

RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2023



We understand that the May Festival - which will run from Saturday April 29th to Sunday May 14th - will be back up to normal. Three outdoor events, two choral concerts, two lunch time classical concerts, a cookery event featuring the Welsh Cheese Company, quizzes, walks, Jazz, cricket, a Welsh Night, afternoon tea, a beetle drive and a major run all included.

The full programme for the Festival is enclosed in this edition of the Radyr Chain as is a book of raffle tickets for the Prize Draw in aid of our chosen charity, The British Heart Foundation.

Add to this a major whodunit by the Radyr Drama Society to launch the Festival - Weds 26th to Fri 28th of April and you have a full fortnight.

Changes

The Coronation and work on the Parc Radyr Park have necessitated some changes to the locations. **The Fete**, on the opening Saturday - 29th April - will be expanded with more stalls, clowns and games as well as the usual popular licensed bar and BBQ, will now be held in the grounds of **Radyr Primary School, Park Road.**

The Coronation Party in the Park will also be held in the grounds of Radyr Primary School - Parc Radur Park is scheduled to be dug up for drainage work to take place. Note the change of date to Sunday 7th of May from noon to 6 p.m. Bands and soloists, licensed bar with its fine

selection of local ales and BBQ.

Why not make an afternoon of it. This is the day the National Coronation Committee have allocated for community events. Why not come as a neighbourhood group and enjoy a picnic while listening to the music and quaffing a glass of local ale.

The ever popular **Dog Show** is still

in The Sidings on Saturday 13th of May and this year will feature vintage tractors.

Elsewhere in this edition you can find details of the two choirs taking part in the Festival, and the line up of International artists scheduled for the Lunch time concerts.

Enjoy the Festival. We hope that the sun shines on the events.

Recognise this lovable dog?

It's one of our County Councillors, Helen Lloyd Jones, getting ready to take part in a fun run in aid of the Lord Mayor's Charity, Guide Dogs, Wales. Helen will be running a 10K race which starts in the bay, part of it wearing this costume.

If you'd like to help, search for Helen Lloyd Jones¹ on Just Giving or send her a text to 07977 395 625 and ask for the link. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Guide Dogs, so it's the



most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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

Mon 27 Mar **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown Association AGM** The Annual General Meeting for the Radyr & Morganstown Association (RMA) is to be held as a hybrid meeting, at the Old Church Rooms or online via Zoom. radyr.org.uk/rma

Fri 31 Mar **12:15 Lent Lunch** at Christ Church New Schoolrooms, Radyr. Soup, bread & cheese, hot drink - £5.00
Proceeds to Christian Aid
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 3 April **18:00 Radyr Woods Wardens AGM**
Radyr Woods Wardens AGM is on Monday 3rd of April at 6pm in the Tennis Club. You are very welcome to join them even if you have never met them or been to a working party in the Woods. They will be pleased to see you.
radyr.org.uk/clubs/radyr-woods/

Wed 12 April **RCTS South Wales**
The East Coast Main Line from York to Edinburgh 7 pm for 7.30 Old Church Rooms

Sat 15 April **Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers Group Pick** 10 am at Morganstown Village Hall followed by refreshments at Radyr Hub at 11.15

Mon 17 April **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Please note this is the third Monday in the month due to Easter Monday.
Jeremy and David from Cardiff Speakers Club will be giving us a talk the subject is to be arranged. We meet at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 10 May **RCTS South Wales**
Railways Around Radyr 7pm for 7.30 pm Old Church Rooms

Sat 13 May **Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers Festival Family Pick**
10 am at Radyr Hub followed by refreshments at 11.15

Mon 15 May **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Please note this is the third Monday of the month due to the Coronation.

We have our AGM today where we will be voting for the coming year's President and Committee at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 17 May **17:30 Surgery with Cllr Calum Davies** at Morganstown Village Hall
A surgery where residents of Radyr & Morganstown can speak with their local councillor one-on-one. No appointment necessary but get in touch in advance at calum.davies@cardiff.gov.uk if you'd like. Surgery runs from 5:30-7pm, so residents politely requested to understand that time available to them is subject to number attending. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 18 May **12:00 Bag Collection in aid of Tenovus Cancer Care** Radyr Friends of Tenovus are holding their annual Bag Collection of items suitable for resale in their Charity Shops. Simply drop off your items at Radyr Guide Centre 12.00 to 14.00 radyr.org.uk/clubs/tenovus/

Sat 10 June **Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers Group Pick** 10 am at Radyr Station Car Park followed by refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Mon 12 June **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Tonight we are having a Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We meet on the second Monday of each month at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 14 June **RCTS South Wales**
Blue Diesel Days 7 pm for 7.30 Old church Rooms

Easter Services in Radyr and Morganstown

The Methodist Church

Maundy Thursday 6pm Meal and service 6th April

Good Friday 12 noon service followed by a walk to `Radyr Woods then Hot Cross Buns. 7th April

Easter Saturday Easter Egg Hunt Cart St Ioan 8th April 11am
Easter Sunday service 10:30am 9th April

We will be looking at how to continue our Warm Space coffee mornings on a Monday as the

Spring comes, perhaps moving to monthly, do get in touch for details

We meet for coffee on Tuesday and Tuesday mornings at 10:30am in Cicchetti's anyone is welcome to join us just ask for Angela.

We have Bible Studies on a Monday afternoon, Tuesday evening and online on a Wednesday

Our Toddler group meets on a Friday morning

Our Forest Church Juniors will be meeting over Easter in Radyr Woods

We are planning a supper and quiz on Saturday May 13th at 5pm

Please do get in touch for further details, radyrmc@gmail.com or contact us by Facebook at RadyrMethodistChurch

We also have a couple of spaces left to book rooms in the church for community groups at very reasonable rates our Booking Secretaries, Phil and Yvonne can be contacted on yvonne.gatley@googlemail.com or philiprgatley@gmail.com

The Church In Wales

Holy Week Services - The Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday in St John's 7pm In the Hall for The Washing of the Feet, moving to the Church for The Last Supper and The Watch.

Good Friday in Christ Church 10am Family Service
2pm Liturgy of the Cross

Holy Saturday in Christ Church 8pm Lighting of the Easter Fire, followed by the Easter Vigil and First Eucharist.

Easter Day
Normal Sunday Services at both churches.

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

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WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

Marathon fundraiser for Cardiff Foodbank



I am running the Newport Marathon on 16th April, raising money and donations for the Cardiff Food Bank. This is my first marathon and I'm nervous but excited to be taking on this challenge. The Colosseum Gym have kindly offered to have a donation box in their foyer, to add to the locations where people in the local area can donate food.

If you would like to sponsor me, please scan this QR code which will take you to my LocalGiving page, or type this link into your browser; <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Carly-Newport-Marathon/>

Wish me luck! Thank you,
Carly Evans



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope Brwydro Newydd Cudd Adfer Gobaith

DIOLCH YN FAWR. Thank you for the generosity of the community in continuing to support the work of the foodbank. Following the collection in February we were able to deliver to the foodbank warehouse 201 kg of food plus £45 in monetary donations.

There will be another collection in April. 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 Saturday 22 April.

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

The foodbank currently need -

- UHT milk (1 litre).
- FRUIT JUICE (longlife 1 litre),
- JAMS and SPREADS,
- TINNED POTATOES,
- EASY COOK/ INSTANT PASTA and NOODLES (Pot Noodle etc.),
- GOOD QUALITY CARRIER BAGS.

They have enough -

- PASTA, • BAKED BEANS, • CEREAL,
- TINNED SOUP, • SWEETCORN,
- TEA.

The foodbank is unable to accept fresh, home-made 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, of whatever amount, is appreciated so please consider whether you can help. Thank you so much.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Pot roast spring chicken

A one pot dish based on a traditional Welsh recipe when they used boiling fowl which were tougher and required longer cooking. A great alternative Sunday lunch!

Serves 4-6

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 200g shallots, peeled and halved if large
- 2 leeks, washed and trimmed
- 4 garlic cloves crushed
- small bunch of lemon thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 x 1.5kg free range chicken
- 300g frozen peas
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh tarragon

Method

Preheat the oven to 150C/130Fan/Gas 1.

Heat the oil in a large oven proof casserole dish over a medium heat and add the shallots, fry gently for 5 minutes until lightly coloured and beginning to soften. Add the chopped leeks, garlic, thyme and bay and cook for a few minutes.

Add the whole chicken, season with salt and pepper and nestle in amongst the vegetables then pour over the stock and wine. Bring to a simmering point, cover the dish and transfer to the oven and cook for 1 1/2 hours basting the chicken with the stock occasionally.

Turn the oven up to 190C/170Fan/Gas 5 and remove the cover –roast uncovered for about 15 minutes adding the peas 5 minutes before the end of cooking. Stir in the tarragon and juice of half a lemon.

Nerys Howell
ARBENIGWR BWYD FOOD SPECIALIST

Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours.

Hello everyone!

It's lovely meeting more of you and hearing your stories. We would love to find out more about those people you might know who are feeling a bit isolated or if this is you. Getting our confidence back after covid takes time, and many people have found their mobility isn't quite what it was before. Let me know how we can help.

Our Friday with Friends meets every Friday afternoon in the New School Rooms at Christchurch, Heol Isaf. We would love to welcome more. We chat over a cuppa and cake and generally find out what is going on in the community. Friday afternoon doesn't get better than catching up with old and new friends.

If any of you have a free hour or two occasionally or regularly, I would love to tell you of some volunteering opportunities. I would like to start a

new group in Morganstown, and am exploring the possibility of a lunch club.

I need some help!

If you fancy being part of setting up and/or supporting either of these, please get in touch. Roles would involve making drinks, welcoming people, assisting people getting there.

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

Radyr Lawn Tennis Club



April is always an exciting time at Radyr Lawn Tennis Club – it marks the start of the new season. But not for just those looking to slam down a few aces on the tennis court, but also on the poker table – more of that later.

After Covid forced us to shut our doors, it made the club more determined to open them wider than ever before. And this season we will be welcoming members, new members and guests with our arms outstretched wider than our chairman celebrating four-of-a-kind on the poker table.

So, whether you've played in the past and fancy getting back into the sport, have never played at all, or are wondering why half of the people lingering around Radyr Medical Centre are wearing shorts and tracksuits, come and give us a shout. Unlike many tennis clubs we now also offer the chance to book a court, or even access group coaching, without committing to full membership. With our 'Pay and Play' initiative we have allocated several courts that can be booked for a £10 fee for 1.5 hours of court time, you simply register your details with our booking site, select a court and time you wish to play.

The perfect day to check us out is on Saturday 15 April – it's our open day. It starts with a social tennis tournament for juniors at 1pm, followed by a fun tournament for seniors at 2.30pm. You could also just pop down for a drink at the bar, which will be open for much of the afternoon. Or, if you're busy during the day, we'll be running a 'Night At The Races' in the evening. Where if you missed out on the chance to hit some winners on the court, you can pick a few on the track instead.

But perhaps the biggest change this spring, sees the appointment of our new head coach Ellie Lewis. With over 20 years' experience she has

the knowledge to help any player improve. So, whether you've never picked up a racket, or you keep smashing your racket due to frustrations with your kick serve, Ellie can help you improve. New courses will include adult and child introductory sessions, girls only activities as part of the new LTA Amazon Prime initiative and tots' courses. All sessions are provided alongside our term time programme which caters for all ages and abilities.

But our tennis club isn't just about tennis. The social side is just as important, and our new social programme is the most radical thing to happen since McEnroe switched from wood to graphite. We've got a fun poker evening on the second Friday of each month (it's nothing too serious) and a regular quiz night on the third Friday. Plus, during the season, we will be running more events, all of which can be viewed on the social calendar of our website.

We can't wait to see you.

Visit

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/radyr/awntennisclub/GuestsofRLTC>
Cheers, Paul Williams (average tennis player, even worse writer)

County Councillor Surgeries

**Helen Lloyd
Jones**

Saturday 22nd
April
Cicchetti's
10.30am to
11.30am.



**Callum
Davies**

Wednesday 17th
May 2023
Morganstown
Village Hall.
5:30pm until
7:00pm



No appointment necessary, but feel free to contact Calum.Davies@cardiff.gov.uk in advance.

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

For our February meeting, we had members of the Hedgehog Rescue Centre come and give us a talk on their work. The talk was given by Sarah Liney who was very enthusiastic about the work they do rescuing sick and injured hedgehogs, nursing them back to health and releasing them back into the wild in late spring. Sarah also told us that years ago, hedgehogs would only have one litter per year but due to climate change, they can now have two or even three litters and if a third litter is born, it is too late for them to go into hibernation due to the fact they do not weigh enough to survive the winter. Sarah also advised us how to keep them safe in our gardens by planting hedgehog friendly gardens, ponds with escape route and somewhere to shelter.

In March Carol Young came and we had a Chair Yoga class from her. Carol explained how laughing was good for us. We first all sat in a circle and Carol gave us a couple of small bean bags to toss to each other and as we went along, she tossed more bags into the groups until there were many bags being tossed around creating much laughter. We then sat on our chairs and did various light exercises again including laughter. It was a good evening enjoyed by all of us.

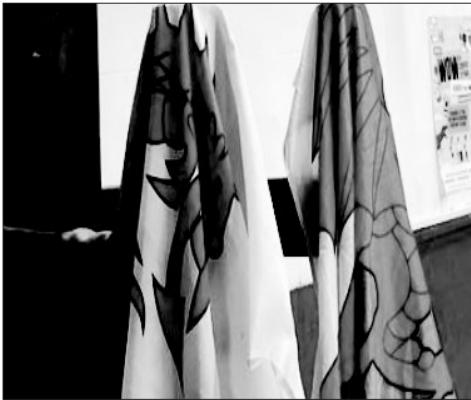
We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DG. Please note in April and May due to Bank Holidays falling on the second Monday, we will be meeting on the third Monday. All are welcome, current and new members, email us to find out more at radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Radyr Primary School

Radyr Primary have been out and about linking with our fabulous community!

On March 1st we had a wonderful day celebrating our Eisteddfod. There were a wide range of competitions for all the children to enter ranging from our home task (where pupils created amazing dragons), handwriting, singing and dancing.



We finished our day with the results of the writing competition when we had our Chairing of the Bard followed by a reading of the winning poem. The Radyr and Morganstown WI cup was presented to the pupil who wrote the winning poem.



Year 6 pupils have been out in shared community areas planting snowdrops which were kindly donated by the community council. As you walk around Radyr you will spot the snowdrops springing up.

Children also took part in the RSPB big birdwatch. Reception children used tools to make binoculars and looked to the skies to spot our feathered friends. Year 2 learnt about



looking after our birds in the cold weather. One pupil made a bird feeder at home with Tadcu to hang in our Forest School!

Year 2 took a visit to Radyr Hub library and did some bird spotting there too. They also enjoyed sharing books with each other and choosing a book to take home.



Our reception children have shown an interest in developing their own class spa which they have named Sba Hapus. They have been enjoying hand massages, listening to tranquil sounds and smelling calming lavender. They took a visit to the wonderful Salon Nia where staff answered their questions and let them sit on the spinny chairs.



Lunchtime Concerts

This year's lunch time concerts at 1.15 on Friday 5th and Friday 12th May in the Methodist Church will have an true International line up. Friday 5th May sees the return of Greek Harpsichord player Despina Homatidou to our Festival with a programme of "Minatures from the South," beautiful melodies from the south of Europe. She will take us on a trip full of light and hope through Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The vocal concert on Friday the 12th May has a truly international feel. Soprano, Weiying Sim is from Singapore and baritone Andre Soares is from Portugal, they will sing a selection of duets and arias from opera with the occasional song from a show thrown in. Both are students at the RWCMD Opera School. They will be accompanied by pianist Jeslyn Asir.



Despina Homatidou



Weiying Sim



Andre Soares

Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Y tymor hwn rydym wedi clywed hanes tair menyw egniol. I agor y tymor daeth Maggie Smales i sôn am ei phrofiad yn gweithio ar raglen radio yn Affganistan. Roedd y rhaglen yn debyg i gyfresi'r *Archers* ar Radio 4 a *Pobol y Cwm* ar S4C, gyda gwersi am fywyd bob dydd. Erbyn hyn, yn Affganistan, mae merched yn cael eu gwahardd rhag cymryd rhan mewn dramâu, ac mae hynny'n achos gofid i lawer.

Fe welon ni luniau o deithiau Maggie i'r wlad, ac mae'r lluniau a'r sgwrs wedi ymddangos yn *Y Wawr* (cylchgrawn Merched y Wawr) y tymor hwn.

Ddechrau'r mis bach daeth un o enwogion Radur i sgwrsio ar y testun "Heriau'r Daith". Soniodd Beti George am ei phrofiad yn mentro i fyd darlledu fel gohebydd ifanc yn y 1970au, yn gweithio ar ei liwt ei hun i'r rhaglen Bore Da. Doedd dim llawer o ferched yn cael gweithio yn y cyfryngau. Roedd yn rhaid i Beti ymdrechu'n galed i gael tocyn Undeb i wneud mwy nag eitemau *vox pop*.

Ers 1987 mae Beti wedi cyflwyno rhaglen ar BBC Radio Cymru o'r enw *Beti a'i Phobl*, ac mae hi'n wyneb cyfarwydd ar S4C. Cafodd ei llongyfarch gan ein llywydd, Mary Nicholas, ar gael ei hanrydeddu'n Gymrawd gan Brifysgol Abertawe.

Ar Ddydd Gwyl Dewi daeth Dr Sylvia Prys Jones, o Gaernarfon, i roi sgwrs i ni ar y testun "Caffael Iaith?".

Pan oedd Sylvia yn ddeg oed symudodd y teulu o Surrey i fyw yn rhif 8 The Green yma yn Radur. Roedd tad Sylvia eisiau i'w ferch ddysgu Cymraeg. Wedi blwyddyn yn yr ysgol Gynradd yn Radur, aeth Sylvia i Ysgol Howells. Yno roedd athrawes Gymraeg ddawnus a charedig o'r enw Mrs Sybil Bevan. Felly, yn yr ystafell ddosbarth y dysgodd Sylvia Gymraeg a chyrraedd Coleg y Brifysgol yn barod i gael cwmni'r Cymry, a mentro i siarad Cymraeg! Buodd



Sylvia yn diwtor iaith, cyfieithydd ac yn bennaeth yr uned gyfieithu ym Mhrifysgol Bangor. Yn 1998, ar cyd â'r Athro Colin Baker, cyhoeddodd *Encyclopaedia on Bilingualism and Bilingual Education*.

Pwysleisiodd Sylvia fod rhaid mentro os am ddysgu siarad Cymraeg. "Defnyddiwch y Gymraeg sydd gynnoch chi," meddai, "a byddwch yn barod i wneud camgymeriadau. Does dim ots!"

Roedd llawer o siaradwyr newydd y Gymraeg yn bresennol, ac roedd pawb yn cytuno i ni gael ein hysbrydoli.

Diolchodd Mary Nicholas i siop y Co-op am eu caredigrwydd, a doedd dim pall ar y sgwrsio uwch paned a thamaid.

Ar 5 Ebrill eleni bydd Elin Wyn yn siarad am ei thaith i Batagonia, yn hydref 2022, i godi arian i elusen Marie Curie. Croeso cynnes i aelodau hen a newydd.

Geirfa
tair menyw egniol – three energetic women
gwahardd – to prohibit
ymddangos – to appear
heriau – challenges
gohebydd – journalist
ar ei liwt ei hun – freelance
anrhydeddu – to honour
Caffael Iaith – the Acquisition of Language
cyfieithydd – translator
mentro – to venture
doedd dim pall – no stop
ein hysbrydoli – to be inspired

Gwen Emyr

Radyr Studio Workshops



Sue Shields a professional illustrator/designer and long time resident of Radyr has started to run craft workshops from her home in the centre of the village.

Each month she offers a range of art based workshops to choose from. The tile printing workshop has been a great success using glaze transferred to the tiles through a range of painterly and print techniques.

For those interested in printmaking there are sessions dealing with relief, intaglio and monoprinting with various exciting outcomes.

Natural plant dying days are planned for the late spring and summer, using common plants to outstanding effect in the production of plant dyed fabrics.

Hand made original book creation sessions will explore a range of possible options and are planned for the spring as one or two day events. If you are interested in being notified of upcoming workshops please e-mail Sue on suestanleyshields@btinternet.com

February 23rd, 2023

A special thank you
from Mrs. Pat Bowles,
3 The Green, Radyr

I would like to say a big Thank You to all the doctors and staff at the Radyr Medical Centre for all the care and kindness shown to myself and Frank during Frank's illness.

A special thank you to Dr. Huw Thomas who has been so wonderful to us during this hard time.

To my wonderful friends and neighbours, for the love and support to me and my family. They have been amazing. I will never forget their kindness to me.

Love to you all - Pat Bowles



Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Two things from us this month!

Firstly, we would like to pay a heartfelt tribute to one of our fellow councillors, Ralph Vaughan, who sadly passed away recently. Ralph was very popular with both his fellow councillors and our staff. He was a gregarious companion who was always willing to play his part towards his community. He served as a distinguished Chairman of the Community Council between 2017 and 2019 and was also a very active and effective member of our Environment Committee. We will miss you Ralph!

Secondly, we would like to tell you a little about the Old Church Rooms, your community hall. We were very pleased to receive an email recently which stated, "I just wanted to thank you for the use of your lovely hall today for our little one's birthday. It was perfect. We were so impressed with how clean, warm, spacious it was. Everyone commented on how beautiful it was. We'll definitely be using it again in the future".

The Old Church Rooms has three large rooms, i.e. the Garth, Weir and Castle rooms, plus a large commercial kitchen. The current charges for the Garth and

Weir Rooms is £8 per hour plus VAT, whilst the current charge for the Castle Room is £6 per hour plus VAT. Due to our increasing overheads these costs will rise by £1 per hour from the 1st April. Even so, we believe that we have cheaper rates than any other similar hall by far!

We thought it might be interesting for readers to read who regularly use our facilities: -

Little Haven Nursery
Go2Play
St John's Cymru
Monkey Music
Role Play Haven Games
Karate Group
Dynamic Harps
Cook Stars
Railway Correspondence & Travel Society
RPG Games
Radyr & Morganstown WI
History Society
Baby & Child Mini First Aid
Fitsteps Dance
Andromeda Dance Group
Senior Tai Chi

If you would like to become a user of one of our rooms for a special party or

event or for a group activity you can contact our clerks by emailing them via clerk@radyr.wales or visit our website www.radyrandmorganstown.org/book-the-old-church-rooms.html

We look forward to you using your community hall!

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

»»» Metro

Radyr community drop in session

We will be hosting community drop-in sessions at **Morganstown Village Hall** Heol Syr Lewis, Radyr, Cardiff CF15 8LE over the next couple of months,

Our team will be there to discuss the progress of our work within Radyr and Gelynis Farm, and are available to speak with residents about local matters.

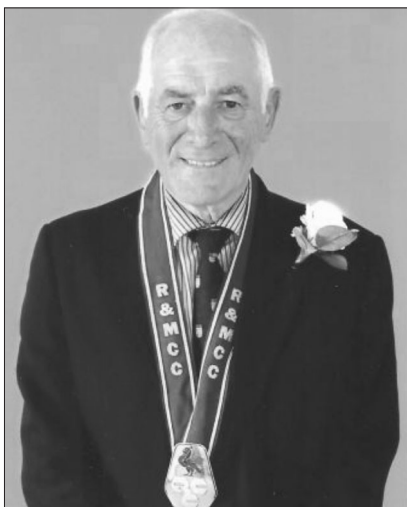
Come and join us on any of the following dates and times:

- Tuesday 28 March:
09:30am – 12:30pm
- Wednesday 12 April:
4:30pm – 7:30pm
- Tuesday 2 May: 09:30am – 1:30pm
- Wednesday 14 June:
5.00pm – 8.00pm

TRAFFORDIAETH CYMRU
 TRANSPORT FOR WALES



Councillor Dr Ralph Vaughan



It is with great sadness that the Chain notes the death of Dr. Ralph Vaughan a long term resident of Ash Tree Close. Born in Bonynmaen in the Swansea Valley he was educated at Bishop Gore Grammar School; a school that seemed to produce nothing but doctors, rugby internationals and the occasional poet - Dylan Thomas - thrown in for luck. It

was on the school bus that he met his future wife Marilyn.

Ralph chose medicine as a career and trained at the Middlesex hospital, although it is reputed that he could have considered a career in rugby and many a story can be told of his exploits in the various rounds of the Hospitals Cup.

After his initial training Ralph embarked on a career in anaesthetics and became a registrar in South East Essex. Ralph and Marilyn soon tired of the Essex life and returned to his beloved homeland and to Cardiff, where he became in quick succession senior registrar, lecturer and consultant in 1973.

He became involved with the Association of Anaesthetists early in his career and he went on to become its Hon. Sec. From 1992 to 1994.

Ralph was renowned for being able to mix his technical skills with compassion for his patients and a trusting partnership with his colleagues. Much of his research revolved around Airways

Management and he was founder and first Chair of the Difficult Airways Society.

Retirement in 2006 allowed him to concentrate on another of his passions, Golf. Not only did he play regularly at Radyr, where he was honoured to be asked to be Club Captain for the 2012 season, but he even went abroad to play with friends. Ralph organised many Club events with his friend Terry Fitzgerald, including the popular St David's Day Celebration and the Concerts on the Patio.

Ralph was still a working Community Councillor at the time of his death where he will be much missed, and acted as Chair to the Council on several occasions.

Finally one must note his exceptional BBQing skills. At any event with a BBQ Ralph was never far away from the fire.

He is survived by Marilyn, his daughters Kathryn and Suzanne and his four granddaughters, Sophie, Catrin, Emily and Nia.

RMA Festival Opening Concert - 'Singing Your Heart Out'

Organised by: the Cardiff West
Rotary Club. Performed by: The
Castell Coch Choral Society.

At Christ Church, Radyr on Saturday
29th April - 7.30 pm in aid of the
British Heart Foundation.

Tickets from: Festival Box Office -
Little Flower Den and the Festival
website.

**Musical Director Linda Morgan and
Accompanist John Wickett.**

Linda, a past student of the Royal
College of Music and Drama, started
the choir over 40 years ago.,when Ken
Innes, the then Head Teacher of
Tongwynlais Primary School
persuaded her to start a choral society,
the choir was born!

Accompanist John Wickett pursued a
teaching career becoming Head of
Music and Performing Arts at
Llanedern High School. Later John
became Musical Director of the Cardiff
and Vale High Schools Choir for many



years as well as playing a prominent
role in many choirs in the Cardiff
circuit.

The concert promises to bring a
collection of familiar songs together
with our 2 accomplished soloists:

SIAN DAVIES: a Mezzo Soprano and
passed student of the Royal Northern
College of Music.

Her recent highlights include
principal roles in the Manchester
Contemporary Youth Opera and
residences with Opera North. She also
has connections with Dan Y Bryn,
Leonard Cheshire Home providing
music for pleasure.

ANDREW MATTHEWS: his powerful
Baritone voice has taken him all over

Wales, winning the Blue Riband at the
National Eisteddfod where he
performed opera, oratorio and sang on
the concert platform. He now teaches
postgraduate dentistry at Morrison
Hospital.

The Castell Coch Choral Society along
with their two guest soloists hope to
provide you with a memorable
evening of entertainment for the
Opening Night of The Radyr and
Morganstown Festival in aid of the
British Heart Foundation.

Tickets from: Festival Box Office -
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website.

Refreshments will be available during
the interval.

From County Councillor Calum Davies

February report

Replacement Local Development Plan

Consultation on the plan that could see the last green fields of Radyr built on has been delayed again until the summer after failing to materialise this winter. It is important residents prepare to tell the Council what they think. The replacement Local Development Plan is about how many more homes the Council wants built in the city. Calum believes the thousands of new homes in Plasdwr means there is no need to build at Goetre Fawr and at Radyr train station, and that new homebuilding could be centred on regenerating derelict brownfield sites elsewhere in the city and areas already in the land bank.

Taff River Clean-up

Following recent flooding that caused the Taff to burst its banks, lots of unsightly debris was left hanging on branches and stuck on the sides. I asked the Cabinet Member for Climate Change about when this would be cleaned up at a Full Council meeting. Despite being told that this would be rectified by mid-February, this was not the case with media stories covering the lack of progress. I raised this further with the Cabinet Member to chase-up efforts to re-beautify this year who told me they had been delayed by extra training and health & safety measures that are needed for such an operations.

Cold Calling Scam

PCSOs have told councillors that cold callers have been operating in Radyr last month offering to buy gold for cash. They appear to be targeting elderly residents. Residents should be vigilant and not allow cold callers into your properties. It is believed the scammers were in a van. I have posted on my social media the leaflet they were using to hoodwink residents.

Work with the Community Council

In addition to my attendance at Community Council meetings in my capacity as a County Councillor, I have been working on a sub-group level concerning the drafting of a scoping paper for the improvement of bus services in the ward, the installation of a new defibrillator, and meeting officials in regards to maximising Station Road as a destination.

Meeting with Walters

I met with a senior representative from the Walters site in Plasdwr. The company is behind a lot of the infrastructure installation on Llantrisant Road and I wanted to talk through the issues residents have had with the layout and ever-changing junctions. I stressed the

need to keep residents informed and responding to their concerns, especially when visibility is involved given the safety implications. It seems that their work will come to an end in the summer as they look to exponentially decrease the amount of space they are working on.

Morganstown Village Hall

I'm just getting in touch to pass on concerns about visitors to Morganstown Village Hall speeding out, potentially causing an accident at the point where Heol Syr Lewis meets Ravensbrook.

There have been a few close calls over the years which hopefully won't actually lead to an incident.

I wanted to alert you to these and hope you could do what you can to ensure people drive carefully at this particular bend in the road.

Cllr / Cyng Calum Davies

Radyr & Morganstown / Radur & Dreforgan

Welsh Conservative / Ceidwadwr Cymraeg

Helping our Furry Friends



Dosbarth Pump and Dau from Bryn Deri Primary have been collecting essential food for stray cats and dogs in countries such as Greece, Ukraine and Iraq.

Our school has been working with the charities War Paws and Nine Lives to help stop homeless animals living in harsh conditions. War Paws is a charity which aims to ensure that dogs and cats are saved from life threatening situations by bringing them to local shelters and rehoming them. They attend to their health needs with plenty of expertise.

Our school has been kindly given collection boxes from a pupil in Dosbarth Pump. The pupils from Bryn Deri have already donated lots of food. Well done everyone! Our

donations will be taken by lorry and personal vehicles to these countries very soon.

We have also been given the opportunity to support a cat living in Greece. Any ideas for a name? We are looking forward to seeing images of our Furry Friend.

At the moment, Dosbarth Pump from Bryn Deri have been designing posters to be displayed in veterinary clinics in Greece to express our support for the cause.

Please help us collect as much dog and cat food donations as possible. We feel this is a very valuable and purposeful cause. Donations can be dropped off at Bryn Deri Primary school. We need to do this to ensure the safety of helpless, innocent animals all over the world.

Diolch,

Friends of Bryn Deri Primary School.

From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

This month I have set up a Facebook page Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones

I've piggybacked off several local groups for quite some time (thank you to you all for letting me) but I often get asked to pass information on to you that isn't easy to post via a group, it was time to set up a page.

I will still watch the local groups but if I know I can answer the query, I'll answer on my Facebook page. So please follow it.

Work started on the drainage at Drovers Way on the 20th of March.

Meeting again with TfW and Radyr Rangers and Cardiff Council's Sport and Leisure Development Officer.

Great to see so many of our streets looking really clean. Thanks to the Street Cleaning teams and to our Litter Pickers.

Longing to see all the lights back on in Brynderwen. If you remember trying to fix Christmas tree lights and you'd get them all working one minute and then another bulb would blow, that's the sort of problem they're experiencing with our street lights. Several times they have had all the lights working only to find some have blown by the following morning.

Passed our feedback on the pilot recycling scheme to the Environmental Scrutiny Community. Some terrific responses and a clear need for the Council to work out a solution for older and infirm people.

Cllr. Helen Lloyd Jones
Welsh Labour

Radyr Cricket Club

Any amateur recreational sports club is totally reliant on volunteers and how much effort they are willing to put into a particular role, alongside their overall ability. So when a number of people that a club has relied upon, decide to stand down there is a feeling of trepidation in the pit of the stomach. At the 2022 AGM, amongst other people deciding they had done their bit, the club saw the President, Secretary and Club Captain take a bow. To be fair the contribution that these three senior individuals made over the years was beyond measure and their retirement fully deserved. However I still wondered what would happen next: with the season just days away I'm delighted to say that the new incumbents have risen to the challenge magnificently. The President has really hit the ground running with the enthusiasm and excitement of an individual who is going to make a difference: the Secretary has already emulated her predecessor by making herself as indispensable as I'd always thought he was: whilst the new Club Captain, at indoor nets, has a steely look of determination which makes me feel a successful season is around the corner. All three will do things their own way, which is how it should be, and all will make a difference: RCC is in safe hands.

The 2023 season is almost upon us and the ground and club house are having their final makeover. The paint is drying and yesterday I watched as last year's huge club photograph was hung in the pavilion foyer. Again the club will run seven senior sides, eight on occasions, when the Women field two sides. This means that on Saturdays a minimum of sixty six people are required to fulfil the club's league fixtures, as RCC continues with its pledge, not followed by everyone, to spread the gospel of cricket far and wide. The feeling of excitement in the players is palpable as the games approach and everything is being put in place to ensure that the facilities offered at Radyr are the very best for the club's members and our visitors. Should anybody fancy being part of this friendliest of clubs,

as a player or as a helper just stroll down the lane and you won't be disappointed.

This time of year also sees the start of the Junior season where both boys and girls, start their cricketing journey from as young as five years of age. The All Stars Cricket (school years 1 & 2) and Dynamos (school years 3 & 4) programmes are the ultimate in having fun and learning the rudiments of the great game. This year there will be a new Lead Coach as Richie Burnell, richiebiz61@gmail.com takes over the reigns and should anyone wish to join in the action on Friday evenings they need to register on the ECB website using either of these links: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars or www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamos There will also be a dedicated section for the girls and this will be led by Becky Thomas. The club is already well on its way to bettering the one hundred plus youngsters who took part in the programmes in 2022, so don't miss out. For parents/guardians who have never experienced these evenings at RCC I can only say you have missed something really special: the children have a brilliant time and the club bar is always open.

For those boys and girls slightly older, there is cricket in the age ranges of Under 11s, 13s and 15s, where dedicated coaches show novices through to experienced young cricketers the beauty and skill of the sport. The person to contact for school years 5 - 10 is Trevor Thompson, who is the Chairman of the Junior Section, with his email address thrthompson@hotmail.com and he can steer you in the direction of the appropriate coach. Cricket for me has been a life long passion since I first became interested in the game at a young age, inspired by individuals who wanted to impart their knowledge, and I'm sure that all the boys and girls in Radyr and Morganstown who fancy a go at cricket will find RCC as wonderful and welcoming a place as I did all those years ago.

I'm also delighted that the club will be hosting an event as part of the 2023 Radyr Festival. The final details of the evening are still being worked

out but you can be assured that the invitation will be open to everyone and it will be fun. I believe you can see the timings in the section on the Festival page in another part of this edition. The club has been an integral part of the village for over one hundred and thirty years and like the village has grown exponentially in that time. However the one thing that hasn't changed is the club's commitment to being the cricket club for everyone in Radyr and Morganstown.

It was also very pleasing for the club and its members to see "one of our own", Anna Harris, standing as an umpire in the recent T20 Women's World Cup. Having watched a number of the games on television involving Anna, I was immensely proud that a member of RCC has got so far in such a short period of time. With England's defeat at the semi final stage a few of us even wondered whether she might get the ultimate honour of standing in the final. Unfortunately this wasn't to be, though given she is still only twenty four and at her first World Cup, time is most definitely on her side. The exposure of this tournament shows the huge steps women's cricket has made and with RCC's determination to be at the forefront of these developments, allied with Anna's success, it shows there is nowhere better to learn their cricket than at Radyr.

So it all begins again on Saturday April 8th when the club has a couple of friendlies, followed a week later by a pre season tour where we play against Marlow CC and on the Sunday, the Royal Household CC, in the grounds of Windsor Castle. The first home games are on April 29th as the league season returns and everybody is more than welcome to join us then and for every Saturday until late September. It promises to be a great ride and I can't wait.

Christopher Hitchings

Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

News from Bryn Deri Primary School

The start of a new year is a time when we traditionally set ourselves new year resolutions and a time for new goals. For the children, this is no different it's a time to reflect on the autumn term and look ahead to ensure that we work together to be the best that we can be as we begin a new year and a new school term. There is much to look forward to. This term our overarching theme is 'Our Wonderful World'. Each class will be exploring an aspect of the world in their new context for learning; from the Blue Abyss to the Polar regions and the great outdoors there is lots to see and lots to learn!

In January, Year 5 presented their One World class assembly to which was warmly received by family and friends. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and the culture and life in Wales and what it means to be Welsh in a diverse capital city. Let us not worry about the Rugby for the moment, what better way to celebrate Welsh Identity than St Davids Day and a Crowning of the Bard Ceremony, it was a real joy to see so many of the children in traditional dress.



This term we are working on a Wales Creative Project entitled Cynefin. A special Thank You must go to Ophelia and Joshua and the funding received from Arts Council Wales for delivering our first session on Project Cynefin –



celebrating a culturally and ethically diverse Wales. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the session and we look forward to more in the coming months.

Congratulations to this weeks Gwener Gwych award winners, you all show an excellent attitude for learning, keep up the good work!



Not forgetting our wonderful Eisteddfod which was won by House Gwyrdd this year – welldone all!



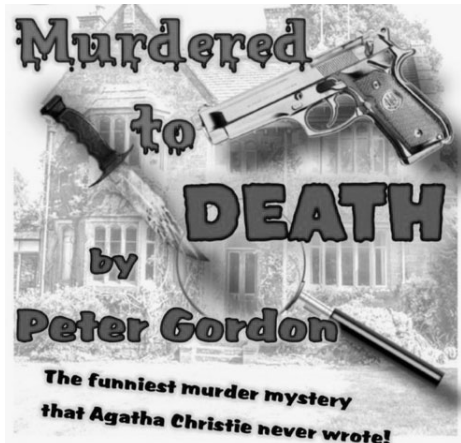
Thankyou to all parents, friends and family who helped with donations to Reception for our new Flower Shop feature, it has been a huge success and the children love it.



Finally, how lovely it was to see all the children enjoying fun in the snow this week, yet another fun learning opportunity in a term where Polar Regions are the theme!



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 our website www.brynderiprimaryschool.co.uk/



Following on from their sell out success of 'The 39 Steps', Radyr Drama present this hilarious spoof of the best Agatha Christie traditions.

With an assembled cast of characters guaranteed to delight: Bunting the butler, an English Colonel with the prerequisite stiff upper lip, a shady French art dealer and his moll, bumbling local inspectors and a well meaning local sleuth who seems to attract murder - they're all here, and all caught up in the side-splitting antics which follow the mysterious death of the owner of a country manor house.

But will the murderer be unmasked before everyone else has met their doom, or will audiences die laughing first?

Morganstown Village Hall
26-28th April 2023
Tickets £12

Available from Ticketsource (search Radyr Drama) or by calling 07881 206745 or 07866 604039

Côr Caerdydd

The closing concert, Sunday 14th May 7.30 at Christ Church is once again by one of our great local mixed choirs, Côr Caerdydd. Founded thirty years ago by its present conductor, Gwawr Owen, it has an enviable touring record, Paris, Budapest, Prague, Bruges, Berlin and the Aviles Festival in Spain to name but a few. It has also appeared at the BBC proms with Bryn Terfel, with BBC NOW in Mahler at the Royal Festival Hall and at the Millennium Centre with Karl Jenkins.

Côr Caerdydd have a close working relationship with Welsh composer Karl Jenkins and have featured on the CD's of his Requiem, Cantata Memoria and his Mass for Peace.

The choir regularly win the first prize at the National Eisteddfod Choral Competition as they did in 2022.

Music will include choral classics, favourites by Ivor Novello, songs from the shows and arrangements of popular Welsh hymn tunes with talented soloists from within Côr Caerdydd performing individual items.

Proceeds are to the British Heart Foundation.

Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) Update

We would like to report that we – the R&M Local Development Group (RMLDG) – are currently confused. As you will know from previous Radyr Chain updates, we have been working hard at challenging Cardiff Council's RLDP initial position, which could give permission for significant extra development in NW Cardiff (and elsewhere), mainly on Greenfield sites. We have recently held a number of meetings with key people (Senedd Members etc) and have received support for our endeavours and concerns.

We reported in January that we were expecting the 'Preferred Strategy' (which will define the structure of the RLDP in terms of a revised target for house building, Greenfield options, etc) very soon. We now know it will not be published for comment until July. Why the delay? Has Cardiff Council conceded the arguments that we and others have been putting forward regarding the lack of need for more development land to be allocated? That would make sense and would also fall in line with Cardiff's stated 'Stronger, Fairer, Greener' policy. Or, perish the thought, is Cardiff still intent on yet more house building and is busy working on arguments to support that?

Whatever the case, the new RLDP timetable shows the new plan being adopted in November 2025, which is perilously close to the expiry date of the present LDP in 2026 (details of the new timetable can be found on our website, www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rmldgroup/). The original RLDP timetable gave an adoption date of October 2024, so the plan is now a whole year behind schedule – and there is little slack in the new timetable should the plan be challenged during the 'examination phase'. If the plan is not in place by the expiry date of the existing LDP in 2026 there would be no constraint on developers and landowners putting in for planning permission anywhere. That would be disastrous. We want the RLDP – the

right RLDP – approved in time.

As stated at the beginning, we are confused as to what is going on but we are not planning to sit back and wait until June to find out what Cardiff is proposing. We will continue lobbying and involving the media.

If you want to keep up to date with this important campaign, then consult our website (above), join our mailing list and/or get actively involved on our WhatsApp Group. Just send your contact details (including mobile number) to the RMLDG Secretary (RMLDGroup@radyr.org.uk) and we will sign you up. The more people involved, the better.

With your help we can look forward to a successful outcome.

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

APRIL

Some of you will have heard of Cardiff Rivers Group, which is dedicated to keeping the rivers and streams of Cardiff free from litter. Roger Thomas from R & M Litter Pickers works closely with CRG and on 19 February we joined them once again at Radyr Weir to clean up the Taff - which was full of rubbish after the recent heavy rain - and its banks. 59 bags of rubbish were collected including one full 20 litre drum of engine oil from Longwood Drive, which we assume was left by one of the many lorry drivers who now overnight there.

One of the volunteers also collected a whole bag of wet wipes which had been flushed down toilets and into the Taff further upstream. Wet wipes do not break down so please do not flush them down the toilet.

The Taff is now a lovely river through Radyr and Morganstown and it is such a shame that Welsh Water cannot prevent this accumulation of litter on the bushes overhanging the river after heavy rain.

Part of our haul included large canisters of Nitrous Oxide. Inhaling this substance is now becoming a big problem for society, eventually causing paralysis. We are now picking up these regularly as we go out individually and in groups - as part of the 50 to 60 or so bags we are now collecting on a monthly basis. Whilst this is a great achievement - thank you so much - it is also depressing as it means that the message not to drop litter is not getting through.

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 or follow us on Facebook. 17 joined our last group pick in February which started in the station car park. The dates of the forthcoming picks are included in the diary on page 3 of the Chain - apologies for getting them wrong in the last issue.

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Masterclass Magic

A cluster of schools in and around Radyr came together for a maths 'Masterclass'. Pupils were given the opportunity to apply their maths skills in a range of context situations, and develop their mathematical reasoning. Alison Eves, from the Ri (The Royal Institution), delivered the first Masterclass of the 2023 series. Alison coordinates Ri maths Masterclasses for Year 5 and 6 students all around the UK, working with volunteers and teachers to bring inspirational and hands on maths workshops to young people. This is an ideal opportunity for like minded pupils to meet up from different schools to share their passion for mathematics and make future friendships that can be taken forward into High School.

The Royal Institution helps children develop many different skills in the topics of maths and different areas of science. They provide shows, lectures and activities for children and schools. The Royal Institution is based in London, and has been offering their support and expertise for over 200 years. "We believe that science and mathematics is transformative. It shapes our world, and everyone should have a say in how it is used in our lives."

During this Masterclass the children learnt about Magic Squares.

"A Magic Square is a square divided into smaller squares each containing a number. The figures in each vertical, horizontal and diagonal row add up to the same value. A 5 x 5 square has 3.8 million solutions and a 6 x 6 is still being calculated in universities across the world. An artist called Dura included a Magic Square in his piece of artwork and also included the date of which the piece of art was



created (1514). This is because Dura loved maths and art and decided to combine both of them together." Bryn Deri Pupils.

It is a privilege to be selected for these Maths Masterclasses. The Radyr school cluster are all looking forward

to the next class in April. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Royal Institute for making our learning purposeful and by offering a wide range of resources to help us bring mathematics to life in our classrooms.

Treforgan WI

Last September Treforgan WI had its first trip for 3 years – a day at Hampton Court Palace where our guide was the wonderful Sarah Slater who had given us a talk over Zoom during the pandemic and who brought the history of the Palace to life for us. Our group photo was taken in the King's dining room. The sunny autumn afternoon was spent exploring the beautiful gardens.

Also in September our walking group completed the Llandaff to Penrhys Pilgrimage and in Penrhys spent some time with Sharon Rees and volunteers at the Llanfair Uniting Church learning of the very valuable and inspiring work they do for all parts of the community. Our speakers have included Cerebral Palsy Cymru telling us of their work across Wales, Mark Goulding on environmental and wildlife crime, and Gwerfyl Gardner who regaled us with tales of her experiences on a number of TV quizzes and finished by challenging us with her own version of The Weakest Link. We also heard from Dot Williams about butterfly

conservation, in particular about the rarest butterfly in Wales which is only found near Ewenny. Dot is leading us on a guided walk exploring the butterfly's habitat at Old Castle Down later in the year. In November we all participated in a Tai Chi demonstration given by our Secretary Diana and in December we celebrated Christmas by making floral table decorations and decorated candles.

Our thanks go to the Methodist Church who welcomed us to their hall where we ran a lucky dip stall at the Christmas Tree lighting event in December the proceeds from which were donated to the RMA Charity of the Year, Headway.

Our programme for 2023 includes a tour of the new BBC studios and possibly a visit to Flatholm if the weather allows. We also have plans for a celebration of the King's Coronation.

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: treforgan19@btinternet.com. TC



Members of the Treforgan WI on their trip to Hampton Court Palace