

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

June 2022

R&M's Woodstock

The Radyr and Morganstown Festival returned at almost full strength after a gap of three years. Fine warm weather for most of the Festival meant that the outdoor events were particularly successful. The Concert in the Parc on the middle Saturday, felt like a major Festival, more like Woodstock than Glastonbury. There wasn't enough mud for it to be Glastonbury.

Nearly five hundred people sat out on the natural amphitheatre in Parc Radyr enjoying the music, the excellent hot dogs and burgers and the exceptional selection of beers. Queues were constant for five hours at the Bar, BBQ and ice cream van until the Bar and BBQ ran out for the second time.

Both the Fete on the first Saturday in the Old Church Rooms, and the Dog show in the Sidings on Bank Holiday Monday were similar successes, residents taking the opportunity to show off their dogs and enjoy the vintage tractors on display.

Attendance at indoor events was a little down on previous years and we feel that residents are still a little



wary of congregating indoors, which is a pity as there was much excellent fare on offer.

The Festival kicked off with an excellent choral concert by the Castell Coch Choral Society in Christ Church, which was also the venue for the closing concert by the Porthcawl Community Orchestra with an exceptional soloist, Stef Harvey-Powell. Not many soprano's would be brave enough as to open with the Queen of the Night's fearsomely difficult aria from

Mozart's Magic Flute.

Another highlight was the visit to Morganstown of Ivor Novello's formidable mother Dame Clara Novello Davies, the original mother from hell. Rosamund Shelley conveyed this dragon with a great deal of humour and sang many of "dear Ivor's" songs accompanied by Gavin Roberts.

We must not forget the excellent lunchtime concerts in the Methodist Church on the two Fridays of the

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Farewell

It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to our County Councillor and Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Cllr. Rod McKerlich and our Lady Mayoress, Susan. They have represented the City for the greater part of two years during the pandemic. They entertained visiting dignitaries and visited towns, cities and ships during the height of the pandemic, often obliged to wear masks as seen in the photographs. We thank them for their work and wish them a happy retirement.

More details of the changed political landscape inside.



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

Wed 1 June **14:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
Enjoy relaxing with an 'Afternoon Tea' at the Radyr Golf club today. Please contact Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847 by Thursday 19th May so you can book yours too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 2 June **18:30 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event**
The RMA and Community Council are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the double bank holiday weekend in June 2022. Thursday evening will feature the Platinum Jubilee Beacons. Gathering in the grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School, we will have entertainment for all ages, Picnic area with BBQs and Bar before lighting the Beacon and a firework display. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 9 June **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Only an Officer, Only a Chap" (a talk by Rosemary Chaloner describing the rush to enlist in World War 1) given at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Sun 26 June **14:00 Friends of Tenovus Sponsored Walk**
Our annual sponsored walk will start this year from Christ Church and finish with afternoon tea. Please contact Rosanne Holmes on 02920 401872 for sponsorship forms and to book your place. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Sat 2 July **11:00 Family Fun Day "Jubilee", Christ Church, Radyr**
Stalls, games, giant slide and bouncy castle, bar & BBQ, live music and entertainment, bell-ringing demonstration, plus a host of other attractions for all the family, the summer fete at Christ Church is back again, this year themed on the Queen's Jubilee. 11am – 2pm Admission free. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 7 July **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Hollywood Scandals" - find out more about them from author George Brady at the Radyr Golf Club.

For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 11 July **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI**
We will be meeting at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr for a talk "An Artist's Journey" by Sue Trusler radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 11 Aug **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Reluctant Warriors - National Service 1945-1960" by the author Malcolm Cowper - an illustrated talk being given at the Radyr Golf Club.

For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 8 Sept **Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Tails and Tales" - Roy Gee's experiences in the RSPCA, travelling and touring - a talk at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 12 Sept **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
We will be meeting in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr for a talk from Christian Tonge about computer Security.

Bellringing

Saturday 2nd July
11.00 - 14.00

Bellringing Open Day - Christ Church Radyr

As part of the Christ Church Summer Fair, come and see demonstrations of bellringing and have a go yourself. Who knows, you may even be inspired to join our sociable band of ringers!

Alzheimer's Society

The Alzheimer's Society Volunteer Fundraising Group raised over £100 for the charity at the Radyr & Morganstown Festival Fete on 30th April. Thanks to everyone who came along and took part in our fundraising efforts!

We are collecting unwanted jewellery – gold, silver and costume jewellery, even broken chains can be put to good use for charity fundraising. Jewellery donations can be made to Gaynor at 5 Bryn Coed or Pat at 25 Drovers Way (please put through the letterbox).

We will also be arranging a fundraising coffee morning - Thursday 15th September at Radyr Golf Club, 10.30am. All welcome.

Radyr and Morganstown FOT

We are holding a Sponsored / donation walk which is organised by Allan Cook on **Sunday June 26th**, starting from Christ Church, Radyr from 2pm and returning to the church for a free Strawberry tea for all walkers.

To register and for more information please contact Rosanne Holmes on 02920401872.

However if you would prefer to just join for the Strawberry tea at Christ Church from 3.30, you can do so by purchasing tickets costing £6 from Ceri Hoddell on 02920842900.

Rosanne Holmes

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

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Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Ar nos Fercher 6 Ebrill, roedd Noson i'r Dysgwyr. Dr Eirian Dafydd oedd yn arwain, ac roedd nifer o bobl sy'n dysgu Cymraeg yn y cyfarfod. David Thomas oedd y gwestai cyntaf. Ef a enillodd deitl Dysgwr y Flwyddyn y llynedd. Yr ail westai oedd Dr Susan James sy'n aelod o'r gangen hon ers iddi symud i Waelod-y-garth yn ystod y cyfnod clo.

Mae David Thomas yn dod yn wreiddiol o Riwbina. Aeth i'r Brifysgol yn Llundain, ac wedyn gweithiodd mewn ysgolion rhyngwladol. Dychwelodd i Gymru yn 2016 i gadw fferm yn ardal Talog, Caerfyrddin. Yna, gyda phartner, dechreuodd gynhyrchu 'Jin Talog'.

Cafodd Dr Susan James ei magu yng Nghaerdydd, ac aeth hi hefyd i Lundain. Astudiodd feddygaeth a dod yn feddyg teulu. Symudodd yn ôl i Gymru yn 1997 i weithio mewn meddygfa ym Mlaenafon.

Dechreuodd ddysgu Cymraeg yng Ngholeg Gwent ac ar gyrsiau penwythnos. Daeth yn aelod gweithgar o gangen Merched y Wawr y Fenni.

Ar nos Fercher 4 Mai, roedd Dr Radha Nair-Roberts, Radur, yn sôn am ei gwaith fel ymgyrchydd ar ran pobl anabl – Ymarfer i Bawb, *Exercise for All Wales* (EFA).



Dysgodd Radha Saesneg yn dda pan oedd yn blentyn yn Singapore, a hynny yng nghwmni ei nain oedd yn dod o Kerala, India.

Roedd ei thad yn fardd enwog yn Singapore, a daeth ef yn gyfrifol am wasg Unesco yn Carachi, Pakistan.

Pan oedd Radha yn un ar ddeg symudodd y teulu i Baris pan gafodd ei thad swydd yn y wasg ym mhencadlys Unesco yn y ddinas honno. Roedd hi yn ei helpen ym Mharis, a dysgodd siarad Ffrangeg yno.

Wedyn aeth Radha i Goleg Magdalen, Rhydychen, i astudio gwyddoniaeth. Yn ninas Rhydychen fe wnaeth hi gyfarfod y Cymro Tegid Roberts a ddaeth, ymhen tair blynedd, yn wr iddi. Cafodd Radha gynnydd swydd yn Llundain, ac yna cafodd swydd yng nghanolfan ymchwil delweddu'r ymennydd, Prifysgol Caerdydd, gan ymgartrefu yn Radur yn 2006.

Soniodd Radha am yr ymgyrch lwyddiannus i gael gwell offer i'r anabl mewn canolfannau hamdden yng Nghaerdydd. Hefyd datblygodd raglen o weithgareddau rhithiol, yn cynnwys garddio, celf, coginio, ac yn y blaen, i helpu iechyd meddwl pobl anabl drwy'r cyfnod clo (*Connect2CreateWales*).

Diolchwyd i'n gwestai am ei gwaith gwerthfawr yn y gymuned.

Geirfa
gwestai - guest
y llynedd - last year
rhyngwladol - international
distyllfa - distillery
ymgyrchydd - campaigner
canolfan ymchwil delweddu'r ymennydd - brain research imaging centre

Gwen Emyr

Finding Aikido Cardiff: Aikido Gakko Ueshiba

In my 20s, I used to be quite a gym-goer, but I was never what would be considered sporty. In my 30s after becoming a mum and a desk job, my fitness levels could only be described as sub-par.

I have always been into martial arts since I was an adolescent, growing up watching badly subtitled Kungfu DVDs brought back by friends from Hong Kong; to watching shows where MMA fighters would take on other martial artists around the world. I was always fascinated how the human body moves.

I have been practicing Tai Chi on and off for several years but really wanted a martial art that has some external



applications, both defensive value and conditioning ability. I read a few forums on different styles and settled on Aikido. Aikido teaches you how to adequately deal with an attack, but it also teaches you how to safely move your body, even if you fall. The one thing that constantly surprises me is how co-ordination of all our limbs is something that needs to be trained. Some of the more experienced practitioners at the club look like they are almost flying.

On the mat, you learn many techniques whilst working closely with a partner as it is a contact discipline. For me it has been extremely mindful as you need to focus throughout the class.

Our Aikido club, based in Morganstown, Radyr, would be considered one of the more physical clubs. There is focus on practicality. However, we can adapt our personal training to our own health and mobility requirements. I approached the club earlier this year to see if they would allow me to train within my own limitations and the club has been incredibly welcoming and inclusive. It is always a little nerve-wracking to go somewhere new, but I spoke to Sensei beforehand and as soon as I met the club I felt completely at ease. I have noticed a remarkable improvement in my own mobility, fitness and even my Tai Chi practice.

If you're on the fence about trying something new, taking up a new discipline and wanting to improve your physical and mental health, I cannot recommend our club enough. Come and give us a try, everyone is friendly, and we even have post-training drinks in the pub on a Friday.

Look us up:
www.aikidocardiff.org.uk
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Radyr Cricket Club

The 2022 season is now well under way and I am pleased to give the readers of the Radyr Chain a scoop: you are the first to know that the club has decided to run a Sixth XI in the League on a Saturday. I believe that this has never happened before in Wales and the decision was taken due to the large influx of players during the winter, and in fact they are still coming. It means that the side, which will be a combination of older and younger players, will give competitive cricket to more people, as friendlies are nowadays rather unpopular: players want to have a formal structure and see where their efforts take them on a weekly basis in a league table. It shows that RCC are once again leading the expansion of the game and developing the club in a way that our forefathers would have found unimaginable and it is humbling to see that so many men, women, boys and girls all want to be part of a great club.

The only drawback with this side, as with the Fifth XI, which is in its second season, is where to play. Currently both sides use Pontcanna and ironically this season, they appear to have fixtures on the same day and on adjoining pitches: a real home from home. However, as I've mentioned in previous articles, this is not a sustainable solution and the club are mindful that it will be necessary to bring these teams home, sooner rather than later. The Management Board have appointed an individual within the club whose role is to prepare a feasibility study on how this can be undertaken. It is not an overnight job, but given what has been achieved in the last decade, I am certain that with a bit of help from the club's friends, a solution in the village will be found.

It is also the second year of the club's relationship with the University of South Wales CC and it is a brilliant match. Unfortunately whilst they have lost a few of their fixtures to the weather, as they did last year, their players are now fully integrated into the club and can be seen turning out in the various sides on a Saturday afternoon. They have also entered, as good students do, into the social life of the club: some of their costumes at the recent Italian night, had to be seen to be believed. They, like the Women's XI, have added to the overall dynamic of the club and it is to be hoped that we'll be seeing the USW CC students at

RCC for many years to come.

For the eagle eyed visitors to the club and the pathways around the ground, you may have seen that all the sides, from Under 13s upwards, are now playing in coloured kit. The original idea was to have everybody in their new shirts from the first league game of the season. Unfortunately like all good plans, they go slightly awry, and due to the demand from cricket clubs around the country, the delivery was delayed by a month. This has now been rectified and I'm pleased to say that all the players now look resplendent in their new kit. Thanks must go to the Community Council who contributed towards their purchase, Michael Graham Young, the primary shirt sponsor (who also advertise in the Fixture Card) and CGI, whose logo can be seen on the arm.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all the other sponsors who contribute enormously to the finances of the club. These include Pugh's Garden Centre, who have taken two boundary boards and advertised in the club's Fixture Card. They are always a joy to work with and I'm personally delighted that they have again supported the club. The solicitors Rees Wood Terry who have been associated with RCC for over fifty years, ION Strength & Conditioning, Radyr Garage Limited, Jon Griffiths Personal Wealth Solutions, Q Design and Cambrian Alliance Group. Should there be anybody who wishes to advertise in or around the ground please make contact with myself or my fellow members.

The club is also about to launch its new website. Unfortunately the previous one was hacked to such an extent that it was completely destroyed and almost fifteen years of content, lost. As those of you who have built one from scratch will know, to either replace or merely start anew, it is not a simple exercise. Therefore for those of you who did use the previous one, or those who wish to use the new one, please bear with us, as there will undoubtedly be a few teething problems, before it's perfect. The address is still www.radyrccricket.co.uk and please do not hesitate to give me your feedback.

Whilst providing the best facilities we possibly can, it ultimately comes down to the players on the field. So far this season the signs have been encouraging and the members are

clearly enjoying their cricket and setting a few new records on the way: long may that continue. Finally if you are not a member of the club but would like to watch some cricket on a Saturday afternoon please come through the gate, bring a picnic if you wish and join us: the bar will be open from 4.00pm onwards and I think once in, you'll be wondering how you ever managed to live without a visit to RCC.

Christopher Hitchings -
Radyr Cricket Club Chairman

R&M's Woodstock

... from front cover

Festival. Young Singer from the Opera School at the Royal Welsh College gave a delightful concert.

Accompanying an excellent soprano, Charlotte Forfar; a Catalan baritone Lluís Calvert was the finest voice we have heard at the Festival in many years. Compared by many to the young Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, he duetted with Charlotte as the Count in Mozart's Figaro and as Don Giovanni. Lluís has already been given a two year contract by one of the major German Opera Houses. If you want to catch him before he leaves Cardiff, he will sing the tenor role of Eisenstein in Strauss' Die Fledermaus at the College in the next few weeks.

The Festival had been trying to bring young Welsh pianist, Dominic Ciccotti to the Festival since he won the Beethoven prize at the College back in 2019. Then he was to have given an all Beethoven concert to celebrate Beethoven's 250th anniversary. This time he mixed Beethoven with Debussy and Chopin. A delightful way to spend an hour on a Friday lunchtime.

One event we must mention is the Cookery evening given by Radyr resident Nerys Howell. Not only did Nerys show recipes from her latest book she brought along her son and daughter to help. Her son is a nutritional expert and could answer many interesting questions from the audience; while her daughter plays rugby for Wales. What an evening, enhanced by clever camera work which showed close ups of what Nerys was doing.

Anne Jakeman

... from back cover

hundreds of new readers, become the friendly face of the library in the community, and helped the many members of staff, who have worked alongside her, to settle in. I was lucky enough to work with her for over 8 years and always appreciated her hard work, thoughtfulness and kindness. We also had a lot of fun over the years I spent working with her due to her great sense of humour. Anne's wonderful craft skills provided excellent displays in the library and she always had amazing ideas for activities for children's storytimes and to fit in with the summer reading challenge. The summer reading challenge is an extremely busy time in the library and Anne supported it and promoted it wholeheartedly and is the reason we had such an excellent response.

Anne's warmth and understanding were appreciated by so many people, both adults and children. Her commitment to making the library a focus of the community was outstanding. Her hard work did not finish when the library closed. She would design and produce craft materials at home, drop off books for readers on her way home and even came in on her day off to help paint the library.

Anne retired at the beginning of April. I am sure I speak for all Radyr library users in wishing her a very happy retirement and in thanking her for all the years she has been the face of Radyr library. Thank you Anne.

Caroline Noall

Radyr Hub (Library) is now operating as normal.

Opening Hours

Monday: 9-1 2-6

Tuesday: 9-1 2-5.30

Wednesday: 9-1 2-5.30

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 2-7

Saturday: 10-1

Activities and groups are starting to resume.

Digital Surgery

Mondays 10-5- Face to face drop ins.

Do you need help with your digital skills, support with setting up a device

or perhaps find out more information on online safety.

Knit and Natter

Mondays 10-12 If you like knitting, embroidery or crochet then come along.

Wellbeing café

Tuesdays 11am Come along for a cuppa and meet your friends and neighbours.

Story and Rhyme time Wednesdays 10.30 and 2pm

Radyr Lunch Club

Wednesdays 11-1 at the Ty Nant. Organised by Independent Living Services.

Wednesday Walkers

Wednesdays 10am. Steady paced walk for between 2-3 hours which includes a refreshment stop. Various starting points.

Bridge and Adult Board Games

Starting on Monday 13th June 2pm. Come along and join us

Monday 13th June 10.30am – Amser Stori – a Welsh language story time session organised as part of Tafwyl Fringe week.

For further information on any of our groups please do enquire at the Hub, phone on 02920 780996, or contact Sue Baskerville sbaskerville@cardiff.gov.uk.

If you have any ideas of groups and activities you would like within the Hub or would like to become a volunteer please do get in touch.

Please don't forget our Housebound service for those who enjoy reading but find it difficult to get out and about. The Housebound Team can be contacted on 02920 763849.

Trais yn Erbyn Menywod a Merched Arolwg Diogelwch
Violence Against Women and Girls Safety Survey

Trais yn Erbyn Menywod a Merched – Arolwg Diogelwch Survey

4. Generally, how safe or unsafe do you feel in the community in...

- Extremely safe – I never or very rarely feel threatened
- Fairly safe – I feel safe but occasionally I do feel unsafe
- Neither safe nor unsafe – I feel safe and unsafe quite regularly, but not always
- Fairly unsafe – I feel unsafe quite regularly, but not always
- Extremely unsafe – I always, or almost always, feel unsafe

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Probus Club of Cardiff West



The photograph shows Probus Club of Cardiff West's member Derek Brewer being delighted to receive his 20th year membership certificate this May, from the Probus club's Radyr president Alan Fleet.

The Probus Club's coming events are continually being updated in the Coming Events section of the Radyr and Morganstown website at radyr.org.uk.

Barry Clarke - PR Officer for the Probus Club of Cardiff West

Festival Painting Competition

Keith John has for many years provided outline drawings supporting the theme of the year's Festival. This always included the provision of colouring-in drawings and the judging of the competition, including free hand artwork for the two primary schools.

This year he has passed on these duties to a Radyr Comprehensive School pupil, Abigail Coles. Abigail is an ex pupil of Bryn Deri Primary School and now a valued member of year 10 at the Comprehensive School.

Abigail is a talented artist who works in various mediums, including digital images. This year's drawings for the colouring-in competition were made on her tablet and well received by the many entrants. So thank you Abigail.

Keith, who has been a keen supporter of this competition over many years is going to "slip quietly into retirement wearing his happy hat" with a big thank you for his talents.

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Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Meet David Collins



David joined the R&M Community Council as Clerk in April.

He brings a wealth of experience to the role of Clerk to the Council, having enjoyed a long career at the heart of Welsh local government, working for Cardiff and Newport Councils. His role culminated in that of Chief Scrutiny Officer at Newport as local government underwent significant changes.

Most recently, David served as Clerk to Cwmbran Community Council, where he spent 10 years, helping to establish the Council as an example of best practice in the town & community council sector.

"I am pleased to work with an ambitious Council such as Radyr &

Morganstown Community Council and I am looking forward to finding out about the community," said David.

"As a native of the city I am also pleased to return to work with the boundaries of the Welsh capital."

Away from the workplace David is a season ticket holder at Cardiff City Football Club and has written several books about Welsh football and Cardiff City in particular plus some non-football titles. He also volunteers as a regional co-ordinator/treasurer with the charity Christian Aid.

David also enjoys taking the opportunity to improve his Welsh language skills and hopes to put these skills to good use here in Radyr.

Croeso i Radur David!

David Collins DMS
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Radyr Methodist Church

Labyrinth opening dates and times:

The labyrinth will be a physical and spiritual journey considering our Queen and the King she serves.

There will be eight interactive stations where anyone who wishes to attend can spend as much or as little time as they choose reflecting on their own faith journey alongside that of the Queen.

The Labyrinth will be open from 2-4pm on Thursday 2nd June, 2-4pm on Friday 3rd June, 10-12 and 2-4pm on Saturday 4th June.

There will be refreshments. All are welcome.

Thanks so much

Judith

Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2022 - Fete Day



Old Church Rooms car park



Punch & Judy



Audience for Punch & Judy



Taikido Team



Organisers Rick & Tim R&MA Chair



"Headway" with Sian Lloyd



St. John's Ambulance Team



Fete opening by Sian Lloyd



Tenovus stall holders



R&M Alzheimers group



Bar and BBQ staff



Photo Competition winner A. Matthews



Games



R&MA BBQ



R&MA Bar

Civic Service, Dog Show and the Concert in the Parc



Civic Reception - Old Church Rooms



Kevin Brennan MP & Mark Drakeford MS



Lady Mayoress & CC Huw Jones



"Happy Hats" parade



"Happy Hats"



Tractor exhibition



Dog Show competition



A section of the Dog Show crowd



Dog Show winners



Concert in the Parc performance marquee



Some of the large crowd at the concert



Our local officers



Queues for BBQ and Bar



"Happy" concert goers



Crowd from the stage area

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Talking Rubbish!

Many of you will, we hope have noticed the posters around our villages over the past month which were designed by pupils of Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools. These were done as part of Spring Clean Cymru and it was a great response from the children, showing a keen understanding of the problems litter poses, not just to the tidiness of where we live but also to the wider environment. Well done all! - and a big thank you to the teachers also - Joanne and Emily.



Talking of schools, pupils from Bryn Deri went on two litter picks at the end of March, in Cwm Farm park and on the path behind the Guide Hall and collected 10 bags of litter!!



This is a great achievement but also a big disappointment that our residents are still depositing this much litter around. Perhaps you could all start following the children's lead.

In addition we have collected a further 84 bags of litter in April, including those collected by 15 of us at the Cardiff Rivers Group pick on 23 April.

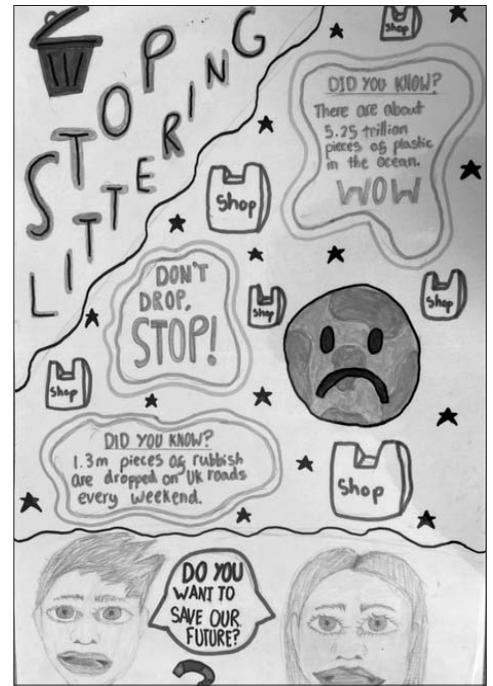
Our next group pick is on Tuesday 7 June, meeting at 10 am at Windsor Gardens and finishing at the Hub for refreshments at 11.15.

However, it is not just our job - cleaning up is the responsibility of us all. Please do not drop litter - and especially do not throw your empty food and drink cartons out of your car or van windows. Please contact us on rmlitterpickers@outlook.com for more information.

Jeanette, David, Roger, Martin, Peter, Aashi and Ayesha - the Committee of Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers
Supported by Radyr and Morganstown Community Council

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Mae eich Tim Plismona yn y Gymdogaeth am recriwtio gwirfoddolwyr ychwanegol i gymryd rhan mewn mentrau Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yn:

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Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb mewn cymryd rhan mewn mentrau Gwyllo Cyflymder Cymunedol yn yr ardaloedd hyn, neu os hoffech wybod mwy am y cynllun, cysylltwch â:

PCSO RICHARD DAVIES 07805 301601

Os oes gennych ddi-ddordeb neu ymholiadau y tu allan i'r ardal, cysylltwch â CSW@south-wales.police.uk neu ewch i www.gosafe.org

Concerned about speeding in your area?

Community Speed Watch is an initiative by South Wales Police, which sees community members carrying out speed monitoring operations in their local area to assist Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is currently looking to recruit additional volunteers to take part in active Community Speed Watch initiatives in:

RADYR

If you are interested in participating in the Community Speed Watch in these areas, or would like to know more about the scheme, please contact:

PCSO RICHARD DAVIES 07805 301601

For any interest or queries outside the area please contact CSW@south-wales.police.uk or visit www.gosafe.org



Design a Crown Competition



As part of the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations there will be a crown making competition.

Design and make a crown out of recycled materials to be judged on Thursday 2nd June at the Jubilee Beacon Lighting event.

Three categories:

- Nursery and Reception
- Year 1 - 3
- Year 4 - 6

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place will include a book token and the opportunity to plant a tree in Radyr & Morganstown as part of the Jubilee Canopy.



Start collecting materials and get designing

Dewch i gwrd d â ni | Come and meet us:

Radyr & Morganstown Neighbourhood Policing Team

Leoliad / Location:
Pughs Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe

Dyddiad / Date:
3rd Friday of the Month

Amser / Time:
16:00-17:00

Gwybodaeth Gyswilt / Contact Information:
PCSO Richard Davies 07805 301601
PCSO Jen Alcock 07469 907984

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CUPPA WITH A COPPER

NEW STREET SAFE TOOL

giving people the power to report areas where they feel unsafe

Mae **StreetSafe** yn wasanaeth pellot i unrhyw un ddweud wrtho'n ni'n ddiennw am fannau cyhoeddus lle rydych chi wedi teimlo neu yn teimlo'n annigol, oherwydd materion amgylcheddol, e.e. goleuadau stryd, adelladau gwag neu fandalliaeth a/neu oherwydd rhai mathau o ymddygiad, e.e. cael eich dilyn neu eich sarhau ar lafar.

Sylwch: Nid adnodd i riportio troseddau neu ddigwyddiadau yw 'StreetSafe'.

Os oes rhywbeth wedi digwydd i chi neu rywun rydych chi'n ei adnabod (gan gynnwys mewn mannau cyhoeddus ar-lein) gallwch ein ffonio ni ar 101 neu riportio ar-lein.

StreetSafe

is a pilot service for anyone to anonymously tell us about public places where you have felt or feel unsafe, because of environmental issues, eg street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism and/or because of some behaviours, eg being followed or verbally abused.

Please note: 'StreetSafe' is not for reporting crime or incidents.

If something has happened to you or someone you know (including in public spaces online) you can call us on 101 or report online.

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Allan Cook shares memories of working with the BBC



John Emyr: *Thank you for agreeing to my request to interview you. When did you start working with the BBC?*

February 1, 1971. I started as assistant floor manager. The BBC, especially in London, liked to appoint people who had experience of working in theatre. For the first six months, I worked exclusively on the programmes *Wales Today* and *Heddiw*, working with Robin Jones and Alun Evans.

What was the nature of that work?

Assistant floor managers, as a rule, ran the news studio. They also worked on different programmes. For me, it was a new experience to work on children's programmes with Dewi 'Pws' Morris and Huw Ceredig. It was I who gave the series its title, *'Nôl Mewn Pum Munud*. Working with Dewi 'Pws' is an incredible experience. Subsequently I had other interesting experiences: for instance, the second and third series of *Fo a Fe*, with the crew of that series. I worked for a while with *Ryan a Ronnie*. At the time, I thought my future would be with light entertainment, due to the fact that most of BBC Wales in those days was devoted to light entertainment. Meredydd Evans was head of the department – an extremely gifted person. The department was replete with new developments.

You were there at a vibrant time.

Yes, it was a time of great excitement and vitality. And, of course, television was evolving in that era. When I started working with the BBC in Cardiff, the programmes being

produced were all in black and white, and only a tiny minority of them were recorded. Recording was a new thing. The title of one of the English shows was *Late Call*, and I remember having to spend eight hours editing one of the tapes – which contained recorded material – to secure a short three minute item at the end. That shows the complex nature of recording work in that period.

You've had the experience of working with very talented people. Which ones stand out in your memory?

People like Ronnie and Ryan, of course; the humourist Gari Williams; Bryn Williams and Myfanwy Talog. It's strange to think how many young talents we have lost in Welsh-speaking Wales. They had so much more to offer.

Was there much fun and laughter to be had in their company?

Yes, that was often the case. It was also a time of significant challenges. We all had to work within the technical limitations and union constraints.

What memories do you have of the formative period of S4C?

In the early days of S4C, we saw little difference because, at that time, the BBC was responsible for seven hours a week of programmes in Welsh, and HTV was responsible for three hours a week. Therefore, for each week, the total number of Welsh programmes being broadcast was ten. And in those early days, S4C was allowed to use Channel 4 programmes to fill any gaps. Things were developing all the time. For example, in the early days of S4C, the channel was not allowed to use commercials in the middle of *Pobol y Cwm* (People of the Valley). And the programme schedule was constantly evolving.

What role did you have in searching for programmes from other countries?

After finishing in the role of assistant floor manager, I worked as director and then as producer in the children's programmes department. The head of children's programmes was the gifted and versatile Dyfed Glyn Jones. I worked on numerous children's programmes: *Bilidowcar*; *Pili Pala* for the younger children, and so forth. Also I bought in numerous programmes, and I liked in particular programmes from eastern Europe.

Many of the best programmes were made in Slovakia. My practice was to visit Prague every two years because they had a festival in February every other year. I would buy cartoons they had created. And at the time, Cardiff was ahead of London in the technical field of dubbing, because we had a dubbing studio. Also, due to the fact that we had experienced actors, we could dub at pace. Also, experienced writers like Dyfed Glyn could turn out the scripts at speed. I remember overseeing the task of dubbing a hundred minute drama for Christmas; the work was completed in about a week, because we had people like Gareth Lewis and Dilwyn Owen coming in to complete the work in no time at all. In that early period, Dyfed Glyn created *Yr Awr Fawr*.

Those children's programmes were very influential.

Yes, they were important because Welsh-medium education was developing at the time, and such programmes were needed to entertain the children after school. I was in the children's department for about fifteen years, and while I was there I launched four series of plays for children. Two of them were written by the Corwen-based author, John Selwyn Lloyd. Two other series were written by Dyfed Glyn. We filmed one section in the Beacons and another section in Hong Kong, and I enjoyed preparing those series.

A part of the work came to the attention of John Hefin, and he asked me whether I would be willing to do some of the episodes in *Pobol y Cwm*. So I started to be involved in *Pobol y Cwm* when it was a weekly, Sunday night programme. In those days, *Pobol y Cwm* was broadcast 26 or 27 times per annum. The producer and editor was Gwenlyn Parry, and I started doing two of the programmes for Gwenlyn. For some reason I was given responsibility for the episode that went out on March the First. The entire crew was there: Harriet and Rachel and Gaynor and Dilwyn. It was quite an episode. Following on from that, for a long time I was responsible for about a third of *Pobol y Cwm*. The work involved producing and directing.

Many thanks for sharing some of your valuable memories.

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

For the first time in two years, we have been able to present trophies to the two winning Eisteddfod bards at Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools. The cup to the winner for Bryn Deri School, Luke Bennett was presented by our President, Mary Pearce and Secretary, Diane Page and the cup to Harry Dobbs from Radyr Primary School was presented by his teacher. Photographs of the winners are here and their poems were read out at our May meeting. Our congratulations go to both winners.



On the 23rd March we had our first gardening club meeting held at St. Fagan's bowling club where Jane Woodward and Hillary Georgian talked us through their programme for the year which sounds very interesting.

At the end of March, a coffee morning was arranged for Headway which is Radyr's charity this year.



There were various stalls, cakes, tombola, jewellery and scarves, books as well as teas and coffees. It was a very successful morning, enjoyed by all who attended and we managed to raise £1,200 for Headway. Thanks to all members who helped with the stalls etc.

For our April meeting, we had a very interesting talk by Jason Hall from Wales Blood Bikes about the vital work they do for not only the NHS but for the various communities across Wales. Everyone who is involved with the Blood Bikes are volunteers who give up their time to make sure not only blood, but samples for testing as well as baby milk can be sent around the country very quickly.

In April, the Gardening Club visited St. Fagan's which was very enjoyable. One of the gardeners, Julie took the group on an informative tour through the woodland area as well as the more formal gardens including the Italian Garden. We were also fortunate to go behind the scenes to areas not normally accessible to the public.

The W.I was involved in the festival week when we had a refreshments stall at the Sidings Event on bank holiday Monday with soft drinks and cakes for everyone. The weather was kind to us albeit a bit cold which did not put off the residents attending and watching the best hat competition and the dog show.

Our May meeting was our AGM where we were joined by Our Glamorgan Federation Advisor, Pam Dinham who was pleased to see our group had managed to keep going when this time last year, there was a possibility of us closing. A vote was held for the President for the coming year and Mary Pearce was duly elected. Enid Brooker stood down as Treasurer and we all thank her for her hard work this year.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr CF15 8DG. All are welcome, current and new members, email us to find out more at radyrandmorganstown.wi@yahoo.co.uk.

Details of further meetings can be found on the Events section of the Radyr & Morganstown web site.



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope
Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

A very big **THANK YOU** for the many generous donations of food received in February.

Members of Radyr Methodist Church are collecting donations for the Foodbank again in June. Please place any donations of food in the boxes which will be outside the following addresses between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 June

30 Pentwyn, Radyr CF15 8RE

20 Walnut Tree Close, Radyr CF15 8SX

13 Heol Roald Dahl, Radyr CF15 8GT

The foodbank currently need -

- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- TINNED FRUIT
- INSTANT COFFEE (SMALL JARS)
- INSTANT NOODLES
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)
1 LITRE
- SQUASH (1 LITRE BOTTLES)
- MICROWAVEABLE PASTA
- CUSTARD
- MILK (UHT LONG LIFE 1 LITRE)
- SAVOURY SNACKS (CRISPS, CRACKERS ETC)
- RICE PUDDING
- CHOCOLATE BARS
- ANTIBACTERIAL SPRAY / BLEACH
- SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER
- DEODORANT

Rising prices for goods and energy will continue to impact many families over the coming months. Please consider giving generously to avoid people going hungry.
Thank you.

Radyr Drama Society

After the success of "Happy Jack" in November last year, Radyr Drama entertained us with a different evening. As part of their 40th Anniversary, they opted to perform a 1 Act play, alongside 3 monologues.

"Last Tango in Little Grimley" is a 1 act play about a very small amateur theatre group, only 4 members, who, due to plummeting audiences, decide to put on one last show, but with the added spice of sex. Well, it's more in the advertising, because, the local gossip soon spreads the word that the group are performing a sex play, and lo and behold, audience interest increases, and the small group make a profit.



For anyone that has dipped a toe in amateur theatre, or indeed musical groups, all the recognisable characters were there, the chairman with his "we can do this attitude", the leading lady for all plays no matter what, the set builder who is forced to take part, even though he's the set to build, the lights to rig and the props to make and finally the closeted singer who just wants to put on a musical.

Directed by Pauline Watson, the play introduced us to 3 new faces - Chris and Kaye Locke and Peter Evans, alongside stalwart Helen Blundell. Chris Locke gave an extremely solid performance, as Gordon, delivering lines with authority, exasperation, bewilderment and eventually, joy. Peter Evans played Bernard, the set builder, with understated comic timing - being forced to take part when he really didn't want to, and muttering disdain throughout brought us good



laughs. Helen Blundell played Margret, the "leading lady for everything" with aplomb. The snobbery of the character was well established and you just knew that she would be regaling how she saved the Grimley group from closing. Finally Kaye Locke as the bird like Joyce with superb comic timing, facial expressions and physical acting. This was indeed a stella cast.

On top of this, we were treated to 3 monologues by Nicky Webber, Pauline Watson and Peter Griffiths. Nicky gave us a piece about the fairy godmother who had lost / forgotten where her wand was. Pauline give us the well know Joyce Grenfell monologue "Free Activity Period" and Peter Griffiths gave us an Alan Bennett monologue "A chip in the sugar" All three were outstanding. Each contrasting from the other.

As the curtains drop on this production, the group are already making plans for their November play, along with a special event to celebrate 40 years of performing for us.

They admit, that they too need new members, so offer an open invite to anyone who would be interested in joining the group, both on and off the stage, to get in touch with them.

Alex Gooch

Many residents will be aware that The Orchard coffee shop, opposite the Primary School, has been closed for several months. A Chain reporter was lucky enough to meet up with the new owner, Alex Gooch, and he confirmed that he hoped to be open by the end of May. The bakery / coffee shop will trade under the name of Alex Gooch who already have a branch in Pontcanna. It will be pleasant to have freshly baked pastries and bread as well as coffee available in Park Road once again.

We wish them success.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Summer Fruit Torte



Make the most of the seasonal berries around at the moment with this simple, easy to remember recipe using the same quantities of each ingredient. These are delicious eaten hot or cold and perfect for a picnic!

Ingredients

- 150g butter
- 150g ground almonds
- 150g plain flour
- 150g caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 150g each of raspberries and blueberries

Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4. Place all the ingredients except the fruit in a food processor and mix until it forms a ball.

Divide the mixture in half. Press one half into a lined 18cm square tin to cover the base. Sprinkle over the fruit.

On a lightly floured surface roughly press out the remaining mixture to the size of the tin and place over the fruit and press down lightly.

Put in the oven for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Allow to cool completely before cutting into 16 squares and dust with icing sugar before serving.

Nerys Howel

James Douglas Hogg OBE
9th August 1941 – 1st May 2022



Douglas had a zest for life and his contribution to Radyr village life was immense. As Chief Architect for CADW he was responsible for the conservation of many of our most treasured buildings in Wales but it was his humanity, his interest in everything and his calm reassuring presence that most of us will remember.

Having been born and educated in Troon, he qualified in Glasgow then in 1978 moved to Cardiff as an architect in the Conservation and Land Division of the Welsh Office. Over the following 25 years, Douglas made significant contribution to the management and care of ancient buildings and monuments in Wales. As Chief Architect for CADW he led a team of well over 100 experts and he was renowned for the support he provided to members of staff. He was awarded an OBE for Services to Historic Architecture in Wales.

Away from work, he and his wife Val enthusiastically joined in all aspects of village life. As Chair of the Radyr Parish Music Group, Douglas encouraged the company as it produced many musical shows in the village. He sang with the Llandaff Cathedral Choral Society and more recently with the Cathedral Consort. He danced with the Scottish Country Dance group in Whitchurch.

Following his retirement in 2003, Douglas continued his involvement with architectural conservation as a member of the Cathedral Fabric Committee at Llandaff and as Chair of the Fabric Advisory Committee at Wells Cathedral.

With typical stoicism, Douglas coped with the loss of Val, his initial cancer diagnosis in 2009 and then the loss of his daughter Vicki. Even during his most recent illness he made trips to Malaga, Lisbon and Edinburgh, determined to live life to the full.

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New County Councillors

Congratulations to our new County Councillors. For the first time Radyr and Morganstown will have two Councillors. After a hard fought campaign by the three main parties, Labour, Conservative and the Plaid/Green Alliance, unfortunately the Liberals didn't really fight the seats, Calum Davies (Conservative) and Helen Lloyd Jones (Labour) emerged victorious.

The final results were very close, Callum heading the pole with Helen close behind then Tyrone Davies (labour) and Christopher Harries (Conservative).

Calum and Helen are already hard at work and much needs to be done. Contact details for Calum and Helen are enclosed below.

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Community Councillors

Congratulations to the newly elected Community Councillors, eleven of the twelve seats on the Community Council have been filled with one vacancy.

Radyr and Morganstown has twelve seats on the Community Council divided into three wards.

Radyr North.

Ralph Vaughan

David Suthers

Huw Onllwyn Jones

Martin Williams.

Radyr South

Vina Patel

Tyrone Davies

Michelle Lenton-Johnston

Helen Lloyd Jones

Morganstown

Julia Charles

David Silver

Allan Cook

Vacancy.

We will print contact details for the Community Councillors in our next edition.

Water Bottles

Instead of the more usual mugs the primary schools requested bilingual commemorative water bottles for their pupils. All pupils at Radyr Primary and Bryn Deri Primary School will be given a water bottle via the school. If you have a child of primary school age who goes to a school, other than to the two schools mentioned, you can get a water bottle via the Clerk to the Community Council.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting

Grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School
Thursday 2 June 2022, 18.00 to 22.20

BBQ Bar
Children's Entertainment
Live Music

Approximate timings
18.00 Children's entertainment
19.00 Live Music
21.45 Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon
22.00 Fireworks
22.20 Close

Bring your picnic and enjoy the entertainment

Silver Jubilee 1977

In June 1977, the residents of the Woodfield Avenue area of Radyr celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the accession of Her Majesty Queen



Elizabeth II to the throne. There was a "Royal" visit whereby the "Queen" (played by my late Mother- Phyllis

Jones) and "Prince Phillip" (played by the late John Scott) arrived in a "Chauffeur" driven car. Local children received "Silver Jubilee Mugs" and prizes were awarded for the best fancy dress. Later, the grown-ups partied into the early hours.

Robert W. Jones,
Maes Y Gwair



Plans are now well advanced for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd of June. The

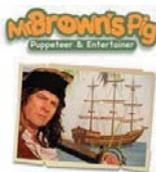
Community Council and the R&M Association have put together a programme.

The event will take place in the grounds of the Comprehensive School from 6 p.m.

Timetable

6 p.m. Children's entertainer.

7.p.m. to 10 p.m. Music.



The City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) M1 Brass Band and the Porthcawl Ukulele Band will alternate spots on the Main

Stage.

9.45 p.m. The lighting of the Jubilee Beacon

10.00 p.m. Fireworks.

10.20 p.m. close.

The RMA will supply the usual bar, BBQ and ice cream and residents are invited to bring their own picnics, chairs and blankets to sit on. Hopefully the weather will be kind, unlike on the day of the Queen's coronation in 1953 when it rained heavily.

Residents near to the comprehensive school are requested to keep their pets indoors for about an hour from around 9.45pm.

We hear that several street parties have been organised over the four day weekend. Unfortunately the date to request a road closure has now been passed.

Anne Jakeman



We would like to mark the retirement of Anne Jakeman from Radyr library. She has worked there for 28 years and to many of us she is Radyr library. She has welcomed

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Open Gardens

The Open Gardens on the middle Sunday of the Festival, were particularly spectacular this year. Partly due to the lovely weather the gardens were at their best. Antonia Wigley had succeeded in holding on to the flowers on her Wisteria, Rosanne Holmes' and Pat and Trevor Jones's garden were similarly at their height and Gill Evans' azaleas were in full bloom. The photograph shows Philippa Hallinan's delightful garden on Heol Isaf. Tea, coffee and the plant stall in the Old Church Rooms did a roaring trade. Thank you for making your private paradises available to us all and for raising more than £1,500 for this year's charity, Headway Cardiff and south east Wales.

