

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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Licensing of New Clergy

With all the changes within the Church in Wales over the past few years it is sometimes difficult to keep up. On the 1st of January 2022, the Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop June, signed a deed abolishing parishes throughout the diocese and creating "Ministry Areas."

Radyr and Morganstown is now in the Garth Ministry Area, which takes in the old parishes of Radyr, St Fagans with Michaelston-super-Ely, Pentyrch with Capel Llanilltern and Tongwynlais.

Radyr had already been down-graded from a Rector to a Vicar some years earlier, with the arrival of the Revd Vicki Burrows but unfortunately we lost Vicki earlier this year. So that means that virtually all the clergy in the Garth Ministry Area are new to the area.



Revd Ian Yemm

The majority of the clergy for the new Garth Ministry Area were licensed at a special service held at Christ Church Radyr, on the evening of Sunday 24th July and it was hard to miss Bishop June's excitement and joy at licensing virtually the whole of the Garth Ministry team at one time.

The new vicar of Christ Church Radyr and St. John the Baptist Danescourt, is the Revd Ian Yemm.



Revd Belinda Huxtable

Ian has taken up residence in the new Rectory at the back of Christ Church and can be contacted on 029 2084 2471, ianyemm@cinw.org.uk We know very little about Ian except that he once sang in the professional chorus of Welsh National Opera, so get ready for some high powered singing at the services.

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Hanging Baskets

Congratulations to the Community Council and the RMA for a particularly fine collection of hanging baskets in Station Road this year. The baskets are paid for and put in place by the Community Council while the watering and feeding is looked after by the RMA.

The baskets were at their best, as were the the planters in Windsor Gardens, The Old Church Rooms and the "Granny Park" in Morganstown, for the visit of the leader of Cardiff County Council, Councillor Huw Thomas, to Radyr and Morganstown in mid September.



Spitfire Memorial

Whilst wandering on Caerphilly Mountain Adrian Hopkins came across this memorial to a spitfire that crashed on Caerphilly Mountain on the 4th of November 1941.

As Adrian says, "I was only two or three miles away in Whitchurch when it happened."



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

Thur 6 Oct **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Parisian High Kicks" to be given by Bluebell dancer Rachel Williams. An unusual illustrated talk by a bubbly

Rachel 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. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Fri 7 Oct **14:00 R&M Good Neighbours**
Join us for a cuppa and a chat to get to know each other and meet new friends. All ages invited, bring along a

neighbour or friend who may enjoy an afternoon out, or pop in before or after school drop off. New School Rooms, 14.00 to 16.30
www.radyr.org.uk/good-neighbours/

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/

Mon 17 Oct **19:30 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.
www.radyr.org.uk/meeting

Fri 21 Oct **16:00 Cuppa with a Copper**
Come and have a chat at our Cuppa with a Copper event in the Pughs Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe.
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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

Thur 3 Nov **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"A Paramedic in Guatamala" - an illustrated talk being given by Angie Dymott at the Radyr Golf Club.

For more information please contact Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847 or 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. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Fri 4 Nov **14:00 R&M Good Neighbours**
Join us for a cuppa and a chat to get to know each other and meet new friends. All ages invited, bring along a neighbour or friend who may enjoy an afternoon out, or pop in before or after school drop off. New School Rooms, 14.00 to 16.30
www.radyr.org.uk/good-neighbours/

Sat 12 Nov **10.00am - 12 noon Charities Fair**
Radyr Methodist Church
Traidcraft, Tenovus, Guides and more local charities. Tea Coffee and cake in aid of Christian Aid.

Fri 18 Nov **16:00 Cuppa with a Copper**
Come and have a chat at our Cuppa with a Copper event in the Pughs Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe.
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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www.radyr.org.uk/meetings

Thur 1 Dec **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Christmas" by the actor John Sheen, who will be sharing a humorous, illustrated and seasonal talk at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please contact Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847 or 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. www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Fri 2 Dec **R&M Good Neighbours**
Join us for a cuppa and a chat to get to know each other and meet new friends. All ages invited, bring along a neighbour or friend who may enjoy an afternoon out, or pop in before or after school drop off. New School Rooms, 14.00 to 16.30
radyr.org.uk/good-neighbours/

Fri 2 Dec **19:00 Turning on the Christmas Lights** Join the seasonal celebrations in Station Road
www.radyr.org.uk/Christmas

Fri 16 Dec **16:00 Cuppa with a Copper**
Come and have a chat at our Cuppa with a Copper event in the Pughs Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe.
www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Scout Christmas Post 2022

The Cardiff and Vale Scout Executive have decided to postpone this year's Scout Post because a number of areas in Cardiff and the Vale are unable to provide the support needed to run the scheme.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all our outlets who sell stamps and the volunteers who help sort the post in the scout hall during scout post week?

I also wish to thank everyone in Radyr and Morganstown for purchasing stamps locally and supporting scouting in Radyr and Morganstown. **JBT**

Radyr Road Closures

Remembrance Sunday, 13th November, 2022

Station Road at Heol Isaf and Windsor Crescent junctions – from 10am for approx. 30 minutes, to allow Remembrance parade to assemble and march to War Memorial;

Heol Isaf at both Windsor Road and Rectory Close junctions – from 10.20am for approx. 1 hour, for duration of open-air service and Remembrance commemorations;

Kings Road at Taff Terrace junction – from 10.20am (details as for Heol Isaf).

Heol Isaf and Station Road will again be closed at approx. 12.15pm, for approx. 15 minutes to allow parade to return from Christchurch service and disband.

Above arrangements have been made in conjunction with Cardiff Council, and will be supported by South Wales Police attendance.

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by November 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion. All advertisements are accepted in good faith and The Radyr Chain is not responsible for information contained therein.

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Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Ar nos Fercher cyntaf y tymor, braf oedd croesawu'r cerddor dawnus Mei Gwynedd.

Daeth nifer dda ynghyd i'n lleoliad newydd, sef Ysgoldy Eglwys Crist, Radur, a chawsom noson hwyliog o ganu a rhannu atgofion.

Erbyn hyn, mae Mei Gwynedd yn enw cyfarwydd. Ei albwm diweddaraf ydy 'Y Gwir yn Erbyn y Byd', sef ei ail LP unigol o ganeuon pop roc. Mae'n helpu llawer o gerddorion ifanc yn eu gyrfa, ac mae ganddo label a stiwdio dan y teitl Recordiau Jigcal Records. Hefyd mae Mei yn rhoi gwersi ar yr ukulele, dan Fenter Caerdydd, ac yn cyfeilio ar y gitâr i gantorion megis Geraint Jarman ac Elin Fflur.



Chwaraeodd Mei mewn cyngherddau yn gyson ers pan oedd yn dair ar ddeg oed. Mae e wedi perfformio dros Brydain, Ewrop ac America, ac wedi ymddangos yn aml ar y rhaglen deledu *Cân i Gymru*.

Diolchodd Mary Nicholas, ein llywydd newydd, i Mei am noson gartrefol, a dymunodd yn dda iddo ef a'r gerddorfa ukulele yn y cyngherddau neu gigs, chwedl Mei, sydd wedi eu trefnu. Roedd yna gîg ar nos Wener 9 Medi gyda Dafydd Iwan, ym Mhenarth, a'r holl docynnau wedi eu gwerthu ers tro. Yna gîg yn Lido Pontypridd, a thaith dros y dwr i Amsterdam adeg hanner tymor, heb anghofio ymweliadau ag ysgolion yn ne Cymru.

Mae'r gigs erbyn hyn yn adnabyddus am eu hawyrgylch hwyliog, ac ym marn Mei mae pob gîg yn wahanol.

Am 7.30 ar nos Fercher 5 Hydref, Rhian Evans, o Gaerfyrddin, fydd yn dod atom. Edrychwn ymlaen at gael hanes ei gwaith yn darparu llyfrau ar gyfer y deillion. Teitl y sgwrs fydd 'Llyfrau Llafar'. Croeso cynnes i chi i ymuno â ni.

Geirfa

dawnus – gifted
atgofion - memories
cyfarwydd - familiar
gyrfa - career
cyngherddau - concerts
chwedl - according to
ymweliadau - visits
awyrgylch - atmosphere
darparu - to provide
Llyfrau Llafar - Talking Books

Gwen Emyr

Treforgan WI

...from back cover

Our speakers have included the City Hospice telling us of their valuable work across Cardiff and their Forever Flowers fundraising initiative, Debra John on "Saints and sinners in Welsh history"

and Steve Abbott who gave us a slide show featuring scenes from many favourite TV comedy programmes over the last thirty years. It was surprising how many we all remembered and how quite a few would not be acceptable today. Most recently we have welcomed Jeff Chard, also known as the "Otterman" whose enthusiasm for the otter began when he spotted one in the Taff some eleven years ago, and Christine Gittins, a studio potter who gave us a live demonstration of her craft on her portable wheel and whose work is inspired by the countryside around her home in Llantwit Major.

The highlight of our year so far has to be our summer tea which this year we combined with a celebration of our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We had a delicious tea thanks to Sue Philpott and her team of helpers and tested our knowledge of the life of the late Queen and of our royal family with a quiz but perhaps best of all was the opportunity to sit and chat with WI friends for the first time since 2019.

Our book groups and craft group continue to meet regularly and our regular pub lunches have been taking

place at the Taffs Well Inn and the Tynant. The Taffs Well Inn has also been the venue for a number of our committee meetings. Our walking group has been following the Llandaff to Penrhys Pilgrimage route in stages over the summer and (weather permitting) hopes to complete the final stage from Tonyrefail to Penrhys in late September. Also in late September we are visiting Hampton Court Palace where we have as our guide Sarah Slater who gave us a fascinating talk over Zoom during the pandemic. We are looking forward to meeting her in person.

Throughout this year we are supporting the local charity Cwtch Baby Bank with donations from our members of baby clothes and equipment. We also ran a stall at the Festival Fete event in Lychgate Gardens the proceeds from which were donated to the Festival Charity, Headway.

We will soon be planning our programme for 2023 and look forward to many more fascinating speakers and days out. We meet on the third Thursday of every month in Morganstown Village Hall at 1:15 pm. and have a few spaces for new members so if you would like to join us please get in touch via treforgan19@btinternet.com. TC

Licensing of New Clergy

...from front cover

Ian will be ably supported by the Revd Belinda Huxtable as curate. Belinda is a well known face around the villages and can be contacted on 07734 248 869, BelindaHuxtable-Goy@cinw.org.uk.

Service continue to be at 8 and 11 on Sunday at Christ Church - this service is normally streamed - and Wednesday at 9.30.

Services at St John's are Sunday at 9.15 and 18.00 and Thursday at 11.00. In his comments on the licensing service Ian asked people to pray for him as he took up his first role as vicar and concluded with a quote from Romans 15:13. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Radyr Cricket Club

As the shadows lengthened in mid September the cricket season at Radyr came to an end. The final knockings were a First XI league game on the main ground and a hugely raucous celebration of all things good in the Womens section on the second ground. At the end of the afternoon all the players, their families and the club's supporters collided at the front of the pavilion and the wonderful, joyful spirit continued well into the night.

The season overall was hugely enjoyable with some fabulous cricket played by all the Radyr teams, though one or two disappointing results in the end, made it generally an all round mid table year. The one exception was the Fourth XI, who were top of their respective division when I last wrote and I'm delighted to say that their form continued and with a week to spare they were crowned champions. The photograph taken before the final game of the season, which they won handsomely, shows the differing ages of the players, with the youngest at twelve and the oldest.....well I better not say. The side led brilliantly by Dafydd Marsh, achieved promotion last year and they have flourished at



the higher level, showing the strength in depth the club has at present. The League Dinner will be a great event and RCC will attend in some numbers to celebrate the award of this latest piece of silverware for the club. A photograph will definitely follow in December.

The end of season Club Awards Ceremony was a brilliant night. How we managed to get almost a hundred people into the pavilion, kept the bar functioning and the event proceeding in an orderly manner was a minor miracle. All the teams announced their players of the year with the biggest cheer for twelve year old Abe Gould who was the Fifth XI winner. The largest and most prestigious trophy awarded on the night and taking three of us to hold it, as can be seen in the



photograph with yours truly, the Club Captain Jonathan Wilson and James Williamson, the recipient, was for the Michael Sullivan First XI Player of the Year: James scored a remarkable 912 league runs this season, more than any other Radyr player has ever done: in total he made five hundreds, including an undefeated 104 in the club's seven wicket win against MCC, my personal highlight of 2022.

The end of the season was also a poignant moment for a few individuals who had decided to call time on their particular roles within the club. The most emotional of departures was Jonathan Wilson, who after six years at the helm, decided to stand down as the Club Captain. Jon, Radyr born and bred, has left the First XI in far better shape than when he took over in 2017 and I'm delighted he will remain an influential member of the Management Board. Ironically on his final appearance as "the skipper" he batted as well as he had done for years: a huge six over the sight screen at the railway end will live long in the memory. Another departure was his father John who has stood down as the club's President after eighteen years in the hot seat. A fixture in the village for many years, John who has done a fantastic job, will still I'm sure, be one of our chief supporters into the future. To both the Wilsons, I and the club say a heartfelt thanks.

A third signing off was the club's Secretary, Nick White, who after ten years has decided to say bon voyage. This position is one of the more difficult roles to fill as he is the administrative eyes and ears of the club and in today's multi media age requires the most wide ranging of skills. He has been a wonderful presence throughout and it shows his commitment to the club, that this year, in addition to his secretarial duties, he took on the captaincy of the Sixth XI.

Hopefully we will see his unique persona at the club next season and for many years to come.

With the cricket now finished the grounds team take over. The covers and sight screens will be stored, the internal elements of the net facility removed and cricket memorabilia placed in the loft, all ready to reappear next April. The top soil and seed are already in place waiting for the two squares to be dressed, to ensure that when the 2023 season commences the surface will be as good as any in South Wales. The wicket ends have been repaired and it is now left to the club's members plus the contractors to complete the finishing touches, so that the ground can effectively be put to bed. However the works don't stop and there is already a list of jobs as long as your arm that need completing throughout the winter: every Wednesday morning in the close season is a hive of activity, as methodically the requirements of the grounds team are ticked off one by one. Radyr Cricket Club never stops.

So what happens next. Well the club will have its AGM when the new captains and officers are elected, which is quickly followed by the League Dinner mentioned previously and then in November the League AGM, which finally puts the seal on the season. As always RCC has been a brilliant place to be throughout this remarkable summer and I hope you've enjoyed reading about it in these articles. To the club's members, sponsors and the wonderful people of Radyr and Morganstown thank you for your kindness and wonderful support. I can't wait to do it again in 2023.

Post Script - as a Morganstown boy (5 Heol Syr Lewis to be precise) I occasionally attend celebrations and funerals relating to people who I know/knew from the village. At one of the latter I was very pleased to be told by a number of friends, who I haven't seen in a while, that they enjoyed my articles. However one went a little further and said he liked to check my spelling and grammar!!! Now, not only do I have the pressure of making my words relevant, interesting and maybe a little funny, but I now have the added strain of ensuring my English is up to scratch. Thank goodness I don't do this for a living.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

Update on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP)

The Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) can report that the next stage of the RLDP has been delayed. This stage is the publication of, and consultation period for, the Council's 'Preferred Strategy' which will now take place in the New Year rather than in October as originally intended. We believe this decision has been influenced, at least partially, by a report submitted by the Group in August which analysed the latest Census figures, showing that the population of Cardiff is not growing at the previously expected rate. We have received confirmation that this latest data, together with other information due to be published soon by the Office of National Statistics, **will** be taken into account when preparing the Preferred Strategy for the RLDP.

We have also been offered a meeting with Cardiff Council Planning department to discuss our concerns, which we will be following up in October. Over the coming weeks we hope to be able to persuade the planners that there should be **no additional growth** allowed for, over and above that already included in the current LDP. We would also like to see a commitment to **no development of sizeable greenfield sites**, in accordance with the Council's published policies which include a Fairer, Stronger, Greener Cardiff. Sadly there is already evidence that promises made in the current LDP are not always adhered to as time passes, so we must endeavour to make certain the Council are held to account in the future.

Our local Councillors have continued to be very supportive to the Group and have managed to obtain a commitment from the Leader of Cardiff Council to meet with us in the near future. We will use this opportunity to brief him on the issues which we are discussing with his Planning Officers as above. We will also reassure him that we understand the need for more

affordable housing in the city but do not believe the solution lies in further destruction of open countryside which provides recreational and health improvement opportunities for local residents.

We are currently seeking a grant from the R&M Community Council which will enable us to engage professional assistance with a major PR campaign over the next few months. We also continue to accumulate evidence for opposing the progression of Candidate Sites in our area at the more detailed stages of the RLDP, should that become necessary. This includes environmental aspects such as loss of woodland and open space, drainage, transport problems, air pollution, lack of local services etc. Contact us if you think you can help with any of this (see website, below).

Now is the time to act to raise awareness of the issues at stake with our representatives at higher levels of governance. If you find yourself in agreement with our aims please consider writing to your local Senedd Members and MP. The Welsh Government does not become directly involved in the RLDP process until the later stages but if we can keep drip feeding our concerns along the way then we stand some chance of influencing the eventual outcome. Addresses for correspondence and other information can be found at www.radyr.org.uk/groups/RMLDP.

A public meeting has been organised by the RMA for 21st November to fully brief you all on our progress - Old Church Rooms 7.30pm.

Please **take action now** to protect the last remaining green space between Radyr and Rhydlafer before it is too late.

Radyr Hub

Formerly Radyr Library

Would you like to socialise with friends and neighbours?

Why not join us on Tuesdays at 11am for free refreshments and a chat in the Hub.

On Wednesdays we run a Walking Group. If you'd like to join us and for further information please contact Sue on 07980 752780.

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers



Talking Rubbish!

Don't be a Tosser, Please!!

The members of the Litter Pickers are now collecting an average of 25 bags of litter a month - but the big, big problem continues to be used sandwich cartons and empty drinks bottles clearly tossed from a car or a van into the gutter - like the picture below in Bryn Derwen.

Over three quarters of what we pick now is this type of litter. Please do not do this, it is never far to a bin or just take it home!

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. Our next pick is on Tuesday 18 October.

We are also meeting that evening in the



Lounge of Radyr Golf Club for a Social Evening, if you would like to find out more please come along and meet us - 7.15 pm.

The Group has become a member of the Cardiff Waste

Strategy Group and is contributing to the City's Litter and Waste Strategy. The recent first meeting reported that the Pilot Recycling Collection which some of us are benefiting from (Red and Blue bags!) has improved the percentage of recycling from 65% to 94%. The problem with the green bags is that there is a lot of cross contamination from unwashed and unsuitable material - also the 28 million green bags given out each year are single use plastics - contributing to the problem which we are all trying to solve.

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

Thank you!!

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

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Cllr Calum Davies – September report

The Death of HM The Queen

I was deeply saddened by to hear that Her Majesty The Queen has passed away. She was a great leader of the British nation and will down in history as our greatest monarch. Her service and devotion to the people will be an enduring inspiration to us all. I have signed the Book of Condolence in Cardiff City Hall and the one organised by the Community Council. I also spoke in City Hall as the Council was recalled to pay tribute to the late Queen, which can be viewed here. God save the King.

Planning application 21/02465/MJR

In June, I objected to a planning application for the development of 50 dwellings made on the land north of Clos Parc Radur. This has returned following a response from developers. I felt obliged to oppose the application again as it did not sufficiently answer the queries I had previously raised regarding the pressure that could put on Radyr Farm Road that has little capacity as it does and the density of housing. However, my objection did secure a staggered rail/barrier on the access onto the bridleway to improve safety for its users, should the development go ahead.

Additionally, I noted how the developers were only offering around £31,000 in Section 106 money when the Council had requested over £210,000. Finally, I objected on the basis that the sewerage smell issues in the area have not been addressed and, therefore, no development should take place before that is resolved.

I met with residents and representatives of Redrow and Walters to discuss issues affecting the former as a result of the house-building nearby. I was glad to see the developers meet local people like this and accept some shortcomings, although it would have been preferred if this meeting happened earlier.

One Million Mentors

One Million Mentors is a community-based mentoring programme based in Cardiff looking for volunteers to support young people aged between 14-25 years of age. All they ask is for you to complete a brief registration and online training as well as a workshop within 3 months of sign up. You will then be paired with a mentee who you will support for just 1 hour

per month for between 9-12 months. If this is something you are interested in you can sign up here

www.1mm.org.uk.

For further information on this fantastic opportunity please contact Richard Jones, Regional Manager - richard.jones@1mm.org.uk. I met with Richard as part in my role as Shadow Cabinet Member for Supporting Young People to discuss the scheme and had a very insightful meeting about how mentors and mentees are matched up. The scheme in Cardiff is short on the former so if any residents feel that they have something to offer, do get in touch with Richard or visit the website.

Planning Applications 19/01023/MNR

I met with local residents on Springfield Gardens and Teamans Row in Morganstown to hear their concerns regarding plans to build seven dwellings at the rear of 30 Springfield Gardens. I believe there are legitimate concerns regarding the lack of parking in the vicinity as it is and that adding further properties in this area would make this worse. I also believe there would be serious flood risks and drainage issues should the development go ahead too. I am minded to object to this application – already rejected twice on similar grounds as outlined above.

Cwrt Brynteg

After being contacted by a resident at the complex, I wrote on behalf of residents to First Port – the management agency for Cwrt Brynteg. Concerns were raised regarding the absence of a fulltime manager there and the consequences of this for residents – e.g. looking after injured residents, etc. I am pleased to have received a reply that ameliorated some concerns and I remain in contact with residents in case further involvement

on my part is necessary.

Sewerage smell in Clos Parc Radur

I asked Barratt's for an update on the progress being made in addressing this issue. They replied:

"We have been topping up the chemical monthly but we have now reached the time that we intend to progress a different strategy with the intention of stopping the odour permanently. At the end of August, we reached the point at which all plots contributing to our pump station were legally exchanged such that, in effect we have full design flow to the pump station. This such that we can alter the pumping in order to flow without septicity and thus without the odour. We met with DCWW last week with a view to providing them the proposed operating details by the end of this week. We would then target the installation and operation of the new operating gear by the end of September. In the meantime, the chemical dosing will continue."

I am pleased that we are close to a resolution and will monitor the situation to ensure there is no unnecessary delay so residents here can have some peace-of-mind.

Congratulations

I want to send my congratulations to all those at Radyr Comprehensive School who received their A-level, GCSE, and BTEC results in August. Students have had a very difficult two years during the pandemic – indeed, pupils in Wales lost more school days to Covid than any other British nation – and deserve to be commended. Well done to all and my best wishes for whichever route you take in future, whether that be university, college, work, or apprenticeships.

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Surgery

County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones will be holding a Surgery in Cicchetti's between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. on Saturday October 22nd.

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.



News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

We heard in August that Ginny Jenkins, a previous President of the WI had passed away. We send our condolences to all her family and friends.

In July, a group of us went to the Royal Welsh Show in Llanellwedd. It was the first time they were holding the show since before the Covid outbreak and was a very successful visit. The weather the previous day had been the hottest day of the year but temperatures had dropped and it was more comfortable to wander around. There were plenty of stalls and sheds to see including the WI stand. There were also plenty of animals to see, the cattle shed, which was the coolest place to be due to the many fans in there to keep the cattle comfortable, also sheep, pigs and in the Main Ring the horses were being judged as well as the Royal Horse Artillery showing their skills with the horses and cannons.

On the same day, the Gardening Group visited Dewstow Gardens and Grottos near Chepstow. This is one of the hidden gems of South Wales with plenty to see, grottoes, rock pools, stepping stones, waterfalls, tunnels as well as fern gardens. After having a picnic lunch on one of the manicured lawns, there was time to walk around the numerous perennial flowers and herbaceous shrubs, this led to the woodland and ponds area where the water lilies created a beautiful habitat for birds and fish. It was another successful visit.

In September the Gardening Group visited the National Botanic Garden of Wales and although most members had visited before, it was a while ago and they were eager to see how the gardens had progressed. The easiest and quickest way to get around was by buggy and this option was used to get to the glass dome to see the plants and have a welcome cup of coffee. Another buggy helped to see as much of the 400 acres as possible. This included areas which had recently been restored including Regency features of pathways, bridges, dams, cascades, waterfalls and lakes as well

as the installation of two new steel bridges. The Apothecary's Hall and garden were also worth seeing. After lunch, there were the double walled gardens and Japanese garden to see. At the end of the visit there was time to go to the garden centre where purchases were made of some of the plants seen.

We were back to our normal meeting in September after summer break and a minute's silence was held for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 as well as our former president Ginny Jenkins. We then had a very informative talk from Christian Tonge about computer security. He explained some computer language and among other things urged us not to use the same password for several accounts, to be aware that our routers are vulnerable to hacking and to use complicated passwords such as random words or a password manager. He also advised us not to use unsecure WiFi such as in cafes as they can easily be hacked.

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 radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Christmas 2022



It's hard to believe that we will be announcing the Christmas arrangements in our next edition. We understand that Festivities will start right at the beginning of the month with the street market and lighting ceremony in Station Road on Friday 2nd of December and Santa will make his annual visit on December 16th or 17th. More details in our next edition.

Because events start so early in the month the December Chain will need to go to press promptly on November the 15th. If your Society has an event planned please get details to the Chain ASAP.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Spicy chicken with roast vegetables

A speedy one pot meal and you can replace the vegetables with any others in season.

Ingredients

- 4 chicken legs
- 4 tbsp past harrisa paste
- 350g small new potatoes
- 300g vine tomatoes
- 2 red onions
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1 bulb garlic
- 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Method

Preheat the oven to 190C/Gas 5. Make deep slashes in the chicken skin with a sharp knife and rub the harissa paste all over and into the holes.

Release the cloves from the garlic bulb and put (skin on) in a roasting tin with the chicken.

Cut any large potatoes in half and add to the chicken. Peel and cut the onions in half then into 4 wedges and add to the chicken with the roughly chopped pepper. Squeeze the juice from the lemon all over the chicken and vegetables and leave the skin in the tin. Season with salt and pepper.

Cook the chicken and vegetables for 20 minutes then add the vine tomatoes in small bunches around the other ingredients then return to the oven to cook for a further 20 minutes until the chicken and vegetables are all cooked thoroughly.

Nerys Howel



Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

BUSY TIMES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the time of writing the nation is readying itself for the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As you would expect your Community Council ensured our villages marked this sad and historic event through ensuring appropriate flags were hung at half-mast and that the people of Radyr & Morganstown were able to leave their own tribute via the Community Council's Book of Condolences. It only seems such a small time that we joined with the community to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. The Community Council was pleased to make a significant financial contribution to this important celebration.

We thought that readers might also appreciate hearing about some of our recent activities and our ambitions for our community going forward.

- We have had some wonderful community events recently, such as the Radyr & Morganstown Festival in April & May. We are always pleased to work with community partners such as the Radyr & Morganstown

Association to help deliver such events. Of course, this fruitful partnership will continue in 2023.

- At our Annual Meeting in May, we also appointed our committees and working groups. We are also represented on a variety of outside bodies such as Governing Bodies of local schools.

- We continue to comment on planning applications affecting our community and recently met with officials to discuss pedestrian routes associated with the Plasdwr development. By the time you read this, members of the Community Council will have formally met with the Leader of Cardiff Council to discuss ways in which the work of Cardiff Council impacts on your community and how they might help us improve our community.

- We have also supported the community in other quiet ways, such as showing solidarity with the people of Ukraine, expressing sympathy to the family of Aryan Ghoniya and meeting organisations such as the Radyr Cricket Club, who we have helped with financial support in the past.

By the time you read this we should have co-opted a new Councillor to represent Morganstown on the Council.

- We are also looking ahead to Christmas by engaging a firm to provide Christmas illuminations to encourage visitors to the area as well as providing festive cheer for our villages.

We hope that you are encouraged by these visible signs of our work in your community.

We have also examined some of our internal ways of working and how we communicate with one another and the public. We are also looking at options to improve our premises at Old Church Road to make them fit for the future.

We would love to hear from you about what you think our priorities should be moving forward. The Council is a public body which receives a large part of its income from the public purse. Contact us with your views via Twitter @RandMCCouncil or email us at clerk@radyr.wales.

You can find out how to contact your local Community Councillor at www.radyrandmorganstown.org.

Chairman, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council 2022/23

Alan Barnes 1936-2022

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of Alan Barnes of Dan y Bryn Avenue, known to many generations of scouts as a scout leader.



Alan was born in Maghull, Lancashire to a long line of Lancashire blacksmiths. After school he worked in cable manufacturing then in the aircraft engine industry, first at Rolls-Royce in Derby before moving to South Wales to joint BOAC, latterly British Airways at Nantgarw. He married Mary in 1963 and they had two sons, Robert and David.

Alan enjoyed many interests, he was a Scout as a boy and later became Radyr Group Scout Leader. He was a key to the Radyr scout post team for 34 Christmases. He enjoyed boating, building his own dinghy and holidaying on a canal barge on which he and Mary toured the country's waterways.

Making and fixing things was never far from Alan's mind. He loved model engineering, which

was his main passion for the last 40 years of his life. He was a dedicated member of the Cardiff Model Engineering Society and would usually be seen running model engines at Heath Park on their open days.

Alan will be missed for his friendships love and kindness. He is survived by his devoted wife Mary and his two sons Robert and David and their families.

*"Robert Barnes, fellow fine,
Can you shoe this horse of mine?"
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Transport for Wales

Two of the brand-new Transport for Wales (TfW) trains set to modernise the Wales and Borders network are being showcased at the world's largest rail industry trade fair. The FLIRT (Fast, Light, Intercity and Regional Train) tri-mode and CITYLINK trains, both built by leading manufacturer Stadler, will be unveiled this week at the biennial Innotrans trade fair in Berlin.

More than 150,000 rail industry professionals are expected to attend Innotrans across four days this week (September 20-23) at the Messe Berlin exhibition grounds.

A spokesperson for TfW said "These are modern trains, with high quality features that will offer our customers more accessible, reliable and greener transport." In addition to the strong environmental credentials of both trains, they will also significantly improve the customer experience with level-boarding, air conditioning, power sockets, wi-fi, up-to-date passenger information screens, bike spaces and spaces for those with reduced mobility. Noise and



vibrations will be kept to a minimum, with the new trains quieter than TfW's current fleet. TfW has ordered 24 of the FLIRT tri-modes (electric, battery or diesel) and 36 CITYLINK tram-trains, with a further 11 bi-mode FLIRTs (electric and diesel).

The state-of-the-art tri-mode trains will be powered by electricity to the north of Cardiff and diesel to the south, providing seamless cross-city connectivity. The technology also reduces the need for costly electrification extensions and infrastructure upgrades.

Adapted to suit the tram and rail network serving the South Wales Metro, the CITYLINK tram trains can travel on both rail tracks and tram lines and have a driver's cab at each end.



TfW is investing more than £800m in new trains for the Wales and Borders network, the first of which are being introduced in Autumn 2022. The FLIRT tri-mode and CITYLINK trains are expected to enter service in 2024.

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Treforgan WI

Although Covid restrictions meant we had to cancel our planned meeting for January, this year has seen Treforgan WI return to our usual pattern of meetings and other activities.

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Treforgan Women's Institute 2022

Forest Farm Allotments Society



Forest Farm Allotments named as one of country's best green spaces

Keep Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners – the international mark of a quality park or green space.

Forest Farm Allotments has achieved the prestigious Green Flag Community Award in recognition of its dedicated volunteer involvement, high environmental standards and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

Located adjacent to Forest Farm Country Park, the site is owned by Cardiff City Council but locally managed and used for growing fruits, vegetables and flowers by members of the allotment. As well as the individual allotment plots, there are extensive hedgerows and mature trees, wildflower banks, insect hotels and a wildlife pond on the site.

The Chair of Forest Farm Allotments Society, Lin Dimond said: "We are very proud to have won a Green Flag Community Award which recognises the hard work of the allotment community. Not only are allotments great places for people to grow fruit, vegetables & flowers, they also provide enormous mental and physical health benefits in a beautiful tranquil green space. Allotments also enhance local biodiversity by offering an environment

with a wide range of habitats for a variety of wildlife species".



159 community managed green spaces across the country have met the high standards needed to receive the Green Flag Community Award. This means that Wales still holds a third of the UK's community Green Flag sites.

The Green Flag Award Programme is delivered in Wales by environmental charity Keep Wales Tidy, with support from Welsh Government. Independent green space experts volunteered their time in early autumn to judge applicant sites against eight strict criteria, including biodiversity, cleanliness, environmental management, and community involvement.

Welsh Government Minister for Climate Change, Julie James said:

"Our local green spaces have a vital role to play in

connecting us to nature. These awards go to prove that Wales' parks and similar areas are doing a wonderful job in providing quality places to relax and enjoy.

"The standard required to achieve Green Flag status is very high so I



want to congratulate all of the sites recognised for providing excellent, year-round facilities to local people and visitors alike.

"It's fantastic to see we still hold more than a third of the UK's Green Flag community sites in Wales – especially as the last two years have taught us all of the importance of nature and green spaces on our mental and physical wellbeing."

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said:

"With more visitors than ever enjoying our green spaces, I'd like to congratulate the hard work of staff and volunteers who have maintained excellent standards at these sites."

A full list of award winners can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website

www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag

