25.00

Contact: Robert Thomas
07541 319078

at how uniform design has changed and why, as well as look at the different equipment that officers carry when they are on duty.

Key stage 2 children within class had a range of activities designed to trigger their ideas for this term's topic. Many of the pupils realised the importance that resilience and mistakes had in changing the world, such as the example of James Dyson and his 5127 prototypes for the Dyson Hoover before finding the design that worked.

We were lucky enough to have a range of careers from as diverse as wig fitting and extreme sports photographer, as well as careers such as doctors, surgeons and officers from the army join us to tell us about their jobs and help inspire our pupils. A huge thank you must go to all our parents and grandparents who gave up their time in order to share their stories with our pupils to gain an understanding of different careers.

Following this day the children will shape their own learning by deciding on important people they would like to find out more about. It promises to be an exciting term for all at Radyr Primary and we can't wait to see where our learning takes us.

Scout Post Stalwarts

Scout Post started in the Cardiff area in 1984 when the price of a stamp was 8p.

At that time Alan Barnes was the Scout Leader and Mary Barnes ran the Tuesday Cub pack in Radyr. They agreed to take on the sorting of the scout post for the Radyr and Morganstown area in December 1984.

For the first couple of years the mail was sorted on the carpet in their front room! Today scout post is a much bigger task that takes two weeks in the scout hall at the end of November. Alan and Mary, together with a small team of helpers, continue to sort the outgoing mail in the front office at the scout hall.

The Radyr Scout Group wish to thank Alan and Mary for their efforts with scout post over the last 35 years.

JBT



Radyr Cricket Club

Following on from last year, in what was probably the club's most successful season, preparations for 2020 are already in full swing.

Next season, and until 2022, the club will have a new shirt sponsor.

Michael Graham Young, the estate agents, based in Station Road, will have their logo adorning all the



club's shirts. They are replacing Cicchetti's who have been the sponsor for the last three years.

The club has decided, due to large numbers of eligible juniors and senior members, to run a Fifth XI in the League for the first time. It is hoped that this development will give the "competitive cricket" that members seek on Saturday

afternoons. A captain has been appointed and the club will use Pontcanna Fields as a temporary home ground, until a more permanent base, nearer to Radyr, can be found.

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Surf Life Saving

On 29 November Rhoose Lifeguards held their annual award presentation evening and Club Christmas Party at Fontygary Leisure Complex where Radyr resident 9-year-old Amber was awarded "The Outstanding Achievement Award". The award is presented to all Nippers who completed in every individual event in all competitions (poolside and beach) throughout 2019.

Amber's commitment, enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment of all aspects of Surf Life Saving has made her a very popular and valued team member, both in and out of competitions. From her dedicated efforts in individual and team races, to encouraging and helping fellow Nippers she has been a reliable and positive presence at Rhoose Surf Life Saving including training, fundraising and social events.



Voted by members Amber also became the worthy recipient of the 2019 "Nippers Nipper of the Year Award".

Good luck Amber for 2020!
Kathy Beach