Christmas Lighting

By Bethan Cargill



On Friday 2nd December 2022 the Christmas lights will be going up along Station Road and down Heol Isaf. The usual three large outdoor Christmas Trees provided by the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council will be placed in the Granny Park, Morganstown, Lychgate Gardens, Radyr Sidings, and finally Windsor Gardens, opposite Station Road in Radyr. The event will start around 6.00pm, with the singing of carols around the three trees, by groups from the local schools and members of the Radyr Methodist Church. The attendees will then gather around Station Road at 7pm where representatives from Headway Cardiff and South East Wales, the RMA Charity for 2022,

will help to count down and officially turn on the Christmas Lights in Station Road. The lights will be switched on this year by Darcey Corria, crowned Miss Wales 2022. From 6 p.m. Station Road should be alive with stalls selling crafts, gifts, jewellery and much more. Our usual burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine will be available at the RMA stalls. Most of the shops will also be open and joining in the fun, including Cicchetti, Slice and The Radyr Tap, so you will be able to do some shopping and even stay for a meal. Santa will also be making a visit for the little ones to say a quick hello.

For more information see: radyr.org.uk/Christmas for full details

Lighting up times:

6.15pm Granny Park, Morganstown

6.25pm Radyr Sidings

6.45pm Windsor Road

7.00pm Station Road.

Headway Cardiff & South East Wales, will finish their year as the RMA's chosen charity with a stall and be collecting with buckets during the evening.

Please give generously.







We would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year



Diwali In Radyr and Morganstown

Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, good over evil was once again celebrated in Radyr and Morganstown.

The Brownies learnt about the story behind Diwali, dressed up in traditional Indian clothes, decorated Diva Lamps and Diwali cards.

Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours' Friday with Friends group also enjoyed learning about the meaning of Diwali and its significance to Hindus and celebrated by dressing up in Saris and decorating Diva Lamps.







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

14.00 R&M Good Neighbours

Fri

Dec

Mon

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/

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

10.00 Group Litter Pick, Radyr Hub. Sat Refreshments afterwards. Kit 10 provided. Details Dec rmlitterpickers@outlook.com

19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I 12 Tonight we have our Christmas Party Dec and we are meeting in the Old Church

Rooms, Park Road, Radyr

RCTS South Wales: South African Wed Steam, Tony Wardrobe 7.30 OCR 14 Details rctssw@gmail.com Dec

16:00 Cuppa with a Copper Fri Come and have a chat at our Cuppa 16 with a Copper event in the Pughs Dec Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe.

10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West Thur A special tribute to "The Wit and Song 5 of Noel Coward" being performed this Jan morning by the musician, and actor

entertainer Peter Gill 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.

19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I Mon Tonight there is a talk by Sian Donovan "Pedal Power". We meet in The Old Jan Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Old and new members welcome

Wed RCTS South Wales: Brecon & Merthyr Railway, Peter Fortune 7.30 11 Old Church Rooms. Jan

Group Litter Pick, Morganstown Village Hall, 10.00, refreshments at 14 The Hub 11.15 Jan

10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West An illustrated talk about the incredible 2 and amazing work of the Wales Air Feb Ambulance is to be 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.

RCTS South Wales: The Advanced Wed Passenger Train, 7.30 Old Church 8 Feb

Group Litter Pick, Radyr Hub 10.00 Sat refreshments afterwards 11 Feb

Radyr & Morganstown W.I Mon Tonight is a talk by Sarah Liney on 13 Hedgehogs. We meet at The Old Feb Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Old and new members welcome.

10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West Thur "UK Government's GCHQ Past 2 Present and Future". Could some of Mar the mysteries ... be revealed in this

morning's 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

Radyr & Morganstown **FOT**

Radyr and Morganstown FOT would like to thank all those who helped or supported the recent Coffee Morning held at Radyr Golf Club on October 27th. We are pleased to announce that we raised over £1300 on the day.

This will be passed onto Tenovus Cancer Care to support those suffering directly or indirectly from cancer.

Rosanne Holmes

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Christmas Services 2022

Friday 16th December 6pm Carol Service in St John's Church, Danescourt

> Sunday 18th December 6pm Carol Service in Christ Church, Radyr

> > **Christmas Eve**

Christ Church, Radyr 5pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

St John's, Danescourt 9pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Christ Church, Radyr 11am Christmas Eucharist

St John's, Danescourt 9.15am Christmas Eucharist

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Ddechrau Hydref, Mary Nicholas, ein llywydd newydd, oedd yn siarad am fenyw ddewr o'r enw Cranogwen (Sarah Jane Rees) o Langrannog. Nid hwn oedd y tro cyntaf i Mary Nicholas ddarlithio ar y testun yma gan iddi roi darlith ar Cranogwen ym Mhrifysgol Toronto.

Roedd Cranogwen yn byw yn y cyfnod Fictoraidd. Ganwyd hi yn 1839 yn Llangrannog. Yn ffodus, roedd ei rhieni, ac yn arbennig ei mam, yn credu mewn rhoi yr un cyfle i'w merch ag i'w dau fab – peth anghyffredin yn Oes Fictoria.

Roedd bywyd Cranogwen yn arloesol mewn sawl ffordd:

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Roedd hi'n pregethu, ac yn aelod yng nghapel Methodistaidd Banc y Felin. Roedd hi yn ei helfen hefyd yn hyfforddi'r tonic sol-ffa. Bu yn Unol Daleithiau America ddwywaith ar deithiau pregethu ar wahoddiad rhai o'r Cymry oedd wedi ymfudo. Yn Washington DC cyfarfu â'r Arlywydd.

Hoffai weithio ym maes newyddiaduraeth, a hi oedd golygydd cylchgrawn *Y Frythones* rhwng 1879 a 1893.

Gweithiodd i gael mwy o chwarae teg i ferched. Ac yn 1922, ar ôl ei marwolaeth yn 1916, agorwyd Llety Cranogwen yn Nhonypandy fel lle diogel i fenywod. Roedd hi'n sicr yn fenyw o flaen ei hoes.

Yn ddiweddar, llwyddodd ymgyrchwyr i gyrraedd targed codi arian ar-lein o £20,000 ar gyfer gosod cerflun efydd o Cranogwen. Yr artist enwog Sebastien Boyesen wnaeth ddylunio'r cerflun fydd yn cael ei ddadoruchuddio yng Ngardd Goffa Les Llangrannog ym Mehefin 2023.



Diolchodd sawl un i Mary am gyflwyniad llawn a lliwgar.

Yna ar nos Fercher 2 Tachwedd cawsom gwmni Rhian Evans o Landysul. Daeth i siarad ar noson dywyll a gwlyb gyda hanes llawn goleuni, hiwmor a gobaith. Collodd Rhian ei golwg yn raddol ers ei genedigaeth oherwydd cyflwr o'r enw 'retinitis pigmentosa'.

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Gorffennodd Rhian Evans ei sgwrs drwy ddyfynnu geiriau enwog Reinhold Niebuhr:

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Rho nerth i mi newid yr hyn y gallaf ei newid.

Roedd y cwestiynau yn llifo a phawb yn ddiolchgar am noson i'w thrysori yn y cof.

Ar 7 Rhagfyr am 7.30 yr hwyr, Kevin Davies, Penarth, fydd yn siarad, a'r testun fydd 'Gosod Blodau'.

Geirfa darlithio – to lecture anghyffredin – unusual arloesol – pioneering seryddiaeth – astronomy morwriaeth – seamanship pregethu – to preach yn ei helfen – in her element newyddiaduraeth – journalism cerflun efydd – bronze statue dadorchuddio – to unveil

goleuni – light yn raddol – gradually genedigaeth – birth yn hysbys – known elusen – charity cysur – consolation dyfynnu – to quote dal ati – to keep going yn llifo – flowing trysori – to treasure

Gwen Emyr

Radyr Buses



Our photograph shows Mary Pierce, President of the Radyr and Morganstown W I presenting a petition of nearly 600 signatures to the County Council in the Council Chamber of City Hall on November

Mary was given one minute to present her petition and she used her time brilliantly. She complained of the reduction of services to Radyr and Morganstown from three an hour to one. How unreliable that one service is, we all know of people that have had to wait far more than an hour for a bus.

Mary and the WI are asking for a better service which takes in Ffordd y Berllan and which is coordinated with the school hours for pupils to be able to use the service.

Mary was supported by our two County Councillors, Helen Lloyd Jones and Calum Davies.

Radyr Cricket Club

With Christmas rapidly approaching it is time for me to take stock of a year that has seen probably the most significant change I can ever remember in my life: the passing of Her Majesty the Queen. This massive event overshadowed most things for a couple of weeks and was felt, I suspect, somewhat poignantly by the club's new President, Nick O'Neil, as he is also a member of the Royal Household Cricket Club, who play in the grounds of Windsor Castle. It was only in July that a number of club members were invited by Nick to a game where the Queen paid a visit: it shows how quickly things change.

The appointment of the new President took place at the club's AGM which was attended by over fifty members, which I believe is a record. Whilst giving my address at the beginning of the evening, I mused to myself at how previous AGMs had always been the province of the "proverbial one man and a dog." Never did I imagine there would be people standing in the corridor, vying for a view, and it made me realise the club must be doing something right. I was delighted at Nick's success, as I've known him as a friend and team mate for very many years, a former Club Captain, who is RCC through and through. I know he will do a brilliant job, though following John Wilson will not be easy.

Change does seem to be the theme of this article and so it was with the Club Captain's position. Following the decision by Jonathan Wilson to stand down after six years at the helm, we had a contest for this position for the first time in almost twenty years, as two players threw their hats into the ring. The candidates, Tom Makin and Tom Shrewsbury, both gave brilliant, compelling presentations, outlining what they thought they could bring to the role. It was then over to the democratic process and a secret ballot of all the members, with the latter Tom coming out on top. The winner is a former first class cricketer having played for Gloucestershire CCC before finding his way to Cardiff and I'm delighted to say RCC. The photograph of Tom shows him in action last season on the day he hit his first century for the club. He has ambitious plans with his first act



being to appoint the other Tom as his Vice Captain. I'm already excited about the season and it's still months away. Other changes at the AGM saw new captains for the Fifth and Sixth XIs, with Jamie McCallion and James Hodkinson respectively taking on the two roles. There can be no more difficult role in sport than captaining a cricket team and all three will need to be supported by the members: I have no doubt this shall be the case.

The final appointment that came out of the AGM was that of the club's new Secretary. The individual who took up the post was Lydia Clements, who is also the captain of the Womens hard ball XI. In her short time at the club she has not only shown her skills on the field, but those that are needed to step up and take on one of the three high profile administrative positions which run the organisation. No cricket club can survive without an effective Secretary and Lydia has already shown in the recent Management Board meeting she administered she is going to be a huge asset to RCC.

Over the last few editions I've written about the brilliant success of the Fourth XI who last season won their respective division with something to spare. A few days after the AGM the club took a large group of members to the League Dinner at Sophia Gardens, where the trophies for the year were awarded. The attendees were varied in age starting from seventeen and culminating with the club's ebullient Patron, Paul Kyte. The event was a great success and the club was delighted when the skipper Dafydd

Marsh received the trophy from the guest speaker, the former England player, Geoff Miller. The photograph shows Dafydd just after receiving the trophy, but well before he and quite a few of the members hit the bars of Cardiff: 4.00am was apparently when they finished.



I would like at this point to pay tribute to Cerys Griffiths who has recently been named in the Western Storm Emerging Player Programme for 2022/23. She is an amazingly talented cricketer who has been a member of the club since she was very young. Being selected as one of the best young players in the south west of England and Wales is richly deserved as her commitment and dedication have shone throughout her time with the club. Her brother and parents are also members and it is almost unheard of if one of the Griffiths are not at the ground on a Saturday afternoon. The club wishes Cerys all the best wishes in the world and I have no doubt that the whole family are as proud of your achievements as we are at RCC.

I started with Christmas and it is probably the best place to finish as I wish all the club's members, sponsors and our friends in Radyr and Morganstown the compliments of the season. The summer can't come soon enough for me and hopefully 2023 will see even more great cricket, wonderful camaraderie and glad tidings at RCC.

Christopher Hitchings Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

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Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Update

The Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) continue to make progress in challenging the RLDP. We have had meetings with Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff Council Leader), Simon Gilbert (Head of Planning) and others and have a better feel for how things might pan out. Supported by a grant from the Community Council, we have engaged a Public Relations consultant who wrote and circulated a Press Release challenging Cardiff's projected housing growth figures, which was published in the Western Mail. Cardiff Council then issued a response. (You can follow this activity by visiting

www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rmldgroup/ rmldgroup-2/)

On top of our belief that there is no need for Cardiff Council to allocate more land for development in the RLDP, the Council published the latest monitoring report on the state of the existing LDP. Despite the report showing that progress is well behind schedule - notably with affordable housing – the report ends on a bullish note that the plan will get back on track before the end of the planned period, 2026. Given the current state of the UK's finances and a projection of a recession over the next two years, we doubt that and a further Press Release is planned pointing this out.

Despite all this, our meetings with Council personnel have shown that they still intend for the RLDP to cater for additional future growth beyond that already provided for in the current LDP. However, this might focus on inner-city growth rather than further building in green field sites such as in NW Cardiff. In fact, there are currently in excess of 3,000 more houses planned for the City Centre Enterprise Zone than were included in the current LDP.

This scenario would, indeed, be a success for our campaign but we feel it is necessary to keep up the pressure.

The Preferred Strategy 'for the RLDP will be published in the New Year and, regarding the land between Radyr and Rhydlafar (to the back of the golf course between Pant Tawel Lane and Llantrisant Road), is likely to remain a Plas Dwr expansion site to provide flexibility if required but not until after 2030.

There will be a consultation period of 12 weeks, probably late January to April 2023, when we all need to our voice opinions on the Preferred Strategy. The next edition of the Chain will have further details of timing etc but, meanwhile, please keep following our website (see link above) and also our Twitter account, https://twitter.com/RMLDGroup, and keep lobbying the key people. More letters and emails really do make a difference.



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

Dear Editor,

I would like to highlight how disappointed I am at the current situation with owners leaving dog mess in the area.

I live in Morganstown with two young children and like many, walk my little boy to school over the motorway bridge. Every day, we are trying to dodge the mess that hasn't been cleared up properly by dog owners.

Only the other day, he went to go inside the playground at Cwm farm only to find a pile of dog mess right outside the gate.

The nights will be closing in soon but if you're walking a dog in the dark, I see no reason not to take a torch if you need to see where your dog is doing it's business.

I find it completely unacceptable and hard to believe that these people have no respect for the area they live

Dogs are such lovely companions so please have some respect for the area we live in and clear up properly after them.

(Name and address supplied).

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Talking Rubbish! Cat Litter



Welcome to our new member, Minnie the Cat, adding to our 35 active members. She lives with members Laura and Paul Robinson and you can see that each time she is out she returns with litter to add to their bags. Well done Minnie, Laura & Paul are training you well!!

Her efforts add to the over 800 bags we have collected since our first pick in June of last year. We hope you agree that the streets and parks of Radyr and Morganstown look a little tidier now.

If you would like to join us on our monthly group picks - or go out individually using the kit provided for us by the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council - please contact us at rmlitterpickers@outlook.com. The dates of the picks are included in the diary on page 3 of the Chain.

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 Committee members of Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers rmlitterpickers@outlook.com Facebook:

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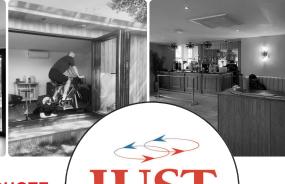
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Radyr Rangers FC

Tom Lockyer, from Radyr, gets Wales Call Up for World Cup

On 9 November, one of our own, ex-Radyr Rangers FC grassroots player, Tom Lockyer, was selected in the Welsh squad for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar taking place between 20 November and 18 December 2022.

Tom attended Bryn Deri primary school, and under the stewardship of his father, Steve Lockyer, coaches Dave Walsh and Alan Webb, amongst others, began playing grassroots football at the newly reformed Radyr Rangers FC. Tom would go on to join Cardiff City as a youth player, before playing professionally for Bristol Rovers, Charlton Athletic, and his current club Luton Town in the

Championship.

Da Iawn Tom! Good luck from all the coaches and players at Radyr Rangers FC. We will be rooting for you and cheering on Wales this Winter!

Today, Radyr Rangers FC supports the advancement of amateur football for the area of Radyr & Morganstown, with volunteers from across the community coaching aspiring footballers from Reception Class through to youth. Each year over 250 children take part in footballing activities with Radyr Rangers FC. Our success is down to the hard work and effort of our volunteers, so if you can help us with fundraising, coaching, administration and safeguarding, please contact us at radyrrangers.football/contact/.

Dere ymlaen, Cymru!



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Santa will be visiting
Morganstown and Radyr in his
sleigh once again on
Friday 16th December

Because of parking problems and the need to be on main roads as little as possible during the rush hour the visit will start in Morganstown.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

17.30 Ravensbrook Heol Syr Lewis

17.50 Ffordd Treforgan Meadowfield Way Maes y Gwair Heol y Cwm

Heol y Crofft

18.10 Ty Nant Inn

Main Road, Morganstown Ty Mynydd

18.25 Bryn Derwen

Cae'r Graig Pentwyn Cae'r Graig Bryn Derwen

18.50 Hazel Tree Close

Bryn Derwen Dan-y-Bryn Ave Windsor Ave Windsor Road Station Road

19.20 The Sidings

19.50 The War Memorial Heol Isaf

Llantrisant Road

20.20 Sils Ap Sion

Lon Pererindod Clos Harry Corner Heol Roald Dahl St Philbert Street Plas y Mynach LLantarnam Drive Drovers Way.



Radyr & Morganstown



Good Neighbours

Hello from the Good Neighbours!

It has been lovely over the past few months to meet so many lovely people in our community. Thank you all for the kind and encouraging words. As we move this project forward we have some volunteering opportunities. For those of you familiar with volunteering you know just how much it's of two way benefit. For those you are helping it can be life transforming, for you, life affirming. It can also be used on CV's, job applications and provide unique life experiences.

We have renamed our Friday group *Friday with Friends*. We meet each Friday at 2-4 pm at the New School Rooms, Christchurch, Heol Isaf. This is a friendly informal group with chat and refreshments. We are planning some themed weeks after a really fun afternoon learning about Diwali. We would love to have some new people and all ages are welcome. We need some cake makers for this group. If you're

someone who loves baking, but doesn't because you can't eat all of it, we are here to help! We can promise genuine appreciation of all baked goods!

We would also like to have some help with the tea and coffee making. If anyone would like to come along, any age to join us and/or help, that would be fantastic.

We are also in need of some volunteer drivers. We have found that transport to and from activities is a struggle for a number of people, especially those who have recently given up driving. If you feel you could provide some help in this area please let me know. Any time you can spare would be useful on a regular or ad hoc basis. Spread the word! It may suit some younger members of our community who are undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh Award, or Welsh Baccalaureate.

Volunteer posts may be subject to DBS checks and references in accordance with our safeguarding Policy.

We would love to set up some more groups in the new year such as a Brunch Club, and some light activity groups so will keep you posted.

Coordinator Louise Beesley. Tel.07553 463676 Email. coordinator.rmgn@gmail.com

Radyr & Morganstown Ramblers Club



Greg Milbrodt, Tom Tribe, Chris Gibbs, Erich Kurtz, Will Richards

I just wanted to reach out to the Radyr Chain regarding a recent expedition that myself and some friends undertook. On Saturday 1st October a few of the dads, who's children attend Bryn Deri Primary School decided to take an impromptu hike up Pen Y Fan. Our adventure commenced at 6:30am and after a short trip into the Brecon Beacons, we'd parked up and set off on foot.

What started as impulse hike up Pen y Fan quickly turned into a hike around the horseshoe route of the mountain, taking in Corn Du, Craig Gwaun-Taf and Cribyn.

During the hike, we decided that we'll be looking to do more rambling like this in the future and unofficially formed the Radyr & Morganstown Ramblers Club. Future events will include Mount Snowdon and potentially Ben Nevis. Greg

The Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society Volunteer Fundraising Group

We are delighted that we have again been chosen as a Co-op charity, as part of their local community fund. In the past 12 months we've raised a grand total of £3,281 through the generosity of Co-op members choosing us as their local charity.

If you are a Co-op member you should receive an email asking you to choose your good cause for this year. You can download the Co-op app to keep up to date with how you are helping to raise funds. If you join the Co-op as a member you will be asked to pick one of the local good causes. If you have a login for your membership you

can also sign in to select your cause at https://account.coop.co.uk/sign-in?state=8c46f52f-9fe9-46aa-bcf7-3eacf49127c9&client_id=052bf8a8-c9a6-4f1c-b805-

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The Group will have a charity stall as part of the Radyr and Morganstown Christmas Tree Lighting Event on 2nd December – come and say hello and maybe buy a few festive treats.

Look out for our Choir evening with Cardiff Arms Park Male Voice Choir on 14th January at Christchurch, Radyr. Tickets cost £15 and will be available from Mark Richards – email mrichradyr@outlook.com





We also continue to collect unwanted jewellery (including broken items) which can be sold with the proceeds going to the charity. If you would like to donate any jewellery please drop this in to Gaynor at 5 Bryn Coed or Pat at 25 Drovers Way.

Halloween

County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones and her dog, Honey, inspect some of the pumpkins decorated and carved by pupils of Radyr Comp. for a Halloween celebration in Windsor Gardens. Thanks to those who made and decorated the pumpkins and to Jen Howlett who organised it. Also to the RMA who turned up to supply music and burgers in terrible weather conditions.

Unfortunately Halloween night saw monsoon conditions and the event had to be closed down early. "We'll try again next year, perhaps the weather will be kinder" said Helen.



Cardiff Cheese Company



Stuck for a Christmas present to send Uncle to Uncle Tom and Aunty Mary? We might have the ideal solution, a hamper of Welsh cheese. The Welsh Cheese company, based in Taffs Well, will send a hamper of Welsh cheese direct to their doorstep - you don't even have to pack it.

Hampers start at £20 - a little more if you want a real wicker hamper. They will be sent overnight suitably packed and they will accept orders up to the 20th of December. As a cheese lover I can't think of a nicer present.

The Welsh Cheese Company have worked online from Taffs Well for the past five years, but they opened a shop to the public in May of this year. They have a selection of more than 70 cheeses made in Wales, as well as crackers. chutneys and other accessories. Why not drop in and have a look around, they always have samples of some of their cheeses available.

Because of the chaos that Transport for Wales are making in Taffs Well they can be a little difficult to find. Head north from Radyr through Taffs Well they are signposted right after the road bridge over the railway after the Taffs Well Inn and right again into Moy road. They are at the end of Moy Road, just off the roundabout. They have designated customer parking bays and are open from 10 a.m. to 4. Monday to Friday - until 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Alternatively you can walk across the footbridge at Taffs Well station and along the platform to emerge in Moy Road. They are 200 metres on the right.

They can be found at Unit 13 Rombourne Business Centre, CF15 7QR, phone 02922 365 375 or e-mail hello@welshcheesecompany.co.uk

Happy hunting!

Christmas Greetings...

From the Vicar...

I bought my first box of mince pies in October. In my defence, I wanted to share the pleasure of them with



family visiting from Europe who had never experienced our traditional Christmas food. And they were delicious! The launch of the annual Christmas adverts by our supermarkets, each trying to out-do the other in creativity and inventiveness, is always a sign to me that we are on our way to the 25th December.

Whilst the Church remains firmly rooted in the season of Advent, watching and waiting for the coming Messiah, it is also important that Christians do not pour cold water on the celebrations that will be enjoyed in most workplaces and homes over the coming weeks.

The commercial aspects of Christmas may be viewed as a distraction from the heart of the Christmas story. For many this year, alongside the annual season of good cheer, will be cost burdens and anxieties about making ends meet at a time of financial strain. If we do nothing else, we should recall how Christmas is the telling of the birth of a child into poverty in Bethlehem who, nonetheless, brings hope for us all.

Recent years have been marked by separation, loneliness and loss. Now, more than ever, we need moments of appreciating others, telling people we love them, offering help where we can, and celebrating joyfully. Maybe this will be a Christmas where we can savour the shared pleasure of simpler experiences. Perhaps you'll consider joining us in Church?

We will open our doors, once again, to all sorts of festivities, school events and services. There will be our Christmas Tree Festival, Crib Service, Carol Service and Midnight Mass. We encourage children to come dressed up as characters from the Nativity scene for our Crib

Service at 5pm on Christmas Eve. It will be more fun if you come! What could be more 'Christmassy' than taking part?

This is my first Christmas here with you and I hope you will join us, at some point, as part of your keeping of this holiest of nights.

A very happy Christmas from the people of Christ Church, Radyr and St John's Church, Danescourt.

Ian

Service times are listed in this issue - for more information see www.radyr.org.uk/parish/

Tidings of Comfort and Joy From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

God rest ye Merry Gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay, not the negative press, not the economic crisis, not what's happening in the Ukraine and the possible consequences.

It felt imbecilic to be asking our Plasmawr contact, can the bollards be moved for Santa's sleigh? Can we have a Christmas Tree when other subjects on the agenda had included the on-going but hopefully now solved problem of sewage on Clos Parc Radur.

But we have to have magic in our lives, we have to have special moments. And we have to be willing to create the special moments ourselves.

And that is what is special in Radyr and Morganstown. It was so evident when in the pouring rain you turned out to honour young Aryan as his hearse took him past Radyr Comp and Windsor Gardens.

We have a capacity for love that will see us through what are likely to be tough times if the press is to be believed.

It has been quite a year, the death of our Queen, a lady who had won our respect and who had followed the Covid rules when others ignored them, A year when I gave up trying to remember who was who, in the Cabinet because it was continually changing when all we wanted was stability in what are clearly "interesting times" as the Chinese refer to difficult times.

But we will come through, we will reach out to those who have recently moved to Radyr. We will tell them about the RMA which is free to join and how they can get involved with the Festival. We will tell them about the Radyr Woods Wardens and their open invitation for more volunteers. We will tell them that we don't want them to be them, we want them to be one of us.

Happy Christmas to you all and may 2023 bring us all peace and joy.

News from the Methodist Church

4th December at 5pm "Quizmas", food, fun and a chance to try your brain against our Quizmaster, Phil.

11th December at 5pm "Empty Chair Service", this service is designed for anyone who will have an empty chair at their Christmas table due to bereavement whether recent or long ago, it is a gentle and open space where we will read the names of those remembered and light some candles.

18th December 10:30am Nativity Service with the Puppets.

18th December 2:30pm we will be hosting a "Live Nativity" at Amelia Trust Farm, tickets are available from their website.

All are welcome to any of these events get in touch via Facebook or radyrmc@gmail.com if you would like more information.

We also have some new ways of meeting up:

Forest Church Juniors who meet in Radyr woods to play, sing, make things and find God in creation

AwayforRest is a new church plant which meets every other week outdoors in different places around Cardiff on a Sunday morning at 10:30am,

Art-well a new group meeting upstairs in the hall above Radyr Methodist Church from 2-4pm on a Wednesday every other week, this is not lessons, more leaning towards our mental well being as found through the use of art.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

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THE COST OF YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND HOW WE SPEND YOUR MONEY

As Christmas approaches and the cost of living crisis begins to bite many of us are looking for value for money. Because of this we thought it might be useful for you to have a greater understanding of how we use your money.

To begin with, for 2021/22 the cost to our residents of the Community Council was £130,921. Whilst this sounds a large sum when distributed amongst all householders it is a relatively small sum. For example, if you live in a "Band G" house you have been charged £54.78 to support the community council, or £1.05 per week.

What then do we do with that money? To begin with we own and manage land on behalf of the community which includes Radyr Woods, Dan-y-Bryn Woods, the Granny Park and a small piece of land off Pant Tawel Lane. Besides these we also manage Windsor Gardens on behalf of Cardiff County Council. This land costs money to maintain and make attractive for all their uses and users.

We also own and manage the Old Church Rooms building on behalf of the community which again costs us money to maintain and run. This building is one we are particularly proud of and is well used by many members of the community. This building provides wrap around provision for young children, facilities for children's parties, a Film Club, Senior Thai Chi and many more activities. Please remember that our facilities can be rented for a small fee by contacting our clerk.

We also employ three part-time employees, i.e. a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Handyman. All three help with the smooth running and upkeep of the Community Council and its assets.

Besides the above we also financially support annual community events. For example it is us who finance and facilitate the erection of our Christmas trees and decorations. We also help to financially support the Radyr and Morganstown May Festival and have of course have financially supported one off events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Another of our costs occur through our

Grant Award process where local groups can apply for funding. This year we have financially supported our local cricket, tennis and football clubs as well as groups like the Mellingriffith Brass Band. Of course further applications for grant funding would be welcomed and can be accessed by contacting the clerk.

Just a word of caution, however. Our funds are not limitless and we do not have the spending power that primary councils such as Cardiff do. Nevertheless, we do have powers of influence and have used that influence to support the reestablishment of the Drover's Way playpark and in seeking to ensure the best possible facilities for our community at Mound Field for all its users.

In conclusion we would love to hear from you about what you think our priorities should be moving forward and how we can better spend your money. Contact us with your views via Twitter @RandMCCouncil or email us at clerk@radyr.wales.

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

Tyrone Davies Chairman, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council 2022/23

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

Autumn has arrived and with it plenty of wind and rain. We can at least look back at the events which have taken place since our last report.

At the end of September, 12 members joined the Glamorgan Federation's trip to the Malvern Autumn Show. The weather was kind to us and we all enjoyed the various stalls and events taking place which included the plants and bulbs stalls, tents with crafts and various food and drinks as well as animals, including Shire horses, pigmy goats and a competition for the best pig in show. It was an enjoyable day which passed quickly and it was soon time to return to our bus for the trip home.

The next event was the Gardening Group's meeting at Morganstown Village Hall where Hilary demonstrated Lasagne planting using a large pot and layering different spring bulbs and as they all come at different times of the season, the pot will last a long time. This was followed by tea and homemade cakes.

Our October meeting saw flower arranger Ann Mears showing us how she arranges flowers using vases and a pumpkin. By using flower arranging



Some of our members at Nantgarw China Works

sponges and wire Ann was able to explain how to keep the flowers in position. She made it look so easy to do and inspired some members to go to a flower arranging meeting later in the month.

Our W.I. launched a Bus Petition to request that Cardiff Council improved the bus service to Radyr and Morganstown. We used to have 3 an hour but are now only getting 1 an hour and not all of them turn up and passengers sometimes having to wait for 2 hours for a bus. On 27th October, our President Mary Pearce presented the petition to the Council at the City Hall where she gave a speech giving the reasons for the request. Hopefully, we should hear sometime next year if

we have been successful. We would like to give a huge thank you to all the residents who signed the petition and the members who went door to door collecting the signatures.

The Gardening Group had a trip on 2nd November to St. Fagan's to see the autumn leaves. It was very windy but a few of the trees still had their leaves namely the beech and oak trees however, there were many on the ground which still had their colours. The trip ended with a very welcome cup of coffee/tea. It was the last meeting of the year and the group will restart meetings in March 2023.

At our latest meeting, we had a talk by Bet Davies who spoke to us about Wales' links to Japan who is marking its 50th anniversary of business investment here. The talk was very interesting with Bet having a pivotal role in keeping the relationship between Wales and Japan on track.

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 & Morganstown web site.

Radyr Rainbows Adventure Evening

The Rainbows were very excited to welcome a special visitor to one of their meetings. Tori James, President of Girlguiding Cymru and Radyr resident, came along to tell the girls about her adventures. Tori was the first Welsh & youngest British woman to climb Mount Everest. She brought along lots of the equipment and clothing she had worn on the expedition. The girls had great fun trying on the clothes, the Everest boots were so heavy it was almost impossible for any of them to walk. The Rainbows asked lots of questions and discovered Tori had been a Brownie, Guide & Ranger and had her first adventure when as a Guide she





had climbed her first mountain in Switzerland. It took Tori 72 days living in sub-zero temperatures to climb to the summit, sleeping in a tent and eating packets of dehydrated food every day. Everest was just one adventure, she has cycled the 2,400 km length of New Zealand & been in a team who travelled from Lands' End to John O'Groats in a straight line, by sea kayak, mountain bike, cycle & walking. Tori inspired the Rainbows to challenge themselves to get outdoors and have adventures.

The Rainbows are keen to climb mountains & will certainly have lots of fun completing their 'Explore' skills builder badge.



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

The table top sale at Radyr Methodist Church in October raised £280 for the Cardiff Foodbank and food donations received that weekend allowed us to deliver 140 kg of food to the central Foodbank warehouse in Cardiff. Thank you to all who supported the event and who continue to support the vital work of the foodbanks across Cardiff.

A few statistics show how many people have been supported across the UK in recent times -

2.1 million

...was the number of emergency food parcels given to people in crisis by food banks in the Trussell Trust network in the financial year 2021/22.

The need is still great so there will be another collection before Christmas. 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 9th and Saturday 10th December.

30 Pentwyn, Radyr CF15 8RE, 20 Walnut Tree Close, Radyr CF15 8SX, 13 Heol Roald Dahl, Radyr CF15 8GT.

At the time of writing the foodbank currently need -

- JAM AND SPREADS
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE) 1 LITRE
- CUSTARD
- TINNED FISH
- SAVOURY SNACKS (CRISPS ETC.)
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED CARROTS
- CHOCOLATE/SWEETS
- RICE PUDDING
- TINNED TOMATOES
- LONG GRAIN RICE 1KG BAGS
- DEODORANT/ANTIPERSPIRANT
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER

They have enough

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

The foodbank is unable to accept fresh or perishable food. For up to date information on their requirements please visit the following page on their website https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/

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

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Rum Macaroon Mince Pies

These are a lighter version of the traditional mince pie with a soft macaroon topping. You can use the juice of the orange or another spirit such as brandy, whisky, sherry to replace the rum.

Makes about 15-18

Ingredients

225g shortcrust pastry (225g plain flour,125g butter, juice 1/2 orange)

225g mincemeat + 50ml rum, zest 1 orange

2 egg whites

75g caster sugar

100g ground almonds

Greased 12 bun tin

Method

For the pastry —rub in the cubed, chilled butter into the flour until the mixture is like breadcrumbs then add the orange juice (and a little water if needed) and bind to make a ball. Wrap in cling film and refrigerate for an hour.

Roll out the chilled pastry and stamp out rounds with a 7.5cm cutter and line the bun tin.

Add the rum and the orange zest to the mincemeat and stir well. Fill the pastry cases with mincemeat.

Whisk the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Whisk in the sugar a little at a time. Fold in the ground almonds. Put the mixture into a piping bag and pipe over each mince pie. Alternatively use two spoons and divide the mixture between the tins, covering the mincemeat well.

Bake in a pre-heated oven 180C/Gas 6 for about 15 minutes until golden. Cool on a wire rack. Dust with a little icing sugar. Serve warm or cold.



News from Bryn Deri Primary School.

Children in Bryn Deri have had a very busy and exciting Autumn term.



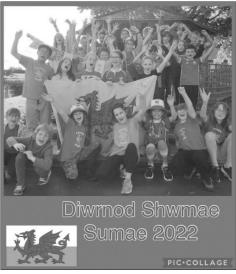
In September we celebrated Roald Dahl Day.

Dosbarth Pedwar enjoyed George's

Marvellous Medicine.



On European Languages Day, Dosbarth Un learnt about Italy with help from Mrs Peduzzi.



We spent a day celebrating Diwrnod Schwmae Sumae! Here is Dosbarth Pump getting excited about it.



Spooky happenings at our first disco this year; talented singing and dancing. Dosbarth Chwech looked fabulous. Many thanks to the PTA for organising and raising £540!



Our Rags2riches? collection in November raised £134.48 with 336.2Kg of clothes to recycle and reuse. Diolch to the Eco Committee for their help.



Dosbarth Tri have been having regular whole class violin lessons.



Remembrance Day - Dosbarth Pump taking the opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms.



Dosbarth Dau have been finding out about each other's interests in preparation for drawing portraits.



The Eco Committee had a productive morning Litter Picking with Gareth Davies from Keep Wales Tidy and becoming part of Litter Free Zones.



Dosbarth Chwech visited The Royal Welsh Museum dressed as World War 2 evacuees as part of their project work.

There are currently spaces in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you are interested in having a look around our school please email the school brynderiprm@cardiff.gov.uk and visit www.brynderiprimaryschool.co.uk/



Our new Reception class has settled in brilliantly. They have been exploring Autumn in our wonderful outside spaces at Bryn Deri.

DANGER!

Many of you will have seen that Transport for Wales (TfP) are well ahead with the installation of the steel supports that will carry the overhead power cables that will power the new Metro.

TfW will soon be installing these cables and they warn that some of these cables will be live from an early stage. That is why it is now doubly important that people do not trespass on TfW land.



TfW decorated one of their trains to commemorate Armistice Day.

Radyr Tennis Club



As any good coach will tell you, tennis is all about moving forward. And at Radyr Tennis Club, we always take that coaching tip beyond the court. 2022 was a BIG YEAR for the club, especially following COVID-19. But thankfully, we made as positive a comeback as Andy Murray and his incredible resurfaced hip.

We created introduced the New2Tennis initiative, where anyone new to tennis can have four free lessons from our head coach and then join with a 3-month trial membership of only £70. Plus, we held our Open, Handicap and Vet's tournaments, together with the everpopular Junior week and parent and child competition.

But the racket wasn't just reserved for our ten courts, we made some noise in the club house with our Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday BBQ, and a stack of other social events. We also held a cheese and wine evening – if we can't play as well as the French, on our three clay courts, we'll certainly have a crack at drinking like them. Whilst we're talking about food and drink, we also revamped the selection of beers behind the bar – the engagement levels on the subject were greater than any matter ever broached in the club's history.

But as proud as we are of our recent, and long history, it is of course all about tomorrow. And in that regard, 2023 promising to be Biiiiiiiiiiiiiii.

We're creating a new coaching programme designed to appeal to all ages and abilities. From those who can barely see over the net, to those who like to attack it. We're also keen to develop programmes for new tennis players, as well as those whose rackets have been gathering a bit of dust over the past few years.

As always, we continue to provide some of the best courts in Cardiff, if not Wales. We have four synthetic grass courts, three synthetic clay and three hard courts. All of which provide a level of pick 'n mix rarely seen outside of the Showcase Cinema in Nantgarw. We will

continue to provide some of the biggest competitive tennis squads in Wales (with six Men's teams and four for Ladies in the summer comps) and in particular look for players who are keen to compete at a high club level, whilst continuing to develop the social side of the game.

We will also be venturing beyond the realms of North Cardiff and heading for two pre-season tours to Europe. One group will be heading to Spain, the other to Portugal. Both trying to emulate Iberian masters such as R. Nadal, whilst also getting to know other legends from the region such as R.Ioja, M.Albec and T.Empranillo.

The social programme won't just focus on the two continental tours. Back at the club, quiz nights, the ever-popular Saturday teas, and poker nights, will hopefully attract new members from the area - as will refurbishment of the bar.

So, if you fancy winning a cup on the court, or simply holding a glass by the bar, give us a shout.

Cheers, Paul Williams Radyr Tennis Club.

From County Councillor Calum Davies

It was great to meet the Headmaster and Chair of Governors at the **Comprehensive School**. There were several areas of discussion, chief among them facilities, school places, and transport. I will be acting on their concerns to ensure pupils and staff get the resources they need to continue their great work.

Roadworks at Clos Parc Radur. The Council have informed me that contractors will do better to ensure work does not start before 8am; make efforts to keep residents better informed of timescales and the nature of nearby works; review the signage on Llantrisant Road to ensure better visibility; and avoid taking HGVs further into residential areas than absolutely necessary. I visited residents who expressed their issues with the state of the land behind Llantarnam Drive where building works as part of the Plasdwr Development is going on. I have asked Plasdwr for information on their plans and vision for the

beautification of the area once finished as there are concerns this area would be unsightly and could encroach on the privacy of nearby residents.

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Traffic Calming Measures in Radyr Sidings. I have asked the Council whether they would be inclined to install traffic calming measures on the approach into the Sidings.

Children and Young People. I remain concerned with the heavy reliance on agency social workers needing to be deployed, the use of unregulated care settings and failure to meet statutory duties. Officers in the department have an unenviable task, operating in difficult circumstances, but we, as council tax payers, demand high standards from the local authority's political leadership. I also raised some of these matters in full Council.

Call for foster parents Cardiff's Fostering Team are keen to identify individuals who may be interested in offering a home, care and support to children and young people when they need it most. If you are in a position to be a foster parent, please do contact Cardiff's fostering team.

Coed Caerdydd is a 10-year programme to increase the number of trees in Cardiff. Below is the tree planting programme for Radyr & Morganstown for the next six months. Meadowfield Way green (19 Nov) – community event

Ysgol Bryn Deri (9 Dec) – school event Morganstown Play Park (9 Dec) – community event

Radyr Medical Centre (TBC March)

Drover's Way Park. We have had confirmation that the Council has found funds within its budget, and I will update residents at the earliest opportunity on timelines for its completion. I will also seek street lighting for the lane that goes from the park onto Plymouth Drive and the installation of the area's first postbox.

Armistice Day in Radyr

On Sunday 13th November 2022, Radyr and Morganstown held a Remembrance Service to pay respect for those who fought for our country in wars since 1914. The event was organised by Ian Ogden and led by the Reverend Ian Yemm, supported by the Christ Church Choir. The service started with a parade from Station Road towards the War Memorial in Radyr. Groups involved in walking in the parade were the St John's Ambulance Cadets, local police, army cadet force, Llandaff cadets, Radyr scouts, guides, brownies, and rainbows, as well as senior members of the armed forces.

The parade was accompanied by a brass band, who played well for this solemn occasion. The ceremony was well attended, with people from all generations, and everyone adorned with poppies to show respect to those that lost their lives. Many thanks to all the volunteers, including members of the Cardiff County Council workforce, without whom the service would not have been possible.

By Bethan Cargill

















Your Hub

We have all had to get used to calling Radyr Library, Radyr Hub. As well as collecting and ordering Library books, you can do much, much more.

You can get information on services offered by Cardiff Council, including requesting or renewing your bus pass. The Hub also organises various events.

Mondays see a Knit and Natter group, they made a delightful cover for the Station Road postbox to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and currently have one commemorating Armistice Day. On Tuesdays there is a free Coffee morning and Wednesdays the walking group. The walking group

walk about four or five miles and the walk is built around a good coffee stop, preferably with delicious cakes.

The Hub also organises events for pre School Children, with Storytime on Wednesdays.

Friday afternoon is the Digital social club so if you need a hand with your tablet or smartphone please pop in.



The Hub is offering free hot drinks every day it is open between 10-11am and 2-3pm as part of the Government's Warm Space Initiative. Why not pop in and find out what

they have on offer.

All events are free. More information from The Hub.

