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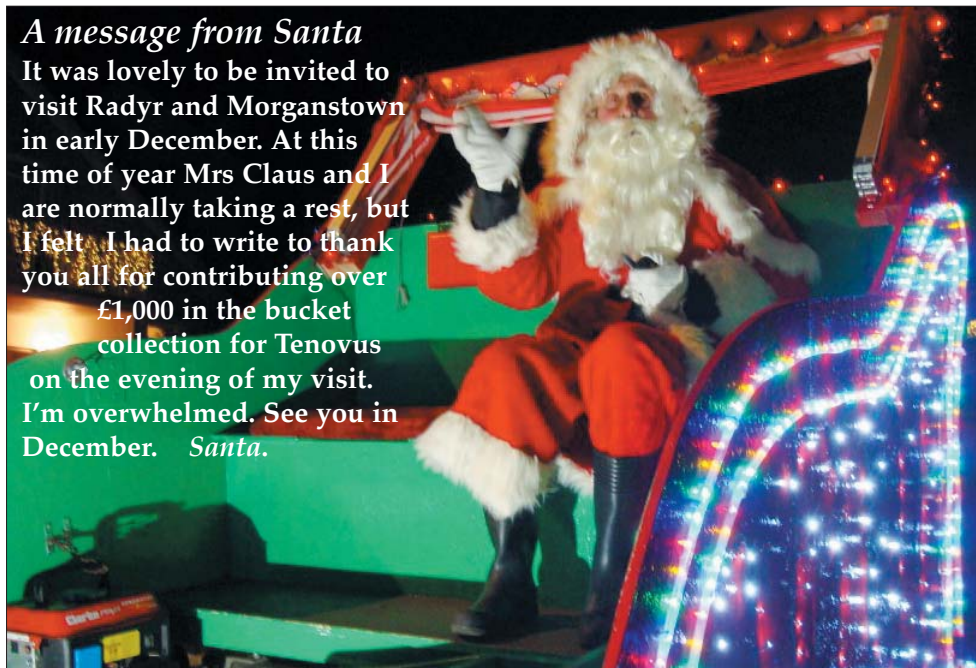
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Christmas 2020

Christmas 2020 will go down in history as a very strange one. We hope that everyone managed to get some joy from the event. We congratulate all those who worked so hard to bring us joy. The Community Council for the street lights, the large Christmas trees for arranging for Santa and Micky and Minnie Mouse and friends to visit R&M. The RMA for the Christmas trees in Station Road, Christ Church for lighting up the tower and the Christmas tree celebration in the Church, The Methodist Church for a spectacular crib in their foyer and all our shopkeepers who did so much to shine a little light into our drab lives.

A message from Santa

It was lovely to be invited to visit Radyr and Morganstown in early December. At this time of year Mrs Claus and I are normally taking a rest, but I felt I had to write to thank you all for contributing over £1,000 in the bucket collection for Tenovus on the evening of my visit. I'm overwhelmed. See you in December. *Santa.*



Left: Our County Councillor, Rod McKerlich, currently Lord Mayor of Cardiff and the Lady Mayoress switching on the Christmas lights.

Right: Nativity puppets at the Methodist church

Christchurch

Unfortunately Christ Church was locked down before many of you had an opportunity to see the Christmas Tree Festival, below are some of the entries. It was also delightful to have the Church tower lit up over the Festivities.



Burying Bad News

The Royal Mail announced that they were closing the Gwaelod Sorting Office two days before Christmas; known as burying bad news in the trade. In spite of a valiant effort by our County Councillor, who was not even informed of the decision, it was slipped in. The Chain has asked Royal Mail for details and a statement, but they have ignored the request.

We understand that in future all mail for Radyr and Morganstown will be handled from the Llanishen Sorting Office 11-13 Cheviot Close, Llanishen, Cardiff CF14 5XW. The Sorting Office is quite hard to find hidden behind the old Tax Office and Marks and Spencers in Llanishen. It is however quite close to Maes Glas Station, although this will probably mean changing train in the centre of Cardiff. For anyone who doesn't drive it is at least a two hour round trip by either bus or train.

Can we remind you that the card they often push through your letterbox demanding that you collect the undelivered item, is not strictly correct. You can phone up and arrange for the Royal Mail to redeliver the item at a mutually convenient time, or you can get the package delivered to Radyr Post Office for a small charge. That is if you can get through to Llanishen. We heard a horror story before Christmas of someone phoning the Llanishen Office to be told there was an hours wait to get through.

If you are ordering goods online the seller is contracting to deliver those goods to your door. So you are within your rights to ask for a refund if those goods are not delivered.

Unfortunately the Royal Mail does not think highly enough of Wales to

have senior management in the Principality, they prefer to live in an ivory tower on the Thames Embankment. The Manager handling this closure for Royal Mail is Michael Hogg, he can be contacted at 100 Victoria Embankment London EC4Y 0HQ or by e-mail at michael.hogg@royalmail.com

The more people who protest the more likely we are to get a better service.

R&M Foodbank

Many thanks to everyone for your generosity in supporting our 'Christmas Food Bank Collection' The response was fantastic! We were very busy for the four days despite the appalling bad weather! We received lots of treats for families as well as the basics. This would have made a big difference to those



less fortunate than ourselves. Also there were eighteen monetary donations.

Five cars transported the items from our house to the Methodist car park where we were joined by our minister Rev.d Judith Holliman and her son James(who also took the

photos) and two couples from Plas Dwr, Yvonne and Phil and Julie and Carl who had collected from their neighbourhood.(They are also members of our church).

It will come as no surprise that in this unprecedented time we are organising another collection from Thursday 11th-Sunday 14th February from 9:00am -5:00pm. at our house 30, Pentwyn. If the weather is bad we will put the box under our 'car port'

You can also deposit gifts at 13 Heol Roald Dahl and 17 St Philbert Street on Parc Plymouth. Same days and times.

The usual items will be most welcome: long life milk, juice, tins of fruit, custard, puddings, vegetables, meat, fish, packets of biscuits, jam, jellies, cereals, tea, coffee, toiletries & treats for children (I'm sure there will be lots of them at home) and

monetary donations (please place monetary donations in an envelope and pop through our letterbox). The Food Bank are hoping to purchase a new van.

Thanking you in anticipation.
Ruth & Mike Diment.

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Morganstown News

Since the last edition of the Chain Transport for Wales (TfW) have changed their plans for Morganstown considerably, some of them in response to comments from Morganstown residents.

1. Background information

There are two separate temporary compounds in Morganstown. The first for transformational work for the South Wales Metro which will include trackwork, electrification, signalling and steelwork. The second compound at Gelynis Farm is related to the work to build the replacement crossing only. (See map)

Who owns Gelynis Farm? What are the plans for Gelynis Farm when the work is complete?

TfW is in the process of acquiring land within the area – on both a temporary and permanent basis – to facilitate delivery of project (including the replacement crossing and the Metro transformation works). This includes Gelynis Farmhouse and the associated curtilage.

It is important to note that TfW is only acquiring land to facilitate delivery of the scheme to afford safe passage over the railway corridor and with no other motivation. Once the works are complete, land that is owned by TfW will be resold and land that is leased will be returned to the landowner. TfW cannot confirm at this stage who the land and property surplus to project requirements will be sold to in the future, however, it is important to note that TfW will retain no land other than that which is required for maintenance of the new crossing.

Is the access to the site going to be the lane by the side of Pugh's Garden Centre?

TfW -Yes, access to the site will be via the north alongside Pugh's Garden Village. All HGVs will be sent to a nearby holding area first and held there before being sent to the site when it is appropriate. This will allow us to have pedestrian management ready for when the

HGV arrives, to give us control of the number of HGVs arriving on site and help ensure pedestrian safety. We're looking to work with CADW to improve the Mound beside this lane access. We work with Natural Resources Wales to ensure the environmental impact of Metro transformation works is minimised.

(TfW propose to get all vehicles to the two compounds via Pugh's Garden Village and not to use the entrance to Gelynis Farm Road near to the Motorway bridge. (Ed.))

Examples of work being carried out during the day/night?

Compounds provide adequate space and allow our people to work safely beside the railway, store and transport materials up and down the track and provide access to undertake the required construction and engineering work. They are temporary and required for the duration of the Metro rail transformation works.

It will include;

Electrifying and modernising around 170 km of track – mostly installing overhead line equipment (OLE) to power our new tram-trains
Upgrading our stations and signalling

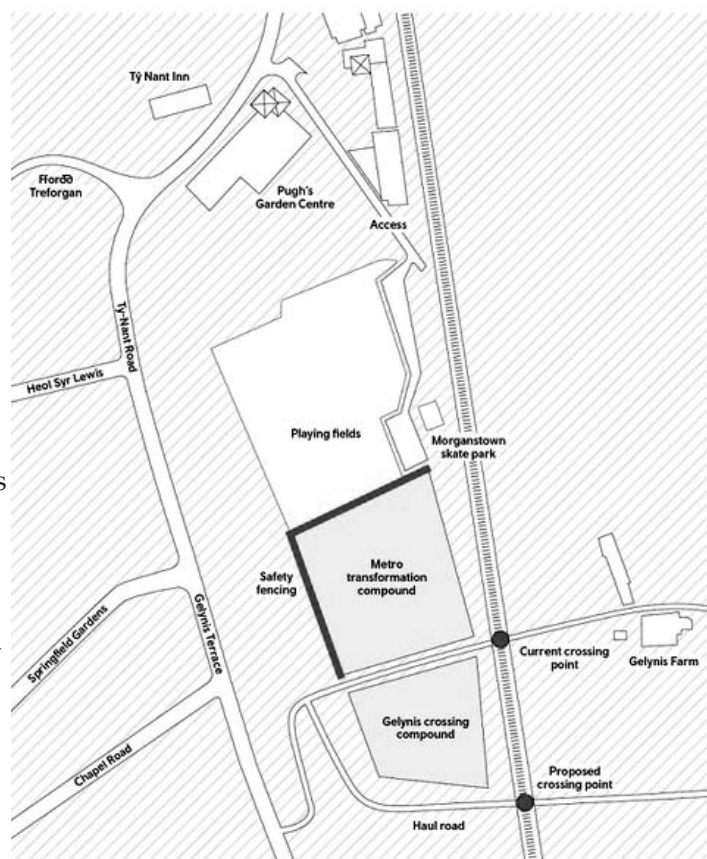
Modifying bridges, level crossings and signalling equipment
Cutting back overgrown vegetation alongside the existing railway corridor

For more information please visit <https://trc.cymru/metrobegins> (TfW have confirmed that they do not envisage pile driving in the section of track nearest to Morganstown. (Ed))

Crossing replacement

The increased services provided by the Metro in future will result in a

Morganstown
Current proposed area layout



much busier railway line, with double the number of services running through the area. Therefore, Gelynis Farm crossing as it is currently operating will be unsuitable for future vehicle and pedestrian use. We believe the safest and most effective way of reducing the crossing risk is to close the road crossing at Gelynis Farm and replace it with a new crossing that goes over the railway, slightly south of the existing crossing.

These works are not related to the (transformational) compound plans and will not adversely affect Gelynis Farm as we are required by law to provide a suitable method of access for landowners. We are currently working with landowners and local stakeholders to shape our plans for this replacement and will keep the community updated as these progress.

When is work expected to start on the site and when is it due to finish?

We are looking to establish our transformation compound in Spring 2021. Metro works are ongoing to 2023. *(It is envisaged that the work at Morganstown will be completed before 2023. (Ed))*

From The Rectory



On 2nd February 1999 our youngest son was born. We named him Charles Simeon. His birthday falls on the day when the Church throughout the world celebrates Candlemas sometimes known as The Presentation of Christ in the Temple. It's the day Christians light candles recalling the moment when Simeon, a devout elderly man, who'd hung around the temple all his life waiting to see "Lord's Messiah" took the baby Jesus in his arms saying that having seen this little scrap of humanity he now felt able to die in peace. The words placed by Luke, the gospel writer, on the lips of Simeon have been spoken or sung at Christian funerals for hundreds of years

As I stand beside a coffin conducting a funeral and hear Simeon's words I often wonder what on earth he saw? Perhaps Luke is just telling us that gazing into the face of this babe old Simeon realised that God is not far off, strong or high and mighty, but God is a vulnerable human life dependent on the care, love and the mercy of others. Maybe it takes a life-time to acquire such wisdom. I don't know about you but I'm far less sure about many things now than I was years ago.

Like many families we have found ourselves locked down with teenagers and Charlie who has not yet grown into a Simeon We love him to bits but like many young people in their teens and early twenties he has all the answers and would be quite capable of running the country unlike his parents! He returned from the Sorbonne

University just before Christmas when the lockdown rules in Paris tightened. He is an angry young man because despite the fact one exam took place last week on-line the university demanded he attend another in person. He has been awarded his first ever exam fail due to absence because sitting an exam in Paris could hardly be called "essential travel". I will not repeat his views! Last week students protested when they were told to sit this exam even if they were unwell or isolating. Where is the wisdom in this?

Covid has not just robbed us of our loved ones or our freedoms but has affected each one of us in different ways. I am always humbled by the eldest members of our community who seem to have the resilience, patience, wisdom and gratitude that I like Charlie am still learning.

I have loved the "Serenity Prayer" adopted by Alcoholics Anonymous and millions around the world who are facing challenges in their lives for many years and so I commend it to you during these difficult times

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

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Thank you...

Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus, would like to thank all the people who came out to see Santa on his sleigh and donated greatly to our bucket collection. We would also like to thank The Community Council, Radyr and Morganstown Association for allowing us to do this and all the committee members and our helpers who chased after the sleigh with buckets around Morganstown and Radyr. We managed to raise over £1000 for the charity. We could not have done this without the support of the community.
Rosanne Holmes

Closing Golf Club Lane

By the time this copy of the Chain reaches your doormat Ffordd Las, better known as Golf Club Lane, will have been closed to through traffic.

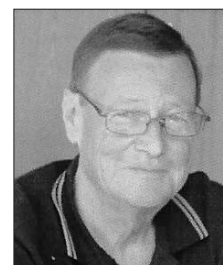
The closure is at the Golf Club works depot on the Radyr side and after Ty Gwyn Farm on the Llantrisant Road end. This will be followed by bollards. We are told that the bollards will be retractable so that emergency vehicles can use the lane.

The Big Job

We are happy to be able to tell readers that Coronavirus jobs started at the Health Centre on the 14th of January. We are also happy that it is possible to have the job in the village.

The Health Centre won't commit themselves to how quickly they can roll out the vaccine, it depends on how quickly they get supplies of the vaccine. They will be calling us for vaccination in line with Welsh Assembly Government guidelines and will most likely contact us by phone. You are asked not to phone the Health Centre to ask when you are to have the jab, as this only slows down the process.

ARNOLD MILES ROBERTS



We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy following Arnold's death on the 23rd November 2020

Thanks also for the wonderful "send off" he was given on December 14th 2020.

Bez, Katie and Christopher Roberts

Radyr Cricket Club

In the years to come, when the members of Radyr Cricket Club are discussing 2020, it is a fair bet that on their initial look they will recoil with horror. The year started with Storm Dennis, which gave an already saturated South Wales a colossal downpour, and left the ground, courtesy of a breached River Taff, under four feet of water. The resultant devastation was akin to a tsunami, leaving disbelieving members with the sight of a severely impaired main ground and a ruined second ground. Then before the clean up had even really begun, the world was hit by Covid 19, the worst pandemic for a hundred years. The Lockdown that followed meant a delayed rescue plan, a truncated season, virtually no income and recreational cricket unlike anything seen outside war time.

But then, as the future members dig further, might they not see that 2020, the year of supposed despair, was actually the club's finest hour? It was a year like no other, when all the members pulled together and as soon as the initial Lockdown was over, the repair works on the ground restarted. Slowly but surely a transformation began, with the main ground patched up enough to allow cricket to begin in early July. The cricket gods were of course laughing at us, as after weeks of wall to wall sunshine the first game at the ground was abandoned due to rain. The club continued with the works on the pavilion extension, took the opportunity to remove the leylandii at the river end and spent money it didn't really have on a dedicated walkway for visitors. August saw the club's first ever Ladies hard ball team take to the field and the seniors reached another final. September saw the reseeding of the second ground plus the final repairs to the main outfield. The works continued throughout the remainder of the year leaving the club in a position that most would have thought impossible given the travails of the year that had just passed.

As was mentioned none of the above would have been possible without the huge effort and sacrifice of the members. But there were also other people, too numerous to mention, who will not be forgotten: individuals

who gave money, companies who gave a favour in kind or a reduced price for a vital supply, those who helped on the ground even though they weren't members, or were actually members of other cricket clubs. There were organisations who came to the fore; the Community Council, the club's Landlords, Cemex U.K. (the Quarry), Admiral Insurance, the 1910 Cardiff Trust, Michael Graham Young and all the other sponsors who had suffered as badly as us during Lockdown. They will always be remembered with grateful thanks.

But now the club move's on to 2021 and cheerier times. With the news of the vaccines there is the hope that a full season will be in front of us. This would mean the fledgling Fifth XI will take to the field and the Ladies will have a full fixture list. Already it has been agreed that the First XI will play in coloured clothing, the captains have been chosen, the fixtures scrutinised and the ground diary populated. The juniors will this year have a full programme from All Stars up to the Under 15s and it is hoped that taster sessions will be run in the local primary schools in the Spring term. Further details of all club activities will be

shared on our website www.radyrcc.co.uk and Twitter once they are available. In the meantime if anyone has any questions regarding junior activities please email peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk

The Christmas Quiz that the club ran in the December issue

of The Chain was a great success and I would like to thank everybody who took the time to submit an entry.

Unfortunately not everybody could be a winner but I'm pleased to confirm that two young ladies, Lydia Bell and Mollie Richards were successful. Their prize of a new club shirt will be presented to them prior to the start of the season. The three questions and answers were: i) What year was the club formed - 1890; ii) How many lanes does the club's net facility have - 3; iii) What does LBW stand for - leg before wicket. Given the enthusiasm the quiz generated it is very likely that the club will run a similar event in December.

As a final task of the year I trawled through all the photos of 2020 and the attached shows the club at its best. Both show the area in front of the pavilion, albeit from slightly different positions: the first one shows the ground in February a few days after the flood, whilst the second shows the ground as it is today. The change is quite remarkable in only just under eight months and I believe people will say with conviction that 2020 was the club's finest hour.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman





Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

So here we are in 2021!

As I write, we remain in **lockdown** - witnessing some quite frightening figures with regard to Covid infections. At the same time, of course, more and more of us are being vaccinated - and we live in hope that we can return to some degree of normality as the spring approaches.

It's a difficult time. We're all missing family and friends - and the day-to-day activities that make life interesting - and fun. Even so, your community council continues to work hard for the benefit of Radyr and Morganstown residents.

We were very pleased with our **Christmas celebrations**. We hope you liked the new Station Road lights - and the lamppost decorations on our main road, in Radyr and Morganstown. We also provided Christmas trees at the Sidings, the Granny Park and Windsor Gardens (along with an impressive-looking, multi-coloured tree at the rear of the gardens). Santa accepted our invitation to visit - and was a huge success as he toured our community in his illuminated sleigh. We also invited Mickey & Minnie Mouse and their friends from Frozen, to dance their way through R&M. And congratulations must go to Jason Fowler who won £50 in our Best Christmas Lights competition, for the bright and cheerful display outside his house in Morganstown. Our thanks go to Cllr Julia Charles who chaired our Christmas Committee!

Christmas over, our focus has turned to a huge project which will have an impact on all of our lives during 2021 and beyond. This is **Transport for Wales' electrification of the Valleys Lines**. The project will pave the way for more frequent trains (up from 6 per hour each way to 12 per hour each way). In addition, new trains and carriages will be provided, offering quieter, less polluting trains.

To enable TfW to deliver the project within their deadline, they need to develop 'compounds' at regular intervals along the railway line (approximately every two miles). These will ensure that workers, with their equipment, can quickly reach their work stations, during working shifts - and be able to travel to and from the compounds to fetch any extra tools and equipment they will need during each shift.

Two of these compounds will be in Radyr and Morganstown. One at the north car park of Radyr Station - and one on the Mound Field.

In addition, the increased train frequency will make the level crossing at Gelynis Farm unsafe. As such, TfW intends to close the crossing - and build a bridge

close to the M4, to enable traffic, pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders to cross the railway line. This, of course, is a popular route for walkers wishing to access the Taff Trail.

The TfW proposals have caused a considerable amount of concern to some residents in Morganstown, including - and especially - Cllr Webster, who has led a vigorous campaign to move the compound and bridge elsewhere.

However, we met with TfW in early January (our third meeting with them). At the meeting, TfW confirmed that there were no other sites suitable for the compound or the bridge. They had double-checked their plans and requirements, following the suggestions made by Cllr Webster, but had concluded that the Mound Field was the only suitable site, bearing in mind the need for access to the railway at regular intervals and the need for safe HGV access to each compound. No other suggested sites would be suitable for the compound or bridge.

As such, I'm afraid that we have to agree, accept and recognise that locating the proposed compounds at the Mound Field / Gelynis site (as well as at Radyr Station) along with a suitable bridge will be required in order to deliver the TfW project.

With this in mind, the Council will focus on:

mitigating the detrimental effect of the TfW works (with regard, especially, to residents living near the railway line and the compounds - along with local businesses; those who use the Mound Field including the Radyr Rangers, skateboard park users and walkers).

securing the maximum possible community benefit as a result of the project (such as improved facilities for the Radyr Rangers; safer traffic / pedestrian management at Pugh's Garden Centre; a better road leading from Pugh's to the Mound field - and improvements to the Mound ancient monument site).

The council also agrees that electrification of the Valleys Lines will benefit commuters, including commuters who live in Radyr and Morganstown - and that this should be welcomed.

In connection with the above, readers may be interested to know that an online survey conducted by the Community Council in December found that:

The majority of respondents believe that the potential benefits of the scheme (such as more trains and better facilities for the Radyr Rangers) will justify the disturbance

the community is likely to face during the two-year construction period.

This is true for all respondents (53% yes, 25% no, 21% not sure) as well as those who record that they live near the proposed compounds.

For all respondents, the ratio is 2:1 in favour of the benefits. For Morganstown residents it is 5:3 in favour (49% yes, 29% no, 21% not sure).

TfW has informed us that there will be no pile-driving on the section between the M4 and Taffs Well, since this part of the line would not have overhead cables because of the height of the M4 bridge. As such, the noise here will be much less.

Even so, we will continue to work with TfW to develop community benefits - and to ensure that noise mitigation is implemented as well as possible.

In other news, Cardiff Council is about to undertake a major public consultation as it prepares to produce a replacement **Local Development Plan**. (This is the plan that sets out Cardiff's policies and proposals for land use in their area. The current LDP, for instance, led to earmarking the Plasdwr area as suitable for housing). R&MCC will be responding to Cardiff's proposal. To help us with this process, we were delighted to receive offers of help from two local planning consultants. We will, of course, keep residents informed as this work makes progress.

In recent days, Cardiff Council has closed **Golf Club Lane** to traffic. Road closure signs are in place, which will be followed by bollards. Although this may inconvenience some drivers, it has become increasingly clear that this narrow, twisting road is unsuitable for traffic - and that cars using the lane present a danger to pedestrians. As such, we welcome this move (a position that was supported by an online survey we published in 2019, where 60% of respondents favoured closure).

We are considering possible developments and enhancements for the Old Church Rooms, which is owned and run by the Community Council - on behalf of the community. More news will follow as we make progress.

Apart from the above, it just remains for me to congratulate Cllr Rod McKerlich on his formal investiture as **Cardiff's Lord Mayor** - and we wish him the very best in his prestigious new role.

Stay safe - and take care!

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones
Chair - Radyr and Morganstown
Community Council
January 2021

Letters to the Editor...



Letters for publication in the *Chain* are accepted in good faith and their content does not necessarily reflect the views of the Editors.

Dear editor,

I write as a Morganstown resident living close to Gelynis Farm and am completely opposed to the proposed industrial compound and bridge by Transport for Wales.

There are no other compounds in South Wales based in a semi rural greenfield site close to a residential area. Why is it acceptable to base one in Morganstown? The prospect of 24/7 working including night time works which will cause significant noise and light pollution to residents is completely unacceptable on every level, not to mention the catastrophic impact this will have to local wildlife. The prospect of dozens of HGV's arriving day and night does not bear thinking about. This work could last for up to 3 years!

The 'consultation' process to date has been little more than lip service, with a large number of outstanding questions remaining unanswered.

It is also with a great sense of disappointment and anger that to date, I do not believe that the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council (RMCC) appear to be doing their job of representing their constituents. It is clear that they are in favour of the proposed works based on promises of a new changing facility for Radyr Rangers. Some may call that a 'bribe'. There has been a complete disregard for the significant negative impact of these proposed works on residents living close to Gelynis Farm by the RMCC. Their job, is to represent ALL of their constituents and not to simply grease the wheels of a large corporation that feels it can railroad interested parties with bribes.

Unless the RMCC step up and start doing the job that they are supposed to do, I suggest that the word Morganstown is dropped from the RMCC and it simply becomes RCC. This will not be forgotten by residents come election time.

Rachel Phillips
Gelynis Terrace,
Morganstown

15th of January, 2021

Dear Editor

Greater Care and Ambition Needed for Morganstown Village

The decision by TfW to locate a Transformation Compound in our Village should be avoided. As a part of the Metro OLE programme the compound is a *disproportionate penalty* for Village residents. No other compound will have 50-80 staff working at night, with nightly deliveries and the loading and unloading of plant, pylons, cables and rails for works along the 10 miles of track from Pontypridd to Cardiff. The *nightly noise* over these 2 years will be heard throughout the Village due to its elevation.

The decision by Cardiff Council to lease Morganstown Playing Fields should also be avoided. The Playing Fields were bequeathed for the *benefit of residents* of Morganstown in the 1950s. The Trust Deeds restrict occupation to public recreation. The playing fields are skirted by a diverse and distinctive *bio-diverse habitat*. There is an alternative location to the North. It is also on the flood plain but is not a special ecological site. The Ty Nant ecosystem will be decimated by the compound.

As a resident of 20 years, and knowing residents who have lived here for generations, we need to see greater care and ambition for our Village from our AM, MP, County Councillor and Community Council. The decision by TfW and Cardiff Council to remove a Morganstown Halt from the Metro system should be reversed. The Village population deserves to be on the sustainable and active travel network.

Yours faithfully,
Reverend Kieran Webster
Morganstown

Sir,

Most people will be aware by now of the infrastructure works being planned by Transport for Wales (TfW) along its network across the Cardiff Capital Region. Amongst other things, this will involve the electrification of the existing valley lines services which head north through Radyr and Morganstown and onto Taffs Well and the various Valley lines. This investment is welcomed in my view.

But I write as a very concerned resident of Morganstown in relation to the proposed works in and around Gelynis Farm and the playing fields as set out

by TfW.

In particular, the two major projects they hope to undertake include a vehicular bridge over the tracks immediately adjacent to Gelynis Farm and the construction of a transformation compound within the confines of the current playing fields to provide support storage/works to the track upgrade to the north and south of Gelynis Farm.

The need for the bridge is questionable in any event in its current format. Vehicular use is very light – most traffic is on foot or cycles. No alternative has been put forward, rather surprisingly. Considering this proposed bridge will be publicly funded at huge cost, I would have thought other options would be at least looked at. What is being proposed is a hideous monstrosity which will completely overshadow Gelynis Farmhouse itself (a listed building) and result in a permanent eyesore.

Either project would be hugely disruptive in its' own right, but undertaken in tandem will result in significant detrimental effects on everyday life in Morganstown and the B4262 road leading past Pugh's Garden Centre heading towards Radyr. TfW plan to route their HGV's entering and leaving their construction sites via the lane currently emerging onto the B4262 from the playing fields/Mound Field adjacent to Pugh's Garden Centre. TfW have indicated that this state of affairs will exist for 12 months at least (not including traffic relating to the compound) Can you imagine the chaos this will cause? Pugh's is busy enough at the best of times. This will affect everyone using this already very busy road through the village.

Of more concern, however, is the proposed 24/7 access to the transformation compound which will be located on the current playing fields (the football pitch is being rotated to accommodate this). TfW have indicated this would be required for two years, with access via the same route as that required for access for the new bridge, if indeed that goes ahead.

The main concern here is light and noise pollution emanating from the site during the night (TfW have said they cannot undertake work on the tracks during the day as rail services will continue to run). The compound will serve lengths of track far removed from Morganstown which is why TfW want the compound for such a

lengthy period. Those residents living on Ty-Nant Road/ Gelynis Terrace and Gelynis Terrace North in particular will be subject to noise and light pollution during the night, and traffic congestion during the day. Tfw have not adequately explained why the compound could not be relocated northwards, thus eliminating any disruption to residents. Relocation will not prevent them from delivering the upgrade project.

Tfw have offered the current users of the playing fields a new changing room, but have made no concessions whatsoever to the residents who will be affected by congestion and the constant lighting and noise through the night.

After pressure from residents, Tfw have agreed to an online meeting which we hope will take place on or around 25 or 26 January, although it has to be said that they have done much preparatory work already in terms of purchasing land, it's beginning to look like a foregone conclusion.

I have to say I am disappointed with the support provided so far by RMCC. They seem much more focussed on the "legacy benefits" Tfw have promised to the users of the field (ie the changing rooms), rather than opposing Tfw's plans as set out and the adverse effects of these plans on the residents of Morganstown. I expected better.

The discussions with Tfw continue.

Yours sincerely,
Anthony Matthews
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15 January, 2021

Dear Editor,

How thankful I have always been that I chose Morganstown as our home nearly 18 years ago. During this coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, I have been more grateful than ever to enjoy our green space and hear the wildlife in the quiet of the night. So many of us have found refuge in the wonderful nature and wildlife that surrounds us as we follow the recommendations of looking after our mental health and well being and taking daily exercise, but staying local.

As you are aware, Tfw have bought Gelynis Farm (to be sold on after Metro works are completed). It is proposed the Council will lease the Mound Field to Tfw for the purpose of setting up an industrial compound. Apparently, Tfw will provide Radyr Rangers with a new Clubhouse at the end of the works as part of the lease agreements. Our Lord Mayor and Councillor Rod McKerlich states this "provides an important opportunity to improve the football Club's facilities". For Chairman Ben Robinson it is a "gratefully welcome investment..a solid foundation for the Club" (the CARDIFFIAN, 9 Dec'20). I am in no doubt that there are other ways to upgrade any football facilities than to turn our green spaces and eco system into an industrial hub.

Generations before us have afforded us 'a solid foundation' by providing the Mound Field for public recreational use. There is no need to turn our Green Fields into industrial use, there are Brown Sites and industrial areas that can be used without the impact of sleep deprivation on our mental health and the destruction of our wildlife and ecosystem.

HGV's will deliver tonnes of steel, pylons, cables and rails, an army of work staff will arrive and park and construction will take place, we are told, mainly at night, lasting over 2 years. I can imagine only too well - the noise, the vibrations, the banging, slamming, air horns, light pollution and vibrations that will be felt by the whole community, but especially for residents in Morganstown. Add to this, the proposed construction of a bridge built from Graigwen, parallel to the motorway and across to Gelynis Farm. Without a stop to this, what we have imagined will become a living nightmare.

The decision taken by Tfw and the Council to use our Mound Field, the decision to cancel a new Halt at Morganstown and the lack of care and consideration for the health and well being of residents has to be stopped. We need 'solid foundations' in place for the sustainable future of our Village and I urge our communities, our councillors and our AM to hear our voices and to reverse these decisions as a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully,
Paula Williams -
Morganstown Resident.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Lentils with Sausages/Cooked Meats and Prunes

This is a healthy, tasty and satisfying dish. Serve steaming hot with either sausages or a little cooked, shredded meat piled on top. Serves 5.

Olive oil
2 med. onions roughly chopped
3 garlic cloves peeled and bashed
1 teaspn. fennel seeds
1 teaspn. chilli flakes
1 cinnamon stick
3 bay leaves
1 large potato peeled and cut into chunks
250g (8oz) pitted prunes
350g (12oz) dried put lentils or Lentilles vertes
450 ml white wine (or stock) +
700ml chicken/ ham or vegetable stock
1 Tabspn. red wine vinegar
a little grated nutmeg
cooked sausages or leftover cooked meat

Place large pan over med. heat
Add good glug oil
Sweat onions + pinch of salt for 10 mins. with lid on
Add garlic + fennel seeds + chilli + cinnamon + bay leaves
Cook further 10 mins stirring
Rinse lentils and shake dry (no need to soak)
Add to pan + potato + prunes (If using large 'ready to eat' prunes, add later)
Stir well and cook 5 mins
Add wine + stock
Turn heat down and place lid on
Cook approx 1 1/2 hours or until most liquid reduced
Using the back of a wooden spoon, crush the potato
The starch will make them creamy (If using 'ready to eat' prunes, add them now)
Add vinegar, nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste.
Cook for longer if lentils need it
The pan will sit quite happily on the hob until ready to heat through.

A.M.P.

News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

When the good news about a vaccine first came to us in November, I wrote to members expressing the hope that WI meetings would be able to resume in the Spring, possibly March or April. It now appears that this may be an optimistic view as it is apparent that although most of our members would be scheduled to get their first vaccine dose by February, social distancing is likely to be needed for some time. We shall have to wait and see.

In the meantime, although meetings have not taken place since March, some of our usual fixtures did take place, albeit in a different format. On Remembrance Sunday, a wreath was laid at the Cenotaph on behalf of Radyr WI. This had to be done by one person, sometime after the small service had taken place, to avoid people congregating at the war memorial. Still, always a moving event.

The Christmas Tree Festival was due to take place in Christ Church again this year. Val Convery kindly agreed to provide and dress a tree to represent our WI. The theme was "Christmas past and present" and Val made a superb and imaginative effort by having traditional decorations on one half of the tree and items associated with the Coronavirus, such as hand sanitiser and masks, etc, on the other half. Sadly, with the tightening of restrictions just before Christmas, the planned public viewings of the trees could not take place except for a handful of worshippers at the few



Christmas services that did take place.

The Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes, of which Radyr WI is part, held an online Christmas Virtual Show and our sincere congratulations go to Anne Maclarg for coming 3rd in the "Floral Wreath" section with her beautiful Christmas door wreath (see picture).

In December, the committee was able to deliver a small gift to each of our members who had paid their subscription in January 2020, as small recompense for not having had meetings and speakers, not to mention tea and chocolate biscuits, for most of 2020.

We usually take part in the Christmas Lighting Event each December and donate our profit to that year's local charity. As it was cancelled last year, the committee agreed to make a donation of £100 from WI funds to the Radyr group of Friends of Tenovus.

Although, at the time of writing, we are still in the latest "lockdown", members have been communicated with via email and phone and the small Genealogy group has continued to "meet" via Zoom throughout the year. The annual voting for WI Resolutions has taken place and Glamorgan Federation monthly newsletters forwarded via email.

The committee met outside on a number of occasions but current restrictions now prevent this, not to mention the winter weather. We all look forward to a time when life returns to normal. In the meantime, stay well, stay safe. GJ

Alzheimer's Society

A big thank you to everyone who answered our appeal for jewellery in the last issue of the Radyr Chain, we had a wonderful response. If you are having a spring clean during lockdown, we are continuing to collect items of costume, gold or silver jewellery (even broken chains or single earrings are acceptable). Just post them in an envelope through the door of Gaynor at 5 Bryn Coed or Pat at 25 Drovers Way.

We look forward to resuming our activities when the situation allows and in the meantime we were delighted to hear that our local Councillor Rod McKerlich, who is Lord Mayor of Cardiff this year, has chosen Alzheimer's Society Cymru as his charity. We are very much looking forward to working with him and the Lady Mayoress with their fundraising activities throughout their term in office.

The Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society fundraising group.

HGV Gateway

It is hoped that a CCTV camera will be placed between the traffic lights at the Ty Nant Inn and Pugh's Garden Village in the near future. The following question and answer session may answer some of your questions.

1. What is the HGV gateway?

Due to concerns raised by residents and South Wales Police regarding ongoing abuse of the existing weight restrictions on Ty Nant Road and Heol Isaf, we will be introducing a new 18 month experimental scheme which will mean that goods vehicles exceeding 7.5t will have to have a permit to use a short stretch of road between Ffordd Treforgan and the Pughs Garden Village. We will install a CCTV camera and any HGV exceeding 7.5 tonnes driving through the restriction without a permit will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

2. When is it likely to come into force?

It is hoped that it will come into force by April, however obviously the caveat is that this is dependent on the course of the pandemic.

When we have a firm date all businesses will be written to beforehand so they can make preparations and a communications campaign will also be undertaken.

3. Do residents need to do anything if they are expecting a delivery by a lorry or van over 7.5 tonnes?

In normal circumstances it is advisable that it is left to the responsibility of the driver of the HGV to take the diversionary route, which is no different from what would be expected at locations where other restrictions apply.

It's important to stress that the restriction is only on goods vehicle **over** 7.5 tonnes, so it will probably only be exceptional circumstances where a permit is required (such as ongoing building works or large scale removals). In such circumstances the resident will need to advise the relevant company to contact us beforehand to let us know and we will issue the company with the relevant permit. (Contact details will be released closer to the go live date)

Additionally the restriction is only the short length of road mentioned above. This means any delivery vehicle coming from the A4119 (Llantrisant Road) direction and then leaving the area via that way will not need a permit, and vis versa.

News from Bryn Deri PTA

Welcome to 2021! Looking back to the end of 2020, the pupils at Bryn Deri Primary School had a wonderful autumn term at school, and everyone felt very Christmassy before the children broke for the holidays. The PTA put together some Christmas activities for the children to do at home with their families, one of those being a Twelve Days of Christmas trail where families were given a map of Radyr and Morganstown to find the houses



which had pictures of the twelve gifts in their windows. People were invited to post photos of their outings on the PTA Facebook page. It was lovely to see families enjoying the trail, even some from outside of the Bryn Deri Primary School community!



The PTA funded the bespoke school pantomimes for the children in the school and nursery this year, to help ease the pressures of Christmas spending on families during this time. The children thoroughly enjoyed them (as did the staff!).

There were some fabulous Christmas decorations to be seen in the area over the festive period, which helped keep the Christmas spirit going when we were out and about with the children – thank you.

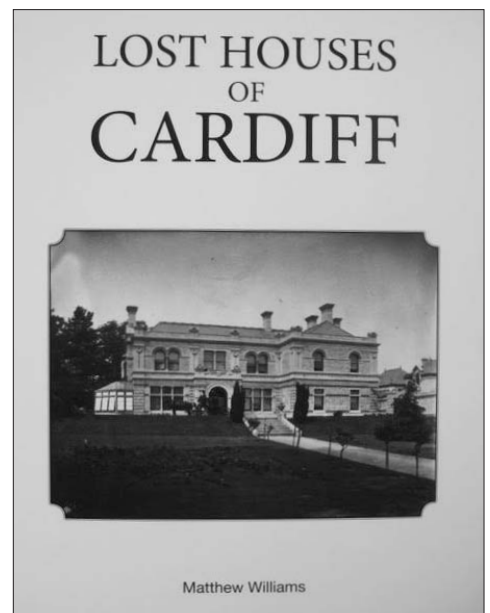
As always, stay safe and well everyone.

Bryn Deri PTA



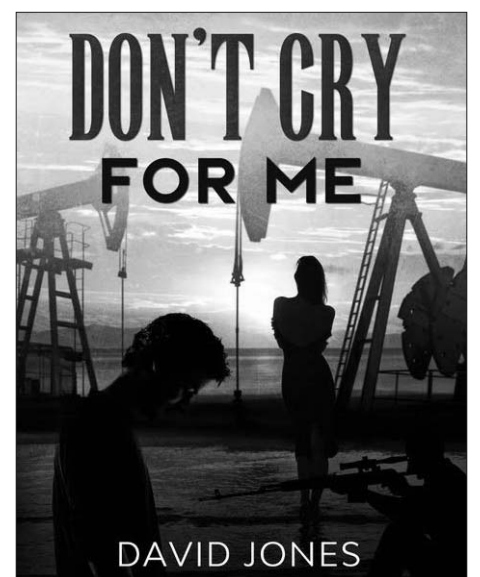
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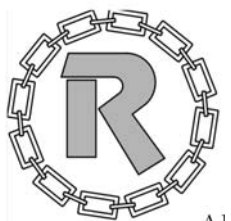
Two books have just been published which will be of interest to residents of Radyr and Morganstown.



LOST HOUSES OF CARDIFF by Matthew Williams, Curator Emeritus of Cardiff Castle. In it Matthew looks at many of the houses in the Cardiff area which have been destroyed in the last century, two of which are in R&M. At 200 pages in length and extremely well illustrated it is a fascinating account of what we have lost. The book is published at £13.99 and can be purchased by just typing Lost Houses of Cardiff in to e-bay.

In 2018 Radyr author and Kings Road resident David Jones published his first novel **JUSTICE**. Those who enjoyed it might like to read his newest novel **Don't Cry for Me**. It is available on kindle or as a paperback via Amazon.





A Radyr Primary Christmas to remember!

Before the school term ended a little bit of Christmas magic happened to create a day that the children of Radyr Primary will never forget. We couldn't have our Christmas Fair this year or invite parents in for Christmas Concerts but we found a COVID safe way (*with all the children and staff in their bubbles*) to share a magical day of festive fun.



The scene was set when we were treated to music from our staff band who provided a little bit of Christmas music as the children and parents arrived at school. The children were full of excitement and dressed in their Christmas Jumpers to raise funds for Save the Children.

The children were in complete awe when they arrived to see that their new outside classroom had been turned overnight into a wonderful Santas grotto. The school were extremely grateful to a local business (Pughs Garden centre) for loaning their Christmas Decorations (*stored for 72 hours prior to decorating*) to create this spectacular scene.



The children were delighted that Father Christmas was able to pay a special visit and that he could spend all day in the grotto so that every child (*in their bubbles*) could pay him a visit (*at a social distance of course*). Reception children sang him a song, whilst year 6 pupils simply waved and said a friendly 'Hello'.

Everyone took a trip to the forest school area where they enjoyed a warm hot chocolate drink (with marshmallows of course) and sang a few Christmas Songs around the fire.

Back in class, their classrooms were Elves workshops where they busily made Christmas Decorations. Year 2 pupils were extremely creative making their decorations from wood, nails and wool!



It was an extremely special treat that Father Christmas brought his reindeer with him and the children decided to make a reindeer food mix ready to leave out for them when they visit with Father Christmas on Christmas Eve! The special mixture was all environmentally friendly and great food for the birds, if the reindeers leave any.

A team effort from the Radyr Primary community to create a day to remember.

School days and new ways!

COVID times at Radyr Primary January 2021 was not quite the start to a new year we would have wished for our pupils but all the same, very necessary to keep our community safe.

Like all other schools across Cardiff we are supporting the children of critical workers. We have a provision for the children from within the community and are prioritising those parents who work for our blue light services, National Health Service, Social Care and Education workforce. We are so incredibly proud to support these families as if it wasn't for these parents our emergency services wouldn't be able to do the amazing job they are doing in fighting the pandemic. We see how exhausted some of these parents are when they come to pick up their children and the hard days that they have had can be seen on their faces. We are so very thankful

for all that they are doing and are extremely glad that we can provide their children with a safe, caring, familiar environment giving them the peace of mind to focus on their job roles.

Teachers are providing remote learning for pupils from Nursery age up to our oldest pupils in year 6. Every day pupils log onto a digital platform where they will find their teachers and teaching assistants have posted videos and messages to introduce their lessons. The children watch the videos and then complete activities, they can then submit their work which the teacher marks. The children also get to meet virtually for a catch up with their teachers and friends on a weekly basis. This ensures that children still have a sense of belonging and a connection to their class and school.

However, we must not forget the parent's role in this. It is extremely challenging for parents at home who are not only trying to juggle their own jobs but also having to support their children with home learning. We thank them for all their support.

I think during these difficult times everyone is simply trying their best and some days that may not feel good enough. Parents can be left feeling guilty because they haven't spent enough time supporting their children or not having met that work deadline. I think everyone is doing the best that they can at that particular time and should be incredibly proud.

I would like to recognise the hard work of everyone involved as it truly is a community effort. The restrictions the government have put in place are having an impact on our daily lives but are designed to make the country safer so I would encourage every family to keep continuing to follow the latest Coronavirus rules. I would like to thank our blue light and national health workers for keeping us safe, our teachers for supporting the school-based provision and online provision and our parents for trying to juggle it all.

Claire Skidmore
Headteacher Radyr Primary

It's a Rubbish Lot



Changes to Recycling and Rubbish collections for Radyr & Morganstown

At some point in February 2021, the refuse and recycling collection day for Radyr & Morganstown will be changing to a Tuesday.

The changes are being made across the City to allow all collections to take place between 6.00am and 3.45pm, meaning that rubbish can be left out on the street for less time.

There will be no need for employees to work Bank Holidays, and more importantly no need to change collection days to accommodate Bank Holidays. Collections will take place outside rush-hour, reducing congestion at the end of the school and working days.

The new timetable will also make collections safer for workers and community members as they will be taking place during daylight hours and outside of peak traffic times. Cardiff as a city will have 3 days a week with no residential waste on the street and cleansing teams will be able to focus on other priorities on those days.

Changing the hours also means that refuse collections will also be within the service hours of other contact points with the Council including Connect to Cardiff (029 2087 2087)

When will this be happening?

Cardiff Council are not yet able to confirm the date for this change as, at the time of writing, negotiations with the Trades Union about the details of the staffing changes required are still underway.

The Council have promised that, once the details are confirmed, each household will receive a letter setting out the details of the changes to our

routine, a leaflet reminding residents of the correct time and a handy postcard setting out the changes to our routine. The RMA Web Team will also ensure that accurate details are, as ever, posted on your Community Website – <https://radyr.org.uk>

A reminder – other waste services

With Radyr Library closed, other local shops, including the Co-op in Station Road, are holding small stocks of recycling and Food Waste bags. You can also order these from the Cardiff Council website for direct home delivery to yourself or a shielding neighbour.

The trial of Blue bins for the segregated collection of glass remains suspended. This trial was not completed before services were altered due to COVID and the council have not yet decided if this scheme will be rolled out further (and/or brought back for us).

We appreciated the Winter green bin collection of Garden Waste and Christmas Trees in January. Full garden waste collections are not due to restart until March and again the precise dates have not yet been shared.

Finally, a reminder that excess household waste can still be taken to the Cardiff Household Waste and Recycling Centres. The nearest one to Radyr is Bessemer Close. However, you do now need to book an appointment before you travel to the site and the number of appointments per household has been capped to discourage excessive use of this service.

We can do our bit by remembering to - Reduce, Re-use, Recycle



Recycling



General



Food



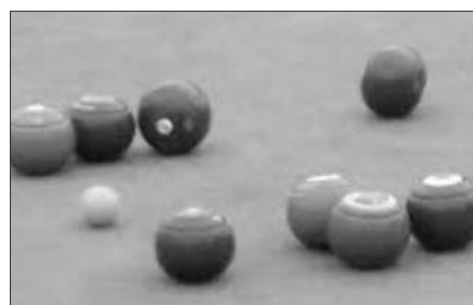
Glass

Pentyrch Bowling Club needs new members



Like so many community sports, Pentyrch Bowling Club has been badly affected by the COVID pandemic and no bowls matches were allowed in 2020. However, with the current vaccination programme, we remain optimistic that some form of outdoor bowls will be possible in Wales from April/May and we are looking to recruit new members for 2021. So, if you fancy coming along to have fun and to get some exercise and fresh air, then please contact either Ian Broxton (02920 843896 or 07966 424614) or Brian Ilbery (02920 891814 or 07979 658481). No experience is needed and you just need flat-soled shoes; qualified coaches will be able to demonstrate the basics of the game. All age groups, male and female, are welcome. Pentyrch Bowling Club wants to keep this community sports facility going and we need some new members to enable us to do just that. Under normal circumstances, we also hold a number of social functions throughout the year and you are most welcome to join us for these. You can find out more information about us on our website (www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk).

Brian Ilbery and Ian Broxton



What is the census?

The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

Local councils, charities and many other organisations use census information to decide how to spend billions of pounds on services every year.

This includes spending on transport, education and healthcare. To make sure this money is spent where it's most needed, it's important that the census counts everyone.



Your support matters

We understand that building good relationships with communities means more people will want to take part in the census.

We also understand that no one knows your community better than you. Support from trusted local leaders and community representatives will be vital in helping people take part.

Building community links

We need your help to reach the widest possible audience for Census 2021.

Our local community engagement staff will be on hand throughout the census with resources, advice and practical support that helps everyone to take part.

Beth yw'r cyfrifiad?

Arolwg sy'n digwydd unwaith bob 10 mlynedd yw'r cyfrifiad ac mae'n rhoi darlun i ni o'r holl bobl a chartrefi yng Nghymru a Lloegr.

Mae cynghorau lleol, elusennau a llawer o sefydliadau eraill yr defnyddio gwybodaeth o'r cyfrifiad i benderfynu sut i wario biliynau o bunnau ar wasanaethau bob blwyddyn. Mae hyn yn cynnwys gwariant ar drafnidiaeth, addysg a gofal iechyd.

Er mwyn gwneud yn siŵr bod yr arian hwn yn cael ei wario lle mae ei angen fwyaf, mae'n bwysig bod y cyfrifiad yn cyfrif pawb.



Mae eich cymorth yn bwysig

Rydym yn deall bod meithrin cydberthnasau da â chymunedau yn golygu y bydd mwy o bobl am gymryd rhan yn y cyfrifiad.

Rydym hefyd yn deall nad oes unrhyw un yn adnabod eich cymuned cystal â chi. Bydd cymorth gan arweinwyr lleol a chynrychiolwyr cymunedol dibynadwy yn hollbwysig wrth helpu pobl i gymryd rhan.

Datblygu cysylltiadau cymunedol

Mae angen eich help arnom ni i gyrraedd y gynulleidfa ehangaf posibl ar gyfer Cyfrifiad 2021.

Bydd ein staff ymgysylltu â chymunedau lleol wrth law drwy gydol y cyfrifiad gydag adnoddau, cyngor a chymorth ymarferol sy'n helpu pawb i gymryd rhan.

Knowledge

You have a unique understanding of your community's interests and the challenges it faces. This knowledge allows us to plan support that help everyone take part.

Awareness

Your community links can help us spread the word about what the census is and why it matters to everyone. This will build trust in the census and increase support.

Access

Your networks can help us reach people in your community who need support to take part. This will make sure they're included.

Find out more

Find out more about working together to support your community.

Read more about the census at www.census.gov.uk

Follow the census @Census2021



Gwybodaeth

Mae gennych ddealltwriaeth unigryw o fuddiannau eich cymuned a'r heriau mae'n eu hwynebu. Mae'r wybodaeth hon yn ein galluogi i gynllunio cymorth sy'n helpu pawb i gymryd rhan.

Ymwybyddiaeth

Gall eich cysylltiadau cymunedol ein helpu ni i ledaenu'r neges am beth yw'r cyfrifiad a pham ei fod yn bwysig i bawb. Bydd hyn yn meithrin ymddiriedaeth yn y cyfrifiad ac yn cynyddu cefnogaeth.

Mynediad

Gall eich rhwydweithiau ein helpu ni i gyrraedd pobl yn eich cymuned y mae angen cymorth arnynt i gymryd rhan. Bydd hyn yn gwneud yn siŵr eu bod yn cael eu cynnwys.

Dysgwch fwy

Dysgwch fwy am gydweithio i gefnogi eich cymuned.

Darllenwch fwy am y cyfrifiad yn www.cyfrifiad.gov.uk

Dilynwch y cyfrifiad yn @Cyfrifiad2021



Christmas House Decorating Competition 2020

Here are the three houses which won the house decorating competition. Two of them were in Parc Plymouth and the winner was in Radyr Gardens. We're sure that you feel you could do better. The Community Council tell us that they will be organising a similar event next year. Better start planning now!



Jason Fowler, 1st Prize



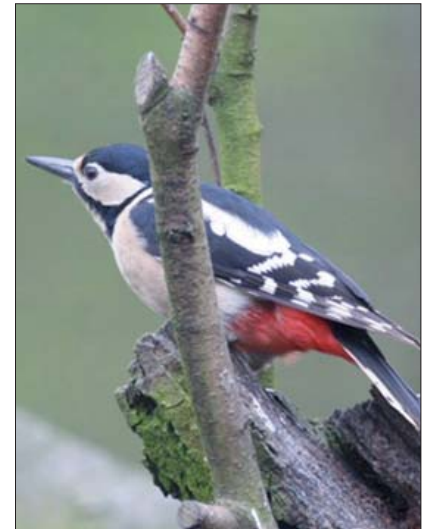
Gill Clark, 2nd Prize



Stanley Thomas, 3rd Prize

Nature Notes...

Many of us have spent a great deal of time walking around Radyr and Morganstown over the past few months and becoming more and more aware of how lucky we are and of the wildlife around us. Those of you passing the wood at the corner of Bryn Derwen and Pant Awel Lane might have heard a woodpecker or several of them, hard at it. They are very illusive and hard to see. We're grateful to Adrian Hopkins, who lives nearby, for confirming that it/they are Greater Spotted Woodpeckers and that that they visit his garden, see photographs. By the time this edition reaches your doorstep snowdrops will be well in flower. We are grateful to the Community Council for planting even more of these delightful little flowers as a reminder of spring.



Goodbye Old Friend...

Many people in Radyr will know my blue Morris Minor, I had had it for over 20 years. On Saturday 9th January, Just as I was parking at the side of Heol Isaf, a red Nissan Micra drove into the back of me with such speed, I was shunted into a parked car. That car was pushed into the middle of Heol Isaf and my engine was pushed back towards the passenger compartment.

Luckily no one was seriously hurt, things could have been much worse. The cowardly driver of the red Nissan Micra drove off. My Morris was completely destroyed and irreparable, the car I shunted was badly damaged.



I would like to thank the many people who offered help, and expressed sadness at the loss of my little car, it was only a car and no one was killed.



I hope the driver of the red Nissan Micra has a conscience and owns up.

Simon Davison