

RADYR CHAIN

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Socially Distanced Handover!



The photograph shows David Silver, Chair of the Radyr & Morganstown Association handing over a cheque (suitably distanced) for £3,174 to Rosanne Holmes, Chair of the R&M Friends of Tenovus. Normally in July an event would have taken place to hand over the cheque to the outgoing charity and to welcome the incoming charity. The money was raised by our two Primary Schools, Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary, the R&M Womens' Institute and bucket collections at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

Because a good part of the year, including the crucial Festival period, had been lost to Tenovus the Association has decided to extend their year to July 2021 in the hope that many of the events planned,

including the 2021 Festival, will be able to go ahead.

Tenovus have several events planned in the near future including their annual sponsored walk on September 13th. The walk normally starts in Cardiff and ends in Christ Church Radyr, this year it will begin and end in Park Road and will follow a similar distance around Radyr, so that participants do not have to travel into Cardiff on public transport. Tenovus are hoping to be able to sell their Christmas cards at this event.

Other plans we hear are a bag collection of good clothes and bric a brac to sell in Tenovus shops, once their depot opens and an online version of their popular quiz.

Tenovus News

A donation of £9,200 has been sent from Radyr and Morganstown to Head Office at Tenovus Cancer Care. This sum was raised during 2019 - 2020 by the local Friends of Tenovus Group.

All FOT members send many grateful thanks to those who attended our events in the community and supported us in so many ways to raise this donation.

The money will help to fund treatment, research and patient support programmes throughout Wales and will be very much appreciated by Tenovus Cancer Care.

For more information about the R and M Group please ring 20401872 or e mail fotradyr@gmail.com

COMING EVENTS



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

Please check that they are going ahead.
www.Radyr.org.uk

Sun 13 Sept **14:00 Tenovus Cancer Care Sponsored Walk**
Socially distanced sponsored walk 4 - 5 miles around Radyr environs finishing with refreshments.
Entry £5. All welcome. Please phone 20401872 or e mail fotradyr@gmail.com for details. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary

Mon 14 Sept **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
"Blood Bikes" by Dave Payne - 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/

Mon 12 Oct **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**
"Finding Your Voice" by Kate Woolveridge - 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/

Sun 8 Nov **10:30 Act of Remembrance - Radyr War Memorial**
The annual act of remembrance will take place around the War Memorial on Heol Isaf including the laying of wreaths on behalf of local organisations. This will be followed by a memorial service in Christ Church (approx 11.00). Come and join the village in remembering the fallen.

Colleen Jenkins would like to thank everyone for their very kind thoughts expressed after the death of her husband Ellis Jenkins.

He had been Treasurer of the Radyr Chain for the last nine years.

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

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

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A Mini Autumn Festival For Radyr & Morganstown

As everyone knows, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a fairly devastating effect on our community. From an R&M Association point of view: via our website; Facebook; and Twitter accounts we have tried to keep everyone aware of what is happening with shops, rubbish collections and many other aspects of Community life. Most significant for us was the need to call off the May Festival and, as a result, change our arrangements for our nominated charity. If you haven't heard, we resolved to stay with Tenovus Cancer Care for another year, so they will be our supported charity until July 2021.

No-one knows when current restrictions on holding public meetings – inside or outside – will be lifted. Will we even be able to run the traditional Christmas lighting ceremony in Station Road this year? We will start planning for that very soon, and even for next year's Festival, but in the

knowledge that we may have to abandon or seriously revise the events nevertheless.

In the meantime, we have been thinking how we might still organise a Festival whilst working within the current restrictions. We are planning a 'Mini Autumn Festival'. It will start around Friday, 18th September and run for a week or so. All events will either be outside (and appropriately 'socially distanced') or on line, probably using Zoom. There will be a 'Family Junk Challenge' (using waste materials to build items which can be viewed from the pavement) linked to a walk, a Tenovus Quiz, and we are thinking about a garden competition, talks and storytelling, an on-line drama, and even a cookery demonstration. **We are still forming our ideas so, if you can suggest something that might fit, do get in touch** (rma@radyr.org.uk). As ever, we want to bring our Community back together, have some fun, and raise some money for Tenovus.

RMA Meetings move online

We are currently planning to hold our Autumn general meetings using Zoom. Because we need to restrict numbers, the meetings will be for Association members only but we hope to record them and put them on our website for others to view afterwards and membership is open to all who live or work in Radyr & Morganstown. Full details of the RMA can be found on our webpages – <http://radyr.org.uk/RMA>

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

Radyr Cricket Club - vandalism and update

... from back cover

identified and their parents will be contacted by the club's solicitor. Should the club establish the details of those who commit the damage as shown in the photographs, the Police will be asked to prosecute. New more secure fences will be erected throughout the winter months to ensure that trespassers cannot access the playing area from the Radyr end. Undertaking these measures, will I'm sure, not alleviate all of the problems, but it will start to feel like the club has regained some semblance of control.

As I write this I am excited to think that in a few days time, recreational cricket will return at Radyr, albeit with social distancing requirements. It will be a joy to enjoy bat on ball, rather than the distractions as mentioned above. The season will of course be truncated, though the club will try to give as much cricket as possible to their members, whether they are young or old, male or female. Plans have already been put in place, fixtures arranged and hopefully for the next six weeks or so, the sun will shine.

The extension to the pavilion has continued, though due to the Lockdown and the inability to source materials and contractors, not as fast as the club had anticipated. However the building is now wind and watertight and the internal works will begin shortly with an anticipated finish date in the latter part of 2020. Hopefully by the time the next season is upon us, the social distancing measures will have eased, to allow the club to use this magnificent new facility. Again I must thank the ECB and the Community Council for their support and for sticking with the club, during some difficult times.

Finally, those of you who know the ground, will have probably noticed a bit of a change, with the removal of 11 leylandii trees: these trees were planted by members in 1990 and had become a very familiar part of the scene. Unfortunately due to their nature they had been sucking all the

moisture and nutrients out of the ground and created, a desert like area, which was spreading further and further towards the main square. The consequence of this, combined with the increased number of walkers and cyclists, was it became impossible to maintain a surface suitable for any form of cricket and the difficult decision was taken to remove them. However it will now allow the club to accelerate its plans to provide a dedicated pathway thus ensuring that any conflict between cricket and visitors will become a thing of the past.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

Cherry X

The Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's fundraising group were thrilled to hear of the success of Samantha Hardy who held two fundraising days selling her delicious cupcakes and sweets in aid of the Alzheimer's Society in July.

This inspirational young lady is a student at the University of South Wales, studying primary teaching but in her spare time she also runs a cake business called Cakes by cherry x which can be found on Facebook.



During the pandemic Sam ran the Cardiff West Coronavirus Support Group with a member of the Welsh Assembly and volunteered to get shopping/medication for the vulnerable in our community.

Radyr is certainly blessed by individual's with Sam's drive and commitment who seek to make a difference to people's lives.

Through the cupcake day activities she raised £300 which will be used by the society to support those who are living with dementia in the area.

Gwaelod Sorting Office

A disturbing rumour has been circulating in Radyr and Morganstown that the Royal Mail intended to give up the premises that they have used in Gwaelod y Garth for many years, later this month. The Gwaelod sorting office has been closed for several months following flooding during last winter's heavy rains. Most units who suffered from the flooding have been up and running for some time in spite of Covid. To lose the Gwaelod sorting office would be a huge disadvantage to the residents of Radyr, Morganstown, Gwaelod and Pentyrch.

At the moment the Royal Mail only attempt to deliver a package or letter that needs a signature, once. They then ask the recipient to collect the letter or package from a sorting office. For the last few months residents have had to collect such mail from Parc Ty Glas, Llanishen. This is inconvenient enough if you have transport, for those without transport it means at least two bus journeys.

The Chain asked the Royal Mail Press Office in London - they don't have a Press Office in Wales -for a comment and we print their reply in full.

A Royal Mail Spokesperson said: *"As a result of severe flooding at our Cardiff North West Delivery Office in February, we have been temporarily working from Cardiff North Delivery Office (Cheviot Close, Parc ty Glas Cardiff, CF14 5XW). No decision has been made to move permanently at present, we are reviewing the best and safest options for the future."*

A situation that needs monitoring carefully.

From The Rectory



Dear reader,

Our hopes for a vaccine to prevent Covid-19 have been boosted after two groups of volunteers in a University of Oxford trial appear to have had the desired immune response and good results are being found in trials abroad. One drug maker intends to recruit some 30,000 trial subjects as they seek to create an effective vaccine. Shares in drug companies have rocketed recently but what about those who have or will play their part in medical trials?

I was born in 1961, four years after a drug called Thalidomide was first marketed in Germany. The drug was promoted for those suffering with anxiety, sleep problems and morning sickness. Sadly more than 10,000 babies born to women who had taken the drug were born with birth defects including limb deformities and sadly some 40% died soon after birth. In the year I was born the drug was implicated and I still recall as a little girl seeing children of my own age and wondering what had happened to their missing or deformed limbs. Would you be willing to take part in a drug trial if invited to do so today? Throughout the Covid pandemic my son Peter, a doctor and his fiancé Lauren have worked in The Heath. Lauren had been working for a drug company but chose to return to nursing in response to the chronic need for NHS staff locally. Recently they signed up to take part in a clinical trial for a Covid vaccine but only this week she told me she was having second thoughts having been told she should not conceive a baby for at least a year after the trial. In the past few months we have given thanks for the NHS and for key

workers but there are so many others who have taken and will take risks for us and we owe them all a debt of deep gratitude.

During the past few months we have each discovered things we never knew before about ourselves and about other people. We have been surprised at the generosity of strangers who have delivered our shopping or medicines or just checked on our well being. We have discovered those things we value most - not the things we buy but the people who love us and whom we love and have missed. We have learned how difficult it is to live 24/7 alone or with others, even our loved ones! Sadly we have learned to grieve not just for lost freedoms and opportunities, nor even just for jobs or hobbies but for friends and family members. At this time of year our children normally yearn for the summer holidays now they want to go to school to see their friends. Covid-19 has changed us all.

Yesterday the churches in The Parish of Radyr re-opened for Sunday worship and we are once again open for baptisms, weddings and funerals and are looking forward to serving the community as we have always done. The gospel stories tell of a man who gave his life so that others might live; are there things we can do individually and as a community so that the good things we have learned about ourselves and others can be life-giving beyond this time of crisis but in the years to come? Do write or call me if you have ideas - I hope and pray that our churches in Radyr have made and will make a difference to your lives now and in the years ahead.

Wishing you many blessings,
Vicki

PS. A huge "thank you" to all who are filling the red collecting bin outside The Rectory with non perishable food and toiletries for local families in need - your generosity is much appreciated. We will continue to deliver to those in crisis during the school holidays.

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CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Butter Bean, Pepper and Walnut Salad

A good dish full of flavour, to make ahead and serve with couscous. You can use cannellini or haricot beans.

Generous portions for 2.

DRESSING

3 red, orange or yellow peppers
75g (3oz) walnuts
large bunch chopped parsley
1 finely chopped garlic clove
5 Tabsps olive oil
1 Tabspn sherry vinegar

SALAD

200g (7oz) halved cherry tomatoes
1x400g butter beans, drained and rinsed,
1 small red onion, finely sliced
2 Tabsps capers, drained and roughly chopped

Heat oven 220C/200C fan/Gas 9
Place halved peppers (skin side up) on roasting tray.
Roast approx. 30 mins until skin blackened
Add walnuts to tray for last 3 mins
Tip cooked peppers into bowl and cover with film
or place in paper bag.
Place walnuts aside to cool
When peppers cool, peel, deseed and finely chop
Finely chop walnuts
In large bowl mix oil+vinegar+garlic+parsley+seasoning
Stir in peppers+walnuts
Add tomatoes, butter beans, red onion+capers.
Serve on couscous or garlic-rubbed toast.

A.M.P.

Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale continues to seek vital funding

Older people's charity, Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale, continues its long-standing commitment to supporting vulnerable and isolated older people living in our local communities amidst the Coronavirus outbreak. As the crisis continues to hit, the number of people requiring its support has risen immensely and additional requests for assistance continue to be received daily.

Jeff Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer explains: *'As a small, local charity with limited funds, our resources are under huge strain and our infrastructure at risk. Throughout this crisis, when there has been fierce competition for limited funds, Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale has consistently applied for grants from all relevant bodies as well as urging individuals and businesses to donate or fundraise to help us continue our vital work.'*

'We have been very fortunate to obtain funding from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action through its Emergency Services Fund. The fund has been created to enable organisations providing vital support during the Coronavirus crisis to continue and to expand their work. WCVA recognises that funding needs to reach those working directly with communities quickly to help meet a huge increase in need. It seeks to help fund those providing vital support to groups such as older people, those in isolation or those struggling to access food etc. We are very grateful to WCVA for granting us funding to continue to deliver our much-needed services.'

Since the start of the Coronavirus lockdown, Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale has taken over 3,600 calls for information, advice and reassurance and many clients are called weekly to maintain social contact. The charity has also



Our limited resources are now focused on maintaining telephone contact with the hundreds of older people on our database identified as most vulnerable to offer support with shopping and keeping in touch. If you or an organisation you work for want to show support for our ongoing charity work at this time, then please make a donation and help us reach out to as many as possible in need during this unsettling time to make sure they stay safe and well.

responded to the shopping and prescription delivery needs of 300 new clients.

The charity's services have had a great impact on client and volunteer alike. Eighty-year-old Trevor and his wife Ann have been supported by Amanda, one of Age Connects' newest volunteers.

Trevor explains: *'We feel unbelievably lucky to have met Amanda and to have her support, and that of Age Connects, even though it has been under the most difficult circumstances. Totally reliable, Amanda is always so cheerful and full of beans. She always shows real concern for our welfare, not just helping us with our shopping, but ringing us up during the week just to say hello and to check how we are doing.'*

Volunteer Amanda shares: *'As the UK went into lockdown and I was placed on furlough, volunteering seemed like the right thing to do with my spare time. I could see vulnerable and older people were crying out for help whilst they were self-isolating or shielding and that's when I made contact with Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale. Volunteering with the charity has given me the opportunity to make a real difference and the satisfaction I get from the role has been very rewarding. I feel like I've found friends*



that I will stay in touch with long after lockdown'.

The charity's Chief Executive Officer continues: *'We fully recognise that it isn't possible to support the older, isolated and most vulnerable members of our local communities at this time without our dedicated staff and volunteers, as well as access to funding such as that through WCVA and other organisations.'*

'As we strive to maintain this support we still need help to keep our clients safe, well and reassured that there is help at hand. Can you help us help?'

To show your support or make a donation visit

ageconnectscardiff.org.uk

or follow the link:

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/helpushelp>



Anti-Social Behaviour

Local social-media sites have carried numerous stories recently, about anti-social behaviour across our community.

One area under pressure is Radyr Cricket Club. Property at the club has been vandalised; some young people are using the square to play football (causing damage to the playing surface); club members have been threatened and intimidated; litter has to be cleared away on a regular basis (it contains copious amounts of drug paraphernalia, including nitrous oxide capsules and small plastic bags used for carrying cannabis). Other areas can face similar issues, including Radyr Woods.

Gatherings at these sites can continue way into the night - and the noise made by those present can disturb nearby residents, sometimes until around 2.00am.

One early response to this will be the Cricket Club's installation of additional CCTV equipment across their site.

We value our young people

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council greatly values our young people - and recognises that they have faced unprecedented and difficult circumstances recently, during the pandemic. Like everyone else, they have had to lockdown - and have become very keen to catch-up with their friends. We recognise that they need to be supported - and should be encouraged and assisted to have fulfilling lives and to be good citizens.

We also recognise that young people behaving in an anti-social manner represent just a tiny minority of young people as a whole - and we are told by the police that most of those who behave badly come from outside Radyr and Morganstown.

To discuss this issue, we met recently with cricket club officials, our community police, British Transport Police and youth worker representatives.

The following was discussed:

Reporting incidents Residents should ring the 101

number to report anti-social behaviour. Each call is added to a record of formally reported incidents in R&M. **The more incidents placed on record, the more likely it is that R&M can be allocated additional police resources.**

If the 101 line is busy, residents can report anti-social behaviour online, at: <https://bit.ly/3exslg>.

[Other types of problems can be reported <https://bit.ly/30gXQkl>].

As with 101, online reports will be added to the record of formally reported incidents in R&M, increasing the justification for additional police resources.

However, incidents reported online may not result in an immediate police response (a 'phone call to 101 is 'live' - whereas the online service is checked every 10 to 15 minutes - so might result in a slight delay).

Residents can also ring 999.

Justification for this, according to the police, could include mass gatherings, incidents of aggression or intimidation; ongoing nuisance; vandalism and damage to property; anti-social behaviour; music; drugs; public consumption of drugs and alcohol linked to the above; noise and nuisance late at night.

The 999 responder may refuse to deal with the case as a 999 call (for instance, if other more serious problems are being dealt with - or if the responder does not agree that the incident sounds serious enough. In these cases, the call will be downgraded to a 101 call but - importantly - will be added to the database of formally recorded incidents).

Police presence As mentioned above, 101 calls can help justify additional police presence. This could include special operations (eg on fine summer weekend evenings, or on Halloween night, or on evenings when local intelligence suggests that a mass gathering is being organised).

In the meantime, our community police will continue to patrol various sites around Radyr and Morganstown, to offer advice and guidance and ensure that our young people stay

safe. We may also see the use of PSU vans in future (these transport a number of police officers to areas experiencing large scale disorder).

Visitors from elsewhere

The police understand that young people are travelling by train to Radyr and Morganstown from Barry, Ely, Fairwater, Riverside, Tongwynlais / Taffs Well, Pontypridd etc.

The police believe that ease of access by train, pleasant surroundings and multiple 'escape routes' attract them (especially near the river next to the cricket club).

British Transport Police told us that they will increase ticket checks on the trains bringing those people, during the 'peak visiting times'. Many travel without a ticket - so these checks may act as a deterrent to travel. According to the police, those who engage in anti-social behaviour tend to be between 14 and 16 years old.

Youth Workers

Our community police and a local resident with youth work experience have sought support from Cardiff Council's **Stay Safe** scheme (where youth workers engage with young people, offering advice and activities). Already, some street based youth workers have attended parts of Radyr to engage with young people.

Safe spaces and activities for young people

We need to consider the provision of a safe space where young people can meet and socialise without disturbing local residents. We also need to consider whether safe activities can be provided for young people. This will require careful thought and consultation.

In the meantime, anyone with any ideas about suitable locations or activities is welcome to contact the community council. We are also keen to hear from our young people about this issue.

The Welsh Government's announcement on 9 July that schools should fully reopen in September may help bring some welcome respite from anti-social behaviour, as attention returns to school work and extra-curricular activities, including sports.

The new Multi Use Games Arena in Morganstown should also help keep

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our young people safely engaged in healthy activities.

What can parents do?

Parents will know that they should talk to their children about anti-social behaviour, which can include littering, causing disturbance through noise (especially late at night); using drugs (especially in public places); swearing and intimidating others - and vandalism.

Parents will also want to know where their children are going and with whom.

Parents might not be aware, however, that groups of up to 100 young people can gather near the cricket club, where alcohol and drugs may be consumed.

Parents might also want to encourage their children to let them know about any anti-social behaviour they see, especially vandalism, violence - or the sale of drugs.

Youth Engagement Working Group

The community council has established a Youth Engagement Working Group, chaired by Cllr Myles Vatsaloo. The group will work with young people, in liaison with Radyr Comprehensive School and others, to consider the provision of activities and facilities for young people.

I must emphasise, however, that **we greatly value our young people**. The anti-social behaviour we have experienced is caused by a tiny minority of young people - and we are told by the police that most of those who behave badly come from outside Radyr and Morganstown.

So let's do what we can to support our youngsters!

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council

Tenovus Walk

Sponsored Social Distancing Walk of 4-5 miles in the environs of Radyr and Rhydlafar.

September 13th at 2.00pm
Starting and finishing at
11 Park Road

Entry fee £5 with refreshments at end of walk.

For sponsorship forms and more details please ring 20401872 or email fotradyr@gmail.com. All welcome.

All proceeds to Tenovus Cancer Care.

Fruit Picking

Local person can offer help to pick fruit from trees (apple, pear, plum etc.) or collect windfalls from your garden in exchange for some of the fruit.

If you're interested please let me know.

I can supply references and DBS certificate.

2m social distance easily observed.

You can contact me on
07963 434531

Letter to the Editor...



Dear Editor,

On a lock down walk, I stumbled across a campaign to save the 23 acre Northern Meadows from development as the new Velindre Cancer Centre. I was bemused to discover that this much needed hospital, was to be built on an urban meadow surrounded on 3 sides by a nature reserve. Access will be via two new bridges through the reserve, at a cost of £27m.

I had wrongly assumed that the new centre was being built on the brownfield Whitchurch hospital site. I then discovered that the old Velindre and Whitchurch hospitals are being sold for housing.

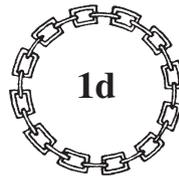
In my opinion, something has gone very wrong. The campaign is not against a new hospital, simply that it should be on a more suitable brownfield site. I would encourage you to take a walk & do your own research.

I have written asking for the plan to be 'called in' by the WAG, to review the project in light of modern cancer care models, environmental concerns, impact on future generations and cost. Our community is already losing too much green space.

Incidentally, I have been banned from the Radyr & Morganstown Facebook page, for trying to encourage residents to visit the Meadows.

Best regards
Alastair Garman

RADYR CHAIN



SATURDAY 2nd MAY 1892

WELSH HOME RULE IS DEAD
From our Parliamentary Correspondent.

Welsh Politicians in town are stating that Welsh Home rule is practically dead and gone. Mr Alfred Thomas takes another view. He intends to make the question a binding one at the next General Election, and it is understood that some new developments may be expected shortly. Mr Thomas claims that he can reckon on the warm support of one the most active members of the Young Wales Party.

LOBBY FOR A LOCAL SHOP

Villagers are discussing the possibility of the opening of the first village general shop. It has been suggested that a shop could be opened in Station Road shortly. This would overcome the need for local people having to cross the river to Whitchurch or using the passenger train to Cardiff, to buy their family groceries and provisions. The question is, could the village support a local shop and would they use it? The interested parties would only committ themselves to such a venture if they believed they had the support of the community. The Editor would strongly encourage the readership to give support to this project and hope that it might be the start of an active commercial centre close to the station and main road through the village.

HIGHER MUSICAL EDUCATION

DR JOSEPH PARRY

LECTURER ON MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, CARDIFF AND HIS ASSISTANT

MR D.C. WILLIAMS

BEG TO MAKE KNOWN TO THEIR PUPILS ALSO THOSE DESIROUS OF RECEIVING MUSICAL TUITION. THAT THE EASTER TERM WILL COMMENCE ON TUESDAY APRIL 20TH 1892 AT BEEHIVEN-CHAMBERS, 2, NEWPORT ROAD, CARDIFF.

NOTICE TO CRAFTSMEN

Carpenters and Joiners are informed that a Strike is pending in the town of Cardiff. All Masons are requested to keep away from Pontypridd and district pending the dispute.

SITUATIONS VACANT AUTOMATIC KNITTING MACHINE

Ladies can earn from 15s to 30s weekly at home by the Automatic Knitting Machine. Cash or easy purchase terms; work supplied. Address W.D. Company, 67, Southwark Street, London Agency: 33 Oxford Street, Swansea.

GARDENER

Mr Maddox of The Lodge, Radyr is offering the position of head gardener. Applicants should have completed indentures with a professional horticulturist for a least a period of 5 years. A weekly payment of 150s will be paid to the successful candidate following satisfactory interview and reference.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE 100 YEARS ON

By our local Astrologer, Madame Claire Voyant

The villages of Radyr and Morganstown will grow tenfold with an inhabitancy of families of four. The menfolk serve the community in educating their children, providing medicine, journalism and many other skills. The crafts of today will have largely disappeared and farming of the land has greatly declined. Many new buildings will be erected to provide education, religious instruction and social enjoyment. A new church will adorne the centre of the village with a grand tower built in the glory of God. The passenger railway system will have developed into a major means of transportation, and many more horseless type carriages will be seen to frequent Heol Isaf causing nuisance to the many residents who live alongside the main route. The hard work and tedious efforts of the present generation will still be evident 100 years on in the fine buildings and agricultural structures. The present Mission Rooms will become a centre of activity for the whole community and will stand as a memorial to our times.

TO OVERCOME WEAKNESS PEPPERS QUININE AND IRON TONIC

GIVES
NEW LIFE
APPETITE
HEALTH,
STRENGTH
AND
ENERGY

GARDEN PARTY

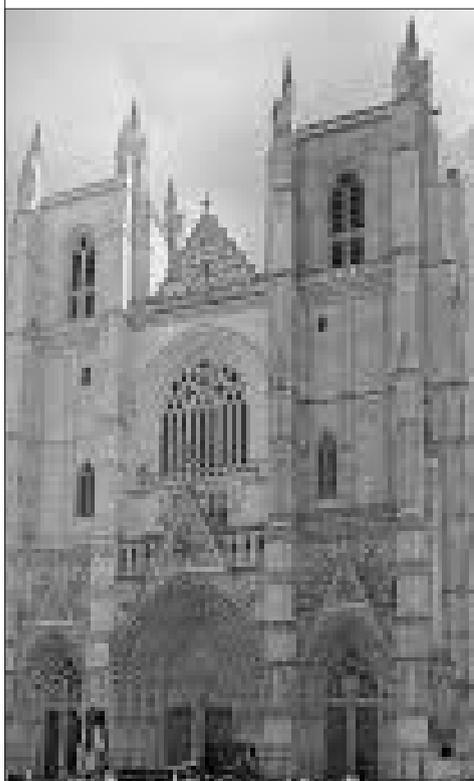
Colonel and Mrs H. Oakdin Fisher of Ty My nydd House, Radyr invite residents of the village to a garden party in aid of the poor. Those interested in attending this occasion should note that it will commence at 2.0pm on Saturday next and finish at 5.0pm. Colonel Oakdin Fisher will receive guests from 1.30pm onwards, followed by an address by the High Sheriff of Glamorgan on behalf of the Poor Fund for Wales.

FOR SALE GLAN-YR-AFON

Lord Windsor has placed the above property for sale by public auction. The house stands above the railway junction looking out over the fields towards Whitchurch and is within close proximity of the passenger station. The land is leased by the said Lord and will carry the rights of tenure for a period of 999 years. The Auctioneer, Mr Joseph George Maddox of the Lodge, Radyr invites all those interested parties wishing to make bids for this desirable gentlemen's property to assemble at Glan-yr-Afon at 9.0am on Wednesday 4th May 1892.



Nantes Cathedral



It was with sadness that those of us who are familiar with Nantes heard the news of the devastating fire in the cathedral. St Philbert is only ten or so miles from Nantes and is regularly visited by Twinners.

The Gothic Jewel which is Nantes Cathedral is classified as a "monument historique" by the French Government. It's nave is 4 metres higher than the better known Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, which also suffered a devastating fire in the last two years. The cathedral of St Peter and St Paul is an architectural gem and took 475 years to complete.

The organ and some of the spectacular stained glass have been damaged, but happily there is less damage to the medieval stonework and tombs. The cathedral has undergone major reconstruction twice since the end of the Second World War. Once as a result of wartime bombing and again in 1972 after a fire. We think of our friends in St Philbert.



Junk Challenge 2020

As part of the 2016 Festival which celebrated the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth, the Association organised a successful Junk Challenge based on the characters from his novels.

The Association is organising a similar challenge to coincide with their autumn Festival.

1. All entries need to be in place on Saturday and Sunday 18th and 19th September.
2. The entry/ entries (you can submit more than one) needs to be visible from the pavement outside, either in your front garden, front window or paved area. The judges will come around and judge the entries on the 18th and 19th September.
3. Junk is anything that you are throwing out, paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, metal, fabric. You can use any fixing, glue, sticky tape, nails, ties etc and can use paint to decorate your entry.
4. There will be a prize in two categories, under 11 and over 11 on the 10th September.
5. The themes are:
 - (i) Wildlife. It can be a realistic representation of wildlife animal, or floral and can include an animal character from a favourite book, i.e. Toad from the Wind in the Willows or the White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland.
 - (ii) A favourite book.
 - (iii) Transport.
6. Entries should be submitted via a form to be found at <https://radyr.org.uk/JunkChallenge>. Entries should be submitted by midnight on the 10th September.

Local Arrangements for Shops and the Library

RADYR LIBRARY

Radyr Library is open once again at its usual times, its lovely to have our friends back again. There are special arrangements. You can't look for a book on the shelves, you need to phone the Library Line 02920 871071, where you will speak to a real person. They will discuss what kinds of book you need, either specific titles or authors you like or types of book, crime, war, romance, history, biography, travel, cookery etc. and will make suggestions. The Library will then phone you and arrange a time for you to collect your books. Books might take a little longer as books are quarantined between each user to make sure that they are covid free.

The staff also ask you to return books via the book post box at the entrance.

WASTE BAGS

Waste bags and recycling bags can be collected from the Library once again. On normal days they will be left in bins outside the Library - during opening hours - so you don't even have to go into the Library. *WELCOME BACK.*

SHOPS

Most of the shops are working virtually as usual, with awareness of social distancing. It's particularly pleasing to welcome back the hairdressers and the barber. Most of us who've been able to get an appointment are feeling quite light headed. By the time this Chain arrives through your letterbox, yes another sign of the relaxing of lock down, Cichetti, the Radyr Tap, Slice and Ty Nant will be allowed to serve both inside and out. Look out for their arrangements.

OLD CHURCH ROOMS

The OCR is making arrangements to open up slowly from the beginning of September. The nurseries and after school clubs will be the first to reopen but other events will start to open as things are seen to be working.

Radyr Cricket Club - vandalism and update

Over the last few years, despite all the success the club has had, one problem has been bubbling away, and this year, possibly due to the Pandemic, has burst to the surface. That is anti social behaviour by youngsters trespassing at the ground. Individuals as young as thirteen, causing damage and mayhem to the club's infrastructure, abusing members and their families and intimidating the volunteers who maintain the grounds. On one occasion there were approximately 150 in number, and despite pleas from those charged with making the ground what it is, these individuals deliberately rode heavy bikes across the main square causing significant damage.

It appears that this behaviour maybe fuelled by underage drinking and drugs, as the photograph of the aftermath of one of their evenings shows. I'm sure, the parents of these children would be horrified, if they actually witnessed the way they behaved. It is therefore sad and somewhat baffling to witness some parents driving into the club car park and dropping off their children. Over the last few weeks we have



seen, a contractor working for the club, hit by a motor bike and witnessed vandalism on a large scale: another photograph shows the wanton destruction of a fence, put up only weeks before.

The club met with the Police, Transport Police and County and Community councillors, to discuss the actions of these people, who are not just causing problems at the club, but throughout the whole village.

I'm sure I speak for everybody when I say that the residents of Radyr, whether members of the cricket club, or not, are sick and tired of this intimidation. The club has therefore decided to take certain actions, that will cost money, but are essential for the well being of members. Over the next few weeks, CCTV will be installed all around the ground, trespassers, where possible, will be

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Festival Gardens

Two more pictures of the spectacular gardens that were at their best during the Festival and should have been open to the public.

