

# RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

August 2022

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Radyr and Morganstown celebrated this Jubilee in style over the full four days. The main event - the Picnic in the Comprehensive School, held on the first Thursday - turned out to have the best weather of the four day event. Families sat out on the natural amphitheatre of the Comprehensive School grounds listening to The Melingriffith Brass Band and the Porthcawl Ukulele Band. Both bands were excellent and because of having two stages like at Glastonbury, the changeover time between the two bands was minimal.

Younger children were entertained by a Pirate themed puppet show and the crown making competition seems to have been a success and well supported.

The RMA once again supplied a bar and BBQ and both of these and the ice cream van did a roaring trade through the evening. Profits from the Bar, BBQ and Ice cream sales went to the Festival Charity.

At 9.45 p.m. in keeping with the rest of the United Kingdom, a beacon



*The Queen visits the Methodist Church with one of her corgis.*

was lit by our two newly elected County Councillors, Calum Davies and Helen Lloyd Jones, followed by a spectacular firework display.

Elsewhere in the two villages bunting livened up Station Road, Windsor Gardens and the Granny Park in Morganstown and street parties were held in many of our streets. The hanging baskets in Station Road were also put up in time for the event.

*More pictures of the event in our centre spread.*

## Nature Notes

The exceptionally hot weather seems to have been enjoyed by our butterfly population. Jeff Saunders tells us that he spotted a Duke of Burgundy Fritillary in his garden in Castle View in mid July.

Despite its name it is not a true fritillary. Usually seen in much of northern Europe and southern counties of England its presence in grassland depends of the availability of the food plants for its larvae, primroses and cowslips. It is normally seen from May to July and can have two broods.



## Football Festival

A celebration of football-themed fun took place in Radyr this weekend, with the help of local housebuilder Bellway who sponsored the Radyr Rangers Festival, which took place on Sunday 19 June.

The event, at Mound Field in Morganstown, returned for the first time since 2019 after being postponed for the last two years as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

The festival involved youngsters aged five to 16 taking part in a range of activities and matches, with trophies handed out to the winning teams. The sponsorship money went towards the cost of hosting the



(L-R) Rob Fancourt, Under 10's Coach, Ben Robinson, Chairman, Gareth Dobbs, Under 11's Coach, Lee Schmidt, Under 11's Coach, and Radyr Rangers youth players at the festival

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## 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](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

**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/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/](http://radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/)

**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 or [geoffoot@gmail.com](mailto:geoffoot@gmail.com) 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/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/](http://radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/)

**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. [www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/radyr-wi/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/radyr-wi/)

**Mon 19 Sept** **RMA General Meeting**  
A hybrid open meeting run by the RMA at the Old Church Rooms in Radyr and online via Zoom. Session starts with a talk on a topic of local interest before we discuss up coming local events, planning matters and other things of interest to residents. [radyr.org.uk/meeting](http://radyr.org.uk/meeting)

**Thu 6 Oct** **Probus Club of Cardiff West**  
"Parisian High Kicks" by Bluebell dancer Rachel Williams. 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/](http://radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Mon 10 Oct** **19:30 Radyr & Morgastown W.I**  
We will be meeting in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr to have a demonstration and a talk about flowers and Autumn Colours by Ann Miller  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/radyr-wi/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/radyr-wi/)

**Thur 27 Oct** **10:30 Tenovus Coffee Morning**  
Radyr Golf Club. Further information to be confirmed.  
[radyr.org.uk/clubs/tenovus/](http://radyr.org.uk/clubs/tenovus/)

## Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus

would like to thank everyone who took part in the Sponsored walk and Strawberry tea on June 26th. It enabled us to make £1500 for Tenovus Cancer Care.

Our next event will be in October on the 27th when we will be holding a Coffee Morning at Radyr Golf Club. Rosanne Holmes

## Teacher of the Year



**Charmaine Riley a nursery teacher and Additional Needs Officer at Radyr Primary School has been shortlisted for the Teacher of the Year Award 2022. We are proud to have a teacher of this calibre in our community and this highlights the exceptional quality of teaching that we have in all our schools.**

## A THANK YOU

We would like to send a heartfelt thanks to the many Radyr friends who have given us support in varying ways since the tragic loss of our eldest son Andrew.

Each message has been written with love and care and we have been quite overwhelmed by them all.

Anne-Marie and Wyn Phillips

## Radyr Lawn Tennis Club

is seeking to recruit a suitable grounds-person due to retirement of the existing groundsman. (There can be a two month handover period for training/information purposes).

Applicants should ideally have basic environmental and horticultural knowledge and be able to undertake a range of general duties in maintaining 10 tennis courts (of differing surfaces) and the surrounding lawned, landscaped and planted areas.

Tasks include regular mechanical brushing of courts, leaf clearance, grass cutting, court tidying, and general maintenance duties.

All equipment is provided.

Flexible hours to suit the seasons and demand. Generally, on average, about 12 hours per week. Wage negotiable; optional employed or self-employed status subject to agreement.

Applications to [chair.radyrlawn.tennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:chair.radyrlawn.tennisclub@gmail.com) by 9th September.

Lynda Goodwin  
Chairman

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# Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



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sgwrs ar hanes Cranogwen. Bydd croeso i'n haelodau ac i aelodau newydd.

Yn y llun o'r chwith i'r dde: Ruth Davies, Gwen Emyr, Mary Nicholas a Mared Mc Aleavey yn Llys Llywelyn, Sain Ffagan.

*Geirfa*  
gwibdaith – trip  
ar sail – on the basis of  
darganfod – to discover  
dogfennau gwreiddiol – original documents  
tystiolaeth – evidence  
neuadd – hall  
seiri coed – carpenters

*Gwen Emyr*

## Probus Club of Cardiff West

Our photo shows some of the members of the Probus Club of Cardiff West who left Radyr to go to St Athan to enjoy a comprehensive fun tour around the South Wales Aviation Museum led by friendly and knowledgeable volunteer aviation guides, before then going on to enjoy an excellent lunch at the museum's cafe. The Probus Club are now organising a number of other visits elsewhere to complement their upcoming monthly programme.

The Probus Club's coming events are also continually being updated in the Coming Events section of the Radyr and Morganstown website at [radyr.org.uk](http://radyr.org.uk).

**Barry Clarke**  
for the Probus Club of Cardiff West



## The Eva Tattum Cup

92 year old Eva Tattum, who lives in Ffordd Las, was a teacher at Radyr Primary School between 1972 and 1983. Eva has always shown a keen interest in wildlife, nature and gardening. Over her years as a teacher at Radyr Primary she imparted her interest and knowledge to her many pupils. She will be well known to many of the parents and grandparents of present pupils at the school for her love of nature. Eva has donated a cup, the **Eva Tattum Award for Nature**, to be awarded annually to the pupil who has shown the keenest interest in nature. It is hoped that the award will encourage children to learn and pursue their interest in nature over many years.

The first winner of the cup in the summer of 2022 is Noah Hind, seen here being presented with the cup by the head of Radyr Primary Mrs Claire Skidmore.



# Radyr Cricket Club

*...from back page*

others not so good, though the cricket itself has been amazingly exciting: if I had a weak heart, RCC on a Saturday afternoon would be a place I would avoid. In the last few weeks alone we've had victories by two runs, three runs, one wicket and a few weeks ago the ultimate drama of a tie: 222-7 plays 222 all out. The chaotic scenes at the end of that game had to be seen to be believed, as nobody, not even the umpires, seemed to know what had happened. However I'm glad to say that after the passions had subsided, everybody had a convivial beer, on what had been a very hot afternoon.

The one side that currently sits on top of its respective division is the Fourth XI. Last season the side won promotion on the last weekend of the season but this year they have taken to the higher standard of cricket, "as if to the manor born". In fact they have not dropped a single point on the field this year, giving them 160 out of 160. They are the only side (there are 138 teams in 14 divisions) in the League with this record. The side is a combination of young and not so young and it is great to see the experienced individuals passing on their knowledge to the more junior members: and don't be fooled into thinking that the cricket isn't highly competitive, as it can get quite feisty at times. Hopefully when I next write I will be able to confirm their ultimate success.

The Women's section goes from strength to strength and I'm delighted to say that RCC were recently crowned South West Regional Champions and go forward later this month to represent the region and will play their next round in Basingstoke: a brilliant effort by

all the players. In league terms the season hasn't really got going, with only two games played so far, with the weather being so unkind: even the weekends where Saturday was fine seemed to deliver a downpour on the Sunday. Allied to this there have been a number of games cancelled as the opposition have defaulted leaving the season with a stop - start feel. That being said the fixtures over the next few weeks will come thick and fast and I have no doubt that the cricket will be tough but enjoyable.

One other piece of news tied in with the Women's section is the brilliant news that Anna Harris, an RCC member, has become the youngest person ever to umpire international cricket. For those of you who follow the Women's game you will invariably see Anna, who most recently stood in the games against India and lately South Africa. A medical student at Cardiff University she has joined RCC as a playing member and has been an integral part of the Women's XI, whilst at the same time umpiring around the country. I suspect we'll see an awful lot more of Anna over the next few years and the club is absolutely delighted, as she is one of our own.

The third photograph shows the final evening of the 2022 All Stars programme which recently concluded. Here you can see 43 youngsters between the ages of 5-8 enjoying cricket for the first time. Friday nights at the club will now, up to a point, calm down as the All Stars and the Dynamos take a rest as the holiday period starts. The enthusiasm and sheer joie de vivre of over a hundred cricketers all doing things at a million miles an hour will live long in the memory and really the club can't wait until next year arrives. Thanks must go to the dedicated individuals who freely

give of their time, to pass on to the youngsters their knowledge and love of a game that will hopefully continue to be part of their lives, long into the future. RCC was one of very few clubs in Wales who reached the magic century of participants and it is something that will stand us in great stead in the future and something we are incredibly proud to have achieved.

Whilst RCC will always be judged by the results on the field, the success of a club is also viewed through the lens of the social activity that occurs on a Saturday evening. This year a number of individuals have bitten the bullet and produced a programme of events which I can't remember being bettered throughout my long association with the club. Already we've had the French night, the Italian evening and then activities accompanied by Thai food and fish and chips: the latter two saw brilliant mobile vans setting themselves up in the club car park. The fish and chip van was such a hit, with not just members but walkers as well, that they ran out of fish very quickly: yours truly was left with a fish cake. The members dressed up in some weird and wonderful costumes and the flowery shirts of the Benidorm evening left very little to the imagination. I wait in awe for the next event as I find it difficult to believe that the previous ones can be beaten.

The 2022 season is in full flow and the club would be delighted to see visitors join us on a Saturday or a Sunday. Remember the bar is open from mid afternoon whenever there is a game and there can be no better way to enjoy a sunny afternoon than watching cricket with a picnic and a drink.

**Christopher Hitchings** -  
Radyr Cricket Club Chairman





# Football Festival

... from back cover

matches and the provision of entertainment throughout the day. Organiser Garath Dobbs said: "I reached out to Bellway to see if they would be willing to sponsor Radyr Rangers Festival, which aimed at providing a fun-packed day for as many people as possible.

Over 400 people from Cardiff and the surrounding area got involved in 2019, showing just how important an event this is right in the heart of the community.

The festival takes place annually and is a major source of income for our club, which is run entirely by volunteers. As a result of the pandemic, we were unable to host the event for the last two years, which really hit the club's finances hard.

This donation from Bellway had a meaningful impact on both the club and the people involved, helping to cover the cost of the various activities throughout the day.

On behalf of all of us at Radyr Rangers FC, I would like to thank Bellway for their generosity, and for deciding to take a genuine interest in a local event such as ours. We hope the festival presented an opportunity for the community to get together once again for some football-themed fun."

Daniel Shone, Sales Manager for Bellway Wales, said: "One of our key goals as a housebuilder is to ensure that we pay due care and attention to the communities in which we build homes.

One way in which we do this is by sponsoring local community events, which means we can have a direct and positive impact on people who live in the area.

When we were approached by Garath on behalf of Radyr Rangers FC, we were more than happy to get involved in supporting the football festival, which was a fun-filled day for people in Radyr and the surrounding area."

## VOLUNTEERING IN GIRLGUIDING IN RADYR & MORGANSTOWN

Here in Radyr and Morganstown, we're fortunate to have a thriving Guiding movement offering girls between the ages of 5 and 18 the opportunity to make friends, have fun and learn exciting new skills. Our Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger units are run by an amazing group of volunteers who juggle their leader/unit helper role with their own busy family lives and demanding jobs. We currently have more than 130 girls on waiting lists for our units and we would desperately love to be able to give these girls the experience of Guiding that we know they'll love. To do that, we are always looking for enthusiastic new leaders and helpers.

With the introduction of an exciting

new programme, every session we run must have a team of at least three leaders who, between them, hold a 1st Response, Safeguarding and Leadership qualification.

The more qualified leaders we have, the easier it becomes for everyone as it gives us scope for flexibility when staffing the sessions.

Could you spare a few hours per week to help out? By doing so, you'll be joining a friendly, welcoming organisation in a role that comprises fun, enjoyment and a huge sense of reward. No experience is necessary and all training and resources are provided together with mentoring and support along the way.



If you're interested in becoming a regular helper, or a leader in Guiding, and would like to find out more, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact our Division Commissioner, Judith Turnbull (j Turnbull2@gmail.com) who will be able to give you all the information you need.

## Pentyrch Bowling Club

### *Still time to have a go at Pentyrch Bowling Club*

We continue to look for new members to join our friendly lawn green bowling club and we encourage anyone between 9 and 90 to come along and have a go. The free taster sessions are still available and you can phone Brian (07979 658481) to arrange times that suit you. Alternatively, you can come to our club night on a Monday evening, starting at 6 pm. We advertise on the local FaceBook hubs and you are most welcome to come and see what we are all about. Perhaps you would like to join us at one of our coffee mornings (the last Friday of each month), starting at 10.30 am in the

Bowls Pavilion. A warm welcome awaits you.

A number of our members are from Radyr and Morganstown, including the club's chairman and men's captain, and we hold our presentation dinner at Radyr Golf Club. Apart from Pentyrch, many of our members are from surrounding villages like Creigiau, Tongwynlais, Radyr, Church Village and Efail Isaf.

We are next to the tennis courts in the Parc y Dwrlyn playing fields in Pentyrch (CF15 9QJ) and there is plenty of car parking space. You can read more about what we do on our informative website ([www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk)).

Please come and visit us.

Brian Ilbery  
Membership Secretary

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## Radyr & Morganstown



### Good Neighbours

Hello, my name is Louise, and I am the Coordinator for the Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours and I would like to tell you a bit about myself and this new venture.

I was born and brought up in Cardiff but moved away to do nurse training in Gloucester followed by midwifery in Bath. Although this feels like a lifetime ago now! I met Ian in Bath and we married in 1998 and we have 2 'boys' at 19 and 22. We moved back to Cardiff in 2002, but I did not return to the NHS until April 2020 when I became a health care assistant as part of the covid recruitment. Between times I have worked as a lunchtime supervisor, a cleaner, an independent trader and

all sorts of volunteer roles. I love working with people and as a naturally curious person, love to hear their stories.

I feel passionate about the power of community and the positive impact it can have on our lives. We all need a sense of connection in some form or another to thrive. I'd love to hear from those of you who may have found the isolation of the past 2 years very difficult. So many of us have lost our confidence in going out and meeting together, but know it is important for our wellbeing. Isolation from family and friends has been beyond difficult for many.

At Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours we would like to support you in re-establishing life outside your house! Whether that be in telling you about existing groups or setting up new ones. Ideas such as coffee and chat, gardening, physical activities- of the gentle variety, we would love to hear your ideas.

We would also like to support those in our community whose family are not able to provide support. We are looking to recruit volunteers who

will befriend, do some shopping, or provide occasional transport.

We are currently having a get to know each other cuppa and chat afternoon on the first Friday afternoon of the month. This is at the New School Rooms, next to Christchurch on Heol Isaf between 2-4.30pm It is totally informal and involves cake of some kind! Please drop in and bring someone along. We would love to see all age groups, so you are welcome before school pick up or after.

The next session however is on Friday June 10th due to the bank holiday, followed by Friday 1st July, Friday 5th August

My contact details are at the top so please drop me a line or give a call. Currently this role is for 12 hours a week, so bear with me getting back to you!  
Louise.

**Coordinator Louise Beesley.**  
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# Radyr & Morganstown Jubilee Celebrations 2022





Part of the large crowd at the Comprehensive School



The BBQ Chefs



The Punch and Judy Show



Melingriffith Band



The Crown Competition



Chris Dale with his music



Lighting of the Beacon



Show audience





# Radyr & Morganstown Jubilee Celebrations 2022





Street Party in Pentwyn



Windsor Gardens



Fireworks



Dan y Bryn Avenue

## Festival 2022 Prize Winners



Bryn Deri Painting Competition



Bryn Deri Colouring Competition



Bryn Deri Literary Competition



Radyr Primary School Under 8's



Radyr Primary School Over 8's



# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Following the local government elections last May, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council now consists of the following councillors: -

### **Morganstown Ward:**

Julia Charles

Allan Cook

David Silver

Vacancy (which may have been filled by co-option by the time of printing)

### **Radyr North Ward:**

Huw Onllwyn Jones

David Suthers

Ralph Vaughan

Martin Williams

### **Radyr South Ward:**

Tyrone Davies (Chair)

Michelle Lenton-Johnston

Helen Lloyd Jones

Vina Patel (Vice Chair)

As a group we have put together preliminary plans for our work this year.

This includes enhancement of the Old Church Rooms Buildings to perhaps include a new downstairs meeting room, a lift to allow all full access to the building, improved storage to help our hall users, the purchase of audio-visual equipment to enhance provision for hall users and improvements to our outside areas. Please remember that the OCR is a community building and bookable at very reasonable rates for all events, including meetings and birthday parties.

Other areas we aim to work towards include liaising with Cardiff Council to encourage the development of local facilities for young people and to further develop our "Good Neighbours Scheme" which seeks to ensure vulnerable members of our community have access to assistance and companionship.

We also wish to ensure that the land we use and manage is as good as it can be for all our residents, for

example at Radyr Woods and Windsor Gardens.

Of course, whilst we do not have primary powers over matters such as bus services and planning matters etc. However, we will still ensure that we represent the community's wishes by regularly making our opinions known to Cardiff County Council.

Remember that we are an elected body that meets for Full Council Meetings on the third Thursday of the month. These meetings are open to the public, who can speak to the council on any issues they wish. Anyone wishing to attend should contact our clerk, David Collins.

Finally, we can be contacted via email (clerk@radyr.wales) and by telephone (029 2084 2213). You can also follow us on Twitter@RandMCCouncil

David Collins DMS

Clerk to the Council, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council  
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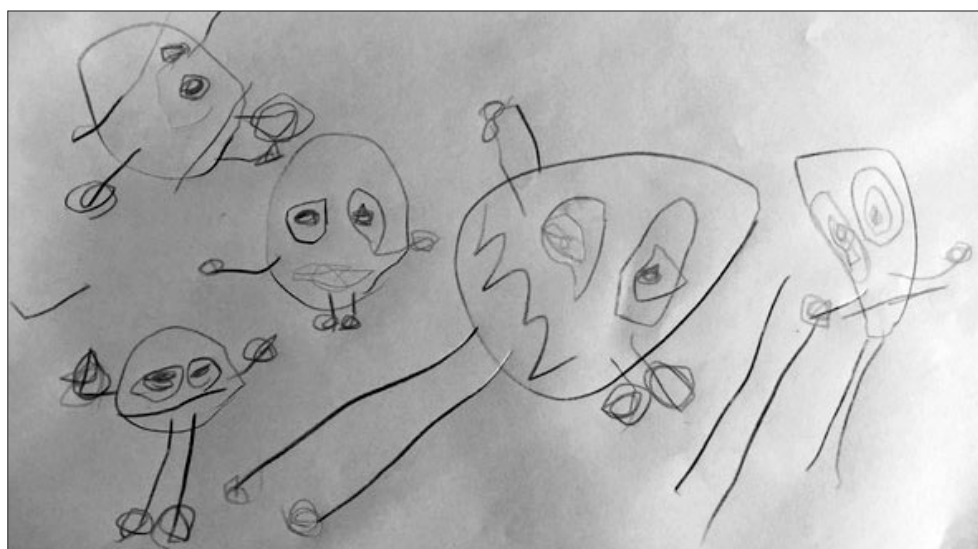
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## Park Road Nursery



Park Road nursery has always had a brilliant reputation amongst the local community. A small nursery with 40 spaces operating for nearly 20 years, the current managers, Christine Morgan and Karen Rawlings, took ownership in 2009. They are due to retire in July, which couldn't go without recognition for the provision they have offered our local community for all these years.

As we know, going to nursery is often the first experience for children to be away from their parents or caregivers, so it is a significant event and period of time in a little person's life. For parents, being able to send our children to such a well regarded, safe and nurturing environment is everything. Park Road nursery, its



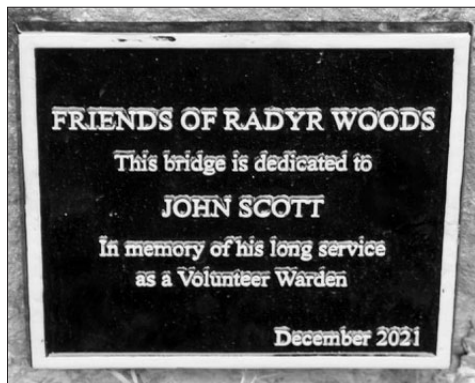
By Betsi age 3. Bottom left Mrs Selby, top left Mrs M, left to right Mrs Crowle, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Rawlings

reputation and staff have provided all the reassurance that's needed. Serving so many families, often multiple siblings attending over the years, it has offered fundamental preparation for children to transition to life in full time education, especially given its proximity to Radyr Primary school. The experiences of those that have been to Park Road often get remembered with real fondness and friendships have been formed that can last throughout their school life.

The staff team are exceptional and so many people talk about how lovely they are. Maintaining such high professional standards whilst being fun and caring takes a special mix of qualities and all the staff team seem to have them in abundance.

So it is with a heartfelt thank you from all the past and present families to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Rawlings, Mrs Crowle, Mrs M and Mrs Shelby for looking after our children and giving them the best start they could wish for at Park Road Nursery!

# The John Scott Bridge



People who are used to walking In Radyr Woods will no doubt have come across the John Scott bridge. One of the bridges in the woods needed replacing and the Radyr Woods Wardens decided to name the bridge after John.

John - who died at the beginning of Covid - was one of those quiet unassuming people who did so much for our community, in his case as a Radyr Woods Warden. In a way the bridge is a tribute to all those who quietly and unassumingly do so much to make our Community such a good place to live.

The bridge was opened on a wet Saturday in July by our retiring County Councillor, Rod McKerlich, by John's two sons and one of his granddaughters.

Radyr Woods might look "natural" but it takes quite a lot of work to keep it looking as it does. That is where the Radyr Woods Wardens come in. If you have a couple of hours a month free they would be grateful for your help.



## Surgeries

County Councillor, Helen Lloyd Jones, held a successful surgery in Cicchetti's on a Saturday morning in July. She is planning further surgeries in Cicchetti's between 10.30 and 11.30 on Saturdays October 22nd, January 14th, and April 22nd. Between these she will hold street surgeries in a street near to you.

Details of her surgeries can be found in the coming events section of the RMA website @[www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk) and on Facebook

 Radyr, Pentyrch and Morganstown Community Group and  
 Parc Plymouth Residents.



## Alzheimer's Society Coffee Morning

The Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group will be holding a coffee morning at the Radyr Golf Club on 15th September 2022.

Tickets will go on sale shortly, and can be collected from Gaynor at 5 Bryn Coed or Pat at 25 Drovers Way.



# News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

Summer is now here and our WI Gardening Club decided to have their May meeting in Jan Deem's Garden. First Hilary Georgian gave a hanging basket demonstration followed by a tour of Jan's garden, which is south facing and on a slope. The upper deck is full of grasses, Phormiums, figs and grape vines and nearer the patio, roses. After the tour, Jane Woodward took the meeting and questions before tea, cake and raffle.

Our main meeting in June was just after the official Jubilee celebrations and we had our own Jubilee party. Drinks were served as members arrived and we were pleased to see two former members joining us, Sylvia Middleton and Ros Bray. We also welcomed two members of Treforgan WI, Trish Clark and Judy Grundy. Also joining us was Cath from Headway. Before the party started, there was some business to attend to and Mary Pearce handed a cheque for £1,200 to Cath which were the proceeds from our Coffee Morning which was held to raise funds for Headway.

We were then invited to collect food from the buffet table. Jan Deem had prepared the food consisting of various sandwiches which were delicious. In between the courses, various events took place including the results of a quiz (with a royal theme of course) organised by Diane Page and the winning table had a prize. Mary thanked Chris Dale for the music, Jan for the buffet and Hilary for making the Jubilee cake which we all then had with tea.

In June the Gardening Club met at Jane Woodward's home where she showed us the work she had done in her garden since moving there at the end of last year. She has restored a woodland garden and a kitchen garden in which she had planted lots of produce. We then had tea, cakes and raffle.

For our July meeting, Sue Trusler was our speaker, who gave us a very interesting talk on how, after she retired, she started painting and told us that if she could do it so could



we! She started off with canal art and progressed to painting pictures. She had cushions made with her own pattern, a dandelion, which led to an exhibition in New York with other pieces of art lit up outside for all to see. She has even written a book to encourage others to paint.

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](mailto: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**

Another very big THANK YOU for the many generous donations of food received in June which allowed us to deliver 222 kg of food to the central Foodbank warehouse for distribution across the eight foodbank outlets across Cardiff in Cathays, Canton, Ely, Grangetown, Llanedeyrn, Splott, St Mellons and Tongwynlais. On

average this would have provided 21 people in crisis with 3 days supply of nutritional food.

The need is still great so members of Radyr Methodist Church are collecting donations for the Foodbank again in August. 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 12 and Saturday 13 August.

**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
- SAVOURY SNACKS (CRISPS, CRACKERS ETC)
- INSTANT COFFEE (SMALL JARS)
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE) 1 LITRE
- BISCUITS
- CHOCOLATE/SWEETS
- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD
- RICE PUDDING
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED TOMATOES
- SQUASH (1 LITRE BOTTLES)
- MICROWAVEABLE PASTA
- MILK (UHT LONG LIFE 1 LITRE)
- GOOD QUALITY CARRIER BAGS
- ANTIBACTERIAL
- SPRAY/BLEACH
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER

They have plenty of

- CAT FOOD
- BAKED BEANS
- PASTA
- CEREAL
- TINNED SOUP
- SWEETCORN
- TEA

*Every donation however small is appreciated so please consider whether you can help.*

## Art in the Woods

The Pilgrimage Route from the border with France to Santiago is decorated with Artworks. In an attempt to recreate some of this feeling the Penrhys Pilgrimage Trust together with R&M Community

Council have started a similar project along the trail through R&M. A series of artworks by final year students' at Radyr Comp. printed onto metal sheets, have been placed along the route running through Radyr Woods.



## Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

### Talking Rubbish!

We hope you have noticed that there is less litter in Radyr and Morganstown than before. You should, because in the year since we first started our 54 members have collected 367 bags of litter and reported 20 instances of fly tipping. Our pink bags are now becoming a frequent sight around the villages.

In fact, a recent litter pick by Class 5 children from Bryn Deri School -led by Joanne Vigliotta - could only find one bag of litter. Good news for us, but a poor return for all their hard work.

We meet once a month, on alternate Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 10.00 in different locations around our community and we finish at the Radyr Hub for refreshments courtesy of Cardiff Council. Please contact us for details of the next pick.

Below is a selection of the 12 members who volunteered on 2 July from Morganstown Village Hall and collected 12 bags.



We are now finding the biggest litter problem is used sandwich cartons and empty drinks bottles clearly thrown from a vehicle into the gutter. Please do not do this, it is never far to a bin or just take it home! However, perhaps progress is being made as we recently found an empty McDonalds bag and wrappers dumped underneath a rubbish bin.

Another side to our work is liaison with Cardiff Council on rubbish; we recently reported on the after effects of the kerbside lorry used experimentally to collect the red and blue bags - which left a half full pink bag of litter scattered on the road on the Tuesday afternoon.

Please come and join us and please try to keep that litter in the car or van!! Thank you!!

*Aashi, Ayesha, David, Jeanette, Martin, Peter and Roger*

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## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Smoked Trout, Fennel & Apple Salad

Serve as a light starter or lunch with some wholemeal bread

Serves 4, Prep 15 minutes



### Ingredients

250g smoked rainbow trout fillets  
 juice and finely grated zest of 1 lemon

1 large bulb fennel  
 1 Granny Smith apple  
 150g radish, thinly sliced  
 1 large bunch watercress or rocket, thick stems removed

### For the dressing

3 tablespoons Sour Cream  
 2 tablespoons horseradish sauce  
 2 tablespoons rapeseed oil  
 Halen Môn Pure sea salt and pepper

### Method

1. Halve the fennel bulb, remove the core then slice thinly and mix with half the lemon juice and all the zest, and toss to coat.

2. Quarter, core and thinly slice the apple and add to the fennel. Toss everything together then set aside. Slice the radishes and add to the fennel along with the watercress, and toss to combine.

3. For the dressing, whisk together the remaining lemon juice with the sour cream, horseradish and oil and season with salt and pepper.

4. Spread a little dressing onto 4 serving plates and pile the salad on top.

Flake the trout over the salad and drizzle with the remaining dressing.

**Nerys Howel**



# Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan.

## An update

In the April edition of the Radyr Chain, the Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) highlighted the 'candidate sites' within our community being proposed for development in the Replacement Local Development Plan. We also reported that Cardiff Council may be working on incorrect population figures. With the publication in June of the 2021 Census figures, this suspicion has proved to be correct. Specifically, the Census shows that, in 2021, there were 147,300 households in Cardiff against a prediction of 165,523.

Why is this important? Cardiff's Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), covering 2021-2036, uses the higher figure as a starting point for the plan and continues to predict a higher rate of growth than has been the case. The existing LDP assumed a 42% rise in Cardiff's population for the period 2008-2033 and a 33% rise for the Plan period 2006-26. In fact, the population increase over the last decade (2011 to 2021) was only 5%. Clearly, Cardiff is not growing as fast as the planners predicted.

In short, these figures show that no further land needs to be allocated in a revised plan to meet Cardiff's housing needs up to 2033. House building has progressed at a much slower rate than forecast by the planners and so there is plenty of land already allocated to meet future demand for housing in Cardiff.

The RMLDG has contacted the press and also asked Cardiff Council to comment, but our fear is that they will plough on regardless and, potentially, agree that further land in NW Cardiff can be designated for development.

What might be the impact of that? Apart from the despair many people report feeling when they look at the green fields around Radyr being occupied by rows of apparently identical houses built too close to one another and – in many cases – hard on the Llantrisant Road, there



are already issues with traffic congestion, sewage overflows, and a lack of available infrastructure.

Plasdwr paint an image of a beautiful community-based development, but that is not what it looks like at the moment. And the RLDP will potentially expand the permitted development area before even half the present allocated land has been used. Why? Who is driving this rush for more development if it is not needed?

A scientist on the RMLDG team has produced a report on the likely pollution impact of more traffic. Don't be lulled by the suggestion that the move to electric cars will solve that. They produce non-exhaust emissions (from tyre wear etc) which are comparable to those of conventional vehicles. Valuable green and recreational land is being lost, bringing a loss of biodiversity and even a potential for problems with water management in some areas. If Plasdwr had been designed around the new Metro as opposed to being car-based, some of that would not be the case.

The RMLDG put out a flyer across a lot of NW Cardiff alerting people to these threats. A copy is available on their website -

<https://radyr.org.uk/clubs/rmldgro> up/. The response has been good and lobbying of key people has begun. Recently, we met with Simon Gilbert, head of Planning for Cardiff Council. The message given at that meeting was that we should not be too concerned, 'the community is being listened to'. However, that is not what people feel.

Our new Councillors – Helen Lloyd Jones and Calum Davies – say they are as concerned as everyone else. They need our support and the RMLDG will continue to use every avenue to make sure common sense prevails. If you can help in any way, then look at the above website and get in touch. We are particularly looking for help from people with PR/marketing skills. We all need to work together to protect the green heritage of North West Cardiff for future generations.





# Recollections of a Tragedy



**The death of Aryan came very early in the term of our two new County Councillors. Helen Lloyd Jones spent a great deal of time with the family and here are her recollections of the tragic event.**

The heavens had opened. No one in the right mind would be out in such a downpour. But you were. You stood there in the rain, heads bowed, hands in the Indian Namaste greeting and waited for Aryan's hearse to go past.

It meant such a lot to his family to see you all paying your respects and doing what you could to surround them with love and support.

There were so many little things that I will always remember. The speed with which Cardiff Council found us an Indian flag. It was on my doorstep



the first evening. Mike Clarke organising the Welsh and the Indian flag to fly at half-mast in Windsor Gardens. The books of condolences in Christchurch and St John's.

The school turning themselves inside out to ensure they respected Aryan's family's culture and religion while doing everything in their power possible to help his friends and classmates cope with their loss. The tree his classmates created for him.

The realisation by so many of us, that Aryan's friends were going into Windsor Gardens just to sit and handle their grief and so, people made a point of picking up the litter to make it as nice as possible for the youngsters.

Will the young people ever realise that we tried and we are trying to surround them with our love? We know they are dealing with a grief no



young person ever expects to experience. We know they will never forget and they will carry Aryan with them throughout their lives. We know that life is not always easy and our hearts do get broken. Life is not always fair, but it is still a gift and we want them to know they all matter to us.

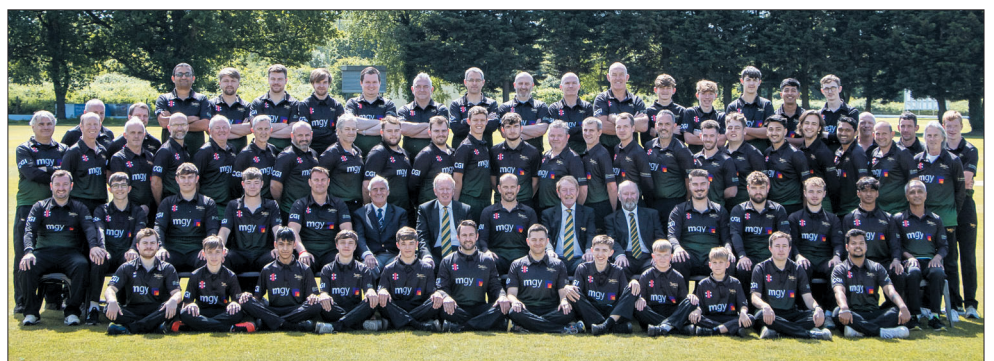
Thank you all so much for the acts of kindness. It is truly an honour to represent you all.



## Radyr Cricket Club

For the first time since 2019 the club has been able to take an all members photograph and in our new coloured kit. As can be seen the members look resplendent, but it should be noted that whilst the photograph appears quite busy, this is approximately half the number of players registered by the club for league cricket. Running six senior sides every Saturday requires the club to have an excess of nearly forty people: gone are the days when members played every week, as people today have so many other attractions.

On the day of the photograph it was also good to meet Councillors Calum Davies and Tyrone Davies, who attended to celebrate the contribution made by the Community Council towards the cost of the acquisition of the shirts. The second photograph which includes myself and the Councillors



shows the shirt in all its glory. The club is eternally grateful for the help and support received from not just the Community Council but all our sponsors who are too numerous to mention, though the eagle eyed of you will see MGY, our main shirt sponsors and the advertising board behind me, which is Pugh's Garden Centre.

The results on the field, in a season which is now well over half way through, has been a "curates egg": some weeks absolutely brilliant,

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