

RADYR CHAIN

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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

June 2023



May Festival

The general feeling seems to be that the 2023 May Festival was the best ever, exceeding those of the pre-Covid days.

This is partly due to the splendid weather we had. All three outdoor events basked in glorious sunshine, and the numbers who attended the two events in the grounds of Radyr Primary School were well up on usual - also partly due to this delightful and central location. The organisers are grateful to Claire Skidmore, Head of Radyr Primary and her staff, for their help and support over the two events.

The number of stalls at the Fete on the first Saturday of the Festival were also up. You could buy anything from jewellery to honey, and from knitted goods and hand sewn handicraft to bird boxes and other items made of wood from Mens Sheds. The Community Council also came in on green issues, helping children to make bird boxes and giving them the bird boxes to take away. There was also plenty of entertainment from games to performers teaching circus skills. As usual the bar, with its selection of real ales and the BBQ did a roaring trade. It was also good to see the Owl Sanctuary with their live birds at events once again.

The Coronation Party in the Park, moved from a rather wet Saturday to a brilliantly sunny Sunday was also a huge success. Good bands, good beers and good burgers and hot dogs, what more do you want? The Dog Show in the sidings was also a success. We hear that one of the star attractions, the Tractor Boys, are disbanding and it will be sad to be without them.

Elsewhere, two splendid Choral Concerts bookended the Festival. The Castell Coch choir opened the Festival and Cor Caerdydd brought the Festival to a rousing close with one of the best concerts we have heard for some time. The two lunch time concerts were well attended and the two young singers from the RWCMD



made a great impression. The Cookery night, where Tom Pinder of the Welsh Cheese Company introduced us to seven delightful Welsh Cheeses was sold out as were the Welsh Night and the talk on Railways around Radyr. A rainy Bank Holiday Monday did not deter those attending the open gardens and a

great deal was raised for the Festival Charity, The British Heart Foundation. One event we hope that will be repeated was the Pint of Science Night held at the Golf Club.

We failed to cover all the events, there was so much on, but we can declare the Festival a huge success.

The Coronation in Radyr & Morganstown

Although the Coronation was a much lower key event than the Jubilee in 2022, by Royal request; both Radyr and Morganstown put out the flags. Station Road, Windsor Gardens and the Granny Park in Morganstown were gaily decorated and the Knitters and Natterers of the Library/Hub had made a cover for the post box in Station Road.



COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website
Please check that they are going ahead
www.Radyr.org.uk

Thur 1 June **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"The mysterious history of Temperance Town" described this morning by speaker Richard Britton at Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Sat 10 June **R & M Litter Pickers:** Second Anniversary Litter Pick - Radyr Station Car Park 10 am 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 **17:00 Meet TfW Transport for Wales**
5:00 pm to 8:0 pm Morganstown Village Hall. An opportunity for you to drop in and talk to TfW's Community Engagement Officer.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 14 June **RCTS South Wales - Blue Diesel Days - OCR 7.00 for 7.30**

Thur 15 June **14:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
Visit and afternoon tea at St Fagans Castle and grounds. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Sun 25 June **14:00 Friends of Tenovus annual Sponsored walk and Strawberry tea**
Our annual sponsored walk will start from Christchurch, a circular walk approx 5 miles. Sponsor forms available from Cerri on 02920 842900. Strawberry Tea will start at 3.30pm and will be held at

Christchurch. Tickets are £6.00 each and available from Philippa on 07764 576343
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Sat 1 July **11:00 Family Fun Day**
Stalls, games, giant slide and bouncy castle, bar & BBQ, music and entertainment, plus a host of other attractions (don't miss the owls!), the summer fete at Christ Church, Heol Isaf promises a great day out for all the family. Admission free. radyr.org.uk/parish/

Sat 1 July **19:00 Beetle drive**
Old Church Rooms 1st July. This is a fun team game for all the family. Tickets £12 and include a food platter, with a raffle and cash bar. All proceeds to Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Contact Caroline (02920 842250), Gaynor (02920 843069) or Mark (07713 684088) (mrichradyr@outlook.com)
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066343279211

Thur 6 July **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"300 Fathoms beneath the Sea" - an illustrated talk given by Roy Gee at Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Mon 10 July **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Tonight, we will be having a talk from the Taff's Well Cheese Company who sell Welsh made cheese at their unit in Taff's Well. 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 12 July **RCTS South Wales - Summer Social - Quiz, Members' photographs**

Sat 15 July **R & M Litter Pickers Litter Pick - Morganstown Village Hall 10 am**
followed by refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Thur 20 July **09:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
Visit to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, in Yeovilton. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Thur 3 Aug **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
Trials and Tribulations of an Author - an illustrated talk by Rosemary Chaloner
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Happy 100th Birthday...

Joan Webley

...from back cover

come back was a thing of legend and she even gave extra lessons to the German A'Level group in her front room.

Her retirement was, in many ways, a continuation of her teaching career as she offered German lessons to adult learners and coached many students. She also continued to work alongside Derrick in his archaeological pursuits and they continued to travel to Greece for archaeological digs.

Derrick, a kind and generous man, passed in 1994.

She missed Derrick dreadfully but still had the ongoing companionship of her sister Nev who lived 5 minutes away on the Green and they continued to travel abroad together. She also worked as a guide in the National Museum in Cardiff. When Nev passed, Mrs Webs was supported by her army of friends and former students - her mantelpiece heaves with Xmas cards each year from all over the globe.

Joan has lived in this community for over 60 years and she continues to do so, ably supported by her carers, friends, neighbours and Radyr Health Centre. She has touched so many lives here, not only through her teaching career but quite simply from being a part of the community. She has remained a member of the Radyr 'sewing circle', meeting up with female former colleagues on a regular basis. I am very proud to say that she is my friend and inspiration, as she has been to so many others, and long may she continue.

THE AUGUST EDITION OF THE CHAIN WILL GO TO PRESS PROMPTLY ON THE 15th OF JULY WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

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

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Chris Kolmar

We are sad to announce the passing of Chris Kolmar of Radyr.

Chris lived in Radyr for over 45 years. Notably, he was a member of Radyr & Morganstown Community Council for many years and was Chairman in 1992 and 1993. It was during his time as Chairman that he was instrumental in the extension to the Old Church Rooms as it is now.

Chris loved living in Radyr and will be sadly missed by his Wife, Children, Grandchildren and his close Family.

Friends of Tenovus

will be holding their annual Sponsored walk on Sunday June 25th from 2pm, starting from Christchurch Radyr. It will be a circular walk of approximately 5 miles.

Contact Ceri on 02920842900 to register and to request a sponsor form if required.

Also on the same day June 25th we will be holding our annual Strawberry tea at Christchurch Radyr from 3.30pm.

Tickets £6 for adults £3 for children from Philippa on 07764576343.

Rosanne Holmes

John Dew

John Dew, sadly passed away peacefully on May 9th age 93.

He was born in Morganstown and apart from his marriage years (1953 -1981) lived in Gelynis Terrace North.

He had a very full, happy and interesting life and was hugely proud be a Morganstown boy/man.



**Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope
Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith**

185320 food parcels

Statistics published at the end of April show that food banks in the Trussell Trust network in Wales distributed 185,320 emergency food parcels between 1 April 2022 to 31st March 2023, including 69,683 parcels for children. This is the most parcels that the network in Wales has ever distributed in a financial year and represents a 41% increase from the same period in 2021/22. Unfortunately the need to support Cardiff foodbank is therefore as urgent as ever.

The local community continues to show their generosity despite the financial challenges facing everyone and the collection in April resulted in 244kg of food donations - enough to provide 23 local people in crisis with 3 days supply of food, plus £90 in financial donations which help the foodbank running costs and the purchase of types of food which are in low supply.

Radyr Methodist Church will be undertaking another collection in June. Please place any donations of food in the boxes which will be outside the following addresses, including a new collection point serving Morganstown, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday 17 June.

9 Cuckoofield Close, Morganstown CF15 8FR
30 Pentwyn, Radyr CF15 8RE
20 Walnut Tree Close, Radyr CF15 8SX
13 Heol Roald Dahl, Radyr CF15 8GT

The foodbank currently need -

- SAVOURY SNACKS, JAMS and SPREADS,
- TINNED POTATOES, EASY COOK/ INSTANT PASTA and NOODLES (Pot Noodle etc.),
- COOKING SAUCES (PASTA SAUCE etc),
- CHOCOLATE/SWEETS,
- DEODORANT/ANTI PERSPIRANT and 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

Caerphilly cheese, onion and pepper tart

Serve this moreish tart with a crisp green salad for a light lunch or make individual ones to serve as a starter. You can also vary the recipe by adding any other seasonal vegetables and left over meat such as slices of sausages or chicken.

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 15g Welsh salted butter
- 2 large red onions, finely sliced
- 2 tablespoons light muscovado sugar
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 450g ready-made puff pastry
- 100g Caerphilly cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 red and 1/2 yellow pepper, sliced
- 75g black olives, pitted and chopped (optional)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- shredded basil leaves, to garnish

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C/Gas 6.

Heat the butter and oil in a pan and add the onions. Season with salt and pepper and fry for about 10 minutes, until caramelised. Add the sugar and balsamic vinegar and cook for a further 10 minutes, until the juices are reduced and syrupy. Leave to cool.

Roll out the pastry on a floured surface and use to line a 30 x 22cm baking tray.

Cover with the onion mixture and scatter over the cheese, peppers and olives. Drizzle over the olive oil.

Bake for 20 minutes until the pastry is risen and golden and the base is crisp. Scatter over the basil leaves and cut into six.

Nerys Howell
ARBENIGWR BWYD FOOD SPECIALIST

Pentyrch Bowling Club

RECRUITMENT

We are looking for new, experienced and youth players for this season. All players will be provided with free coaching (if required) with club bowls available for use – so initially all you would need to wear to play is casual clothes and flat soled shoes.

By way of background information Pentyrch Bowling Club was established in 1991 and our green is at Parc Y Dwrlyn playing field in the village. We have both women and men's teams playing in competitive leagues - the women play on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The men's matches are played on a Wednesday evening and a Saturday afternoon and the club's practice night is on a Monday evening. Subscriptions are reduced for adults to only £40 for the first year's membership. In the past we also had a youth team and we would now like to reintroduce it.

We also have a very good social calendar too with regular monthly coffee mornings, quiz and race nights, a cheese and wine do and not forgetting the annual club tour – this year to Torquay in Devon in June.



Aside from the playing membership there is also opportunity to become just a social member if you wish.

So if you are a new to the sport (adult or youth), an experienced player, or wish to become a social member you will be very welcome.

If you wish to join, or require more information please contact Brian Ilbery our Membership secretary on Tel : 07979 658481".

John Cahill Dickenson
Pentyrch Bowls Club
Recruitment Committee.

Radyr Rangers: Improvements to The Mound

Radyr Rangers Football Club was founded in 2000 and has grown steadily ever since, offering many youngsters the opportunity to play Football. One of our youngsters Tom Lockyer has gone on to play for Wales and by the time this article is published he may be a premier league player! The club now has circa 400 registered players from the age of 5 to Adult teams.

We are in negotiations with the Council to finally secure a lease of the Mound field. As a club we wish to engage with our local communities and hear from the public with any ideas that they would like to see at The Mound.

We would appreciate you completing this short form to let us know what improvements you would like to see carried out to The Mound.

This is the link for the QR code:
<https://forms.gle/gEY78FebybR56ZecA>

The QR code is also printed below.



County Councillor Surgeries



Helen Lloyd Jones
Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30 am
July 15th -
Ty Nant.
You'll find me tucked away on the upstream side of the pub.
September 30th -
Cicchetti's

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Our Litter Pickers have had a successful two months, collecting more than 60 bags of litter from your streets and parks. Successful? Not really because it still means that some of you are still dropping litter. Particularly welcome, however has been the increasing involvement of young people : Radyr Rangers collected seven bags cleaning up the grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School on the day of the Festival Football Tournament (see image of three of the stars below) and over 50 pupils from Radyr Primary School went out litter picking during the School's Fulfilment Day on 30 March.



It was especially pleasing to see staff of Transport for Wales collecting litter at the station last week. The car park is one of the community's litter hot spots, I'm afraid along with Station Road. The biggest cause of litter now, however is from people dropping food and drink cartons into the gutter from their vehicles.

We currently have 43 volunteers and we meet as a group once a month but many of us are out and about on a weekly basis. The dates of our group picks are shown in the calendar on page 3 of The Chain.

Please say Hello! when you see them, it's great to feel appreciated. If you would like to join us on our monthly group picks - or go out individually using the kit provided for us by the



Community Council or Cardiff Council - please contact us at rmlitterpickers@outlook.com or follow us on Facebook.

Aashi, Ayesha, David, Jeanette, Martin, Peter and Roger
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Dr Ralph Vaughan

Marilyn, Kathryn, Suzanne and their families would like to thank everyone for the letters, cards and messages of sympathy following the death of Ralph.

Also for the wonderful support from friends and neighbours.

It is much appreciated at this difficult time

Diolch.

Radyr & Morganstown



Good Neighbours

Who are we?

We are a small local charity who would like to support people in re-establishing life outside their home after covid.

How do we do this?

We can help find out about what is available in the area, and point people towards agencies that can help them.

Currently we have *Friday with Friends* which meets each Friday in New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, 2-4 pm.

You will find a warm welcome for a cuppa and chat.

How can you help us?

We want to build on this group and start more!

We need your help!

We would also like to support those in our community whose families are not able to provide support. We have opportunities for volunteering in admin support, transport, facilitating groups, and supporting people who are feeling isolated in our community. Anyone can volunteer, whatever your age..so if you're in school, college, on maternity/paternity leave or retired.

So if you need some support yourself or feel you can help others..Get in touch!

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

Do you play Bridge and fancy a game?

All levels welcome.

Starting every Monday from 15th May 2-4pm at

Radyr Hub
(Library)

Free refreshments provided

Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



(Ebrill a Mai 2023)

Ym mis Ionawr 2020 cofrestrodd Elin Wyn gydag elusen Marie Curie i fynd ar daith noddedig i Batagonia – cerdded 100 cilomedr ar dir caregog a serth am tua wyth awr bob dydd, gwersylla mewn pebyll bach am bedair noson ar y ffordd a chodi £4,000 cyn cychwyn. Doedd Elin



Elin Wyn yn cychwyn ar ei thaith i Batagonia

ddim yn hoff iawn o gerdded na gwersylla, ac felly roedd her fawr o'i blaen. Cafodd y daith ei gohirio ddwy waith oherwydd y pandemig, ond ar 5 Tachwedd 2022 aeth y grwp o 25 o Gaerdydd ar y daith, a dychwelyd ar 15 Tachwedd.

Ar ôl gweld tipyn o Buenos Aires, dyma hedfan am dair awr i Esquel lle roedd bws Jorge Jones yn aros i fynd â nhw am dair awr arall i ganol y wlad i ddechrau cerdded. Roedd hi'n ddechrau'r haf yn yr Ariannin a'r tymheredd tua 33°C. Roedd y daith yn mynd drwy ardaloedd La Caldera, Piendra Padara a Dyffryn y Merthyron, ac yna at droed yr Andes ac i bentref hyfryd Trevelin. Croeso wedyn gan blant Ysgol y Cwm a mwynhau bwyta Asado mawr.

Cyn troi am adre, aeth y grwp ar draws y Paith (600km) mewn bws dros nos a chyrraedd Dyffryn Camwy a'r Gaiman yn gynnar yn y bore a chael brechwast ardderchog yn Ty Gwyn. Llwyddodd Elin i godi cyfanswm personol o £5,687.00 i Marie Curie Cymru, sef Hosbis Holme Towers, Penarth. Roedd tad Elin, y diweddar Glan Roberts, wedi treulio ei ddyddiau olaf yno a chael gofal arbennig.

Geirfa
cofrestrodd – she regisered
taith noddedig – sponsored walk
dychwelyd - return
tir caregog – rough terrain
pebyll – tents
her fawr – big challenge
ardderchog - excellent

Ar 3 Mai cawsom noson ar y cyd gyda Gwyl Radur, a daeth Dr Elin Jones i roi sgwrs ddiddorol a llawn hiwmor ar ei llyfr *Hanes yn y Tir*. Gofynnodd cefnder i Elin iddi brynu llyfr am hanes Cymru oedd yn addas i'w hwyres naw oed, Josephine. Chwiliodd Elin am lyfr addas, a doedd dim un ar gael. Felly, yn ystod y clo, aeth ati i ysgrifennu *Hanes yn y Tir*. Roedd Josephine eisiau darlun cytbwys o hanes y wlad o'r dechrau hyd heddiw. Ymateb Elin oedd creu cyflwyniad gweledol o hanes Cymru o dros 5,000 o flynyddoedd hyd at ddiwedd glo o furluniau yng Nghaerdydd adeg cystadleuaeth bêl-droed yr Ewros yn 2021. Mae nifer o luniau a diagramau a mapiau yn y gyfrol.

Roedd Josephine wedi dweud bod rhaid cael llun o ddraig goch ar y clawr fel bod pawb yn gweld bod y llyfr yn sôn am Gymru. Mae'r clawr lliwgar yn cynnwys y wal goch, ymgyrchoedd amrywiol a Chymry o bob math drwy'r oesoedd. Rhoddwyd copi o'r llyfr i holl ysgolion Cymru ar ddechrau 2022 i gefnogi'r



Allan Cook, trefnydd noson Gymraeg Gwyl Radur, a Dr Elin Jones

gwaith o addysgu hanes Cymru yn y cwricwlwm newydd, ac i helpu pobl ifanc Cymru i ddeall gorffennol, presennol a dyfodol eu cenedl wrth sylwi ar bethau o'u cwmpas. Mae'r llyfr ar gael yn y Saesneg hefyd, *History Grounded*.

Diolchodd sawl un am ddwy noson arbennig.

Geirfa
addas – suitable
i'w hwyres – for her niece
cytbwys – balanced
gweledol – visual
diwedd glo – ending
murluniau – murals
ymgyrchoedd – campaigns.

Gwen Emyr

49 Years of Service

At a reception to launch the May Festival, Vina Patel, Vice Chair of the Community Council, presented David Suthers with a gift from his friends on the Council to mark his retirement from the Council after 49 years of service. David has been a Councillor for 49 of the 50 years that the Community Council has existed, being Chair on no less than five occasions.

Amongst his many legacies are the purchase of the Old Church Rooms for the Community and the splendid mural of Radyr and Morganstown which is displayed in the OCR.



Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2023 - Fete & Party in the Parc



A large crowd assemble at the Fete



St. John Ambulance stall



R&M and Treforgan WI



Radyr Primary Maypole dancing



Bryn Deri Maypole dancing



Joint Schools Choir



Games area



Bird box making



Drummers



Barbeque Team



A group at the Party in the Parc



Band warming up



Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2023 - Other Events



Guides/Brownies Civic Service



Lord Mayor of Cardiff in OCR



Festival Quiz winners



Tenovus team at the quiz



Lunchtime Concert



Gill at the Open Gardens



Wine and Cheese night



Tractors on show



Dogs in competition



Stroking the baby owl



Local bobbies and poodle



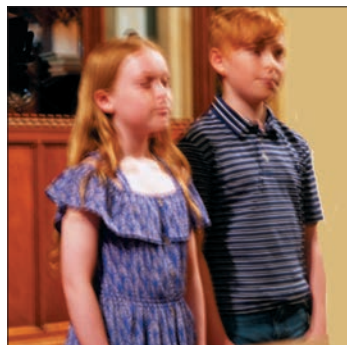
Tractor Prize



Music makers



Ladies of Cor Caerdydd



Singers Mali and Cian



Cor Caerdydd in full voice



Hello!

We at 'Friday with Friends' got together with people from the 'Knit and Natter' and the 'Well Being Cafe', Ty Nant over 50's group and a few others to celebrate the Coronation with a Community tea on Friday May 5th.



We had a lovely afternoon with singing....

And some dancing!

With some gorgeous sandwiches and cakes. A good time was had by all!

Huge Thank you to Sue from Goldies Cymru for leading our afternoon.



Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group

We will be hosting a beetle drive at the Old Church Rooms on 1st July, 7pm for a 7.30 start. A beetle drive is a fun team game which can be enjoyed by all the family. The event is being organised to raise money for Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Tickets are £12 and include a food platter, with a raffle and cash bar. Tickets can be purchased from Caroline (02920 842250), Gaynor (02920 843069) or Mark (07713 684088)

'Friends of Cwm Farm'

Would you be interested in getting involved in supporting environmental protection of the countryside and natural areas around Morganstown and Radyr?

We are considering setting up a new charity, 'Friends of Cwm Farm' to campaign, fundraise, and co-ordinate inclusive volunteering to improve and maintain the local environment. We would like to gauge local interest.

The charity could also crowdfund for land acquisition should the plots at Cwm farm go back on the market for sale.

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming involved and would like to join a mailing list to be kept informed.

We will also be looking for trustees if anyone would like to get involved in more depth.

If you are interested you can contact Tracey Stanley on 0781 0096792 or email: tss502@gmail.com

From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

Those of you who are into Social Media, I do have a **Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones** Facebook page. I try to watch the postings in the Facebook pages that serve Radyr and Morganstown. Then the posts are about issues that as a Councillor I might be able to help, I post on My Facebook page if I have been able to contact anyone who might solve the issue.

The most recent issue has been the buses on Kings Road, de Clare Drive and the knock on effect into Junction Terrace and Goetre Fawr.

This is all related to the installation of the Metro and stations further up the valleys having to be closed as the work is being done. TfW have been using Radyr Station like a super hub hence all the buses.

We have told that there should only be one more period of time when we will see loads of buses. This is likely to happen in June.

Knowing that the buses have been idling right beside the pavements in The Sidings which is not good for those of us walking past, both Cllr Callum Davies and myself have asked TfW to insist the buses park in the car park.

Unless we are very lucky and the demand for car parking is low, (unlikely) it will mean cars on the side of the road. However, it is safer to go round a car than try to go round a bus. Very much a choice of the lesser evil.

Rail replacement buses are also waiting on Ffordd Treforgan. Have rung the contact number up several times but not had a reply. Each time I have checked there has been no sign of a driver and the engine has been off. And the buses have been parked in the lay-by.

You'll find my reports on the Radyr and Morganstown Association website. Go to local representatives, find me and you'll see a link to my reports.

Here's hoping we will have a wonderful summer and that at least



some of the construction hassles we have been experiencing will be completed very soon.

Best wishes to you all
Helen Lloyd Jones (Cllr)

Bradley Scott with County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones (left) at the Fete. Bradley proudly shows off the bird box that he made.

His mum says "Lots of wonderful memories from the RMA Festival this year, thank you to everyone who helped."
Well done Scott. You have a natural talent with a hammer!

Marathon Walker

In 1996 Barbara Cargill made the front page of the Chain by walking a marathon around Roath Park Lake - 26 circuits in all - in aid of the British Heart Foundation. In 1996 she succeeded in raising a staggering £3,800 for the South Wales Echo's Have-a-Heart appeal.

This year the Festival charity was the British Heart Foundation and it gave Barbara an opportunity to re-connect with the BHF.

Festival charities are always appointed for a year, but the RMA

recently changed the dates of that year. This year it runs from January to December so we will not know the final amount collected for the BHF until after the Lighting ceremony in early December.

Sufficient to say that sizeable sums have already been collected, especially with the Festival draw and the closing concert of the Festival, where all the proceeds go to the BHF. It looks like being a very good year for the charity. If you haven't contributed already now is your chance.



Barbara Cargill presenting a cheque to Carys Jenkins - BHF. Barbara had a pacemaker and defibrillator fitted in 2016



Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

You may or may not know that our Community Council consists of twelve councillors, four each from Radyr South, Radyr North and Morganstown. Despite having a full complement of twelve councillors a short while ago we now find ourselves down to nine and as such have three vacancies.

When there are vacancies we are obliged to publish a notice asking you the electors if you want an election. The deadline for requesting such an election has now passed with no election being requested. As such we are now able to go through a cooption process to fill our vacancies.

What exactly does cooption mean? We have a council meeting on May 25th where we will agree a schedule for cooption. This will probably consist of a period of time, say the month of June, for any elector in Radyr & Morganstown to express an interest in joining the Community Council. This can be done via a letter or email to our clerk, via the email

address clerk@radyr.wales, which outlines why you would like to be a community councillor and what attributes you have that might benefit the council. You might also wish to let us know if you have been involved in any community activities or projects.

After the deadline for expressions of interest has passed a small panel of councillors will invite applicants to a meeting for a chat about becoming a community councillor. Of course, if there are more applicants than vacancies then this panel will make a recommendation to the Full Council concerning who should be coopted and subsequently become Community Councillors.

One of the questions we regularly get asked is how much time do I need to give to the Community Council? This is difficult to answer as this depends on levels of commitment and availability. At the very least councillors are required to attend ten Full Council meetings per year and additionally a few Committee Meetings as most councillors form part of the Environment or Finance

Committees. There are also other committees that meet less frequently that look after single issue projects/themes, such as Planning Matters or matters relevant to young people. This is where individuals can get involved in areas where they have a particular interest.

I hope that the above information gives you food for thought and that a number of you are curious and committed enough to express an interest.

As already mentioned, please contact the clerk to enquire about this process or to submit an application. Further details will be posted on noticeboards, our website www.radyrandmorganstown.org and on Twitter via @RandMCCouncil.

The Council is committed to representing all in our community and as such would particularly welcome applicants from female electors, younger electors and other under-represented groups. We look forward to hearing from you!

Councillor Tyrone Davies
Chairman, Radyr & Morganstown
Community Council 2023/24

From County Councillor Calum Davies

April Report

Congestion Charge

The Council have resolved to explore bringing in road-user charges, also known as a congestion charge in Cardiff. I and other Cardiff Conservatives oppose this for many reasons from a lack of viable public transport alternatives to punitively taxing people who must travel to Cardiff.

On a similar issue, I am pleased to see that the Council will finally confirm Castle Street as one open to private vehicles once again.

Drover's Way Park

There has been a minor delay in the drainage works at Parc Radur but work should have recommenced in

May. This is down to Welsh Water requesting a change to the outlet pipe from the manhole and the consequent need for new planning permission.

Defibrillator

I am delighted that the Community Council has agreed to support my proposal for a new defibrillator in the ward. My proposal will see one installed at the Girl Guides building in Bryn Derwen. Whilst I shall be paying for the installation and components myself, this is only possible thanks to the Community Council agreeing to fund future running costs.

Buses

The Welsh Government's Bus Emergency Scheme, due to end in March, has been extended, but only until the end of June. This is a fund that was designed to keep bus companies afloat during Covid, but patronage has yet to recover to pre-pandemic levels. I am really

concerned about what this means for bus services in Cardiff. Whilst this funding was to get through the pandemic, it is Welsh Government and Council policies that is making this so much worse. We see patronage is down due to council and government working-from-home policies. Added to that, creating cycle lanes at the expense of road space when congestion is back to normal levels is a recipe for disaster as buses become slower and less reliable. These reasons are not guesses but what I hear from the industry.

CIllr / Cyng Calum Davies

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Radyr Cricket Club

As April and May disappear and June charges into view, those of us of a cricketing persuasion are usually talking about early season daring deeds and anticipating those feats that are about to happen. Unfortunately the former of those has been kiboshed this year by the huge amount of rain that fell in the winter months, which was then exacerbated by an awful April. We then had the coup de gras of a complete wash out on Coronation Day: no games were played in the whole of south Wales including the six that RCC had prepared for. In fact in that five week period, the club saw only five games out of seventeen, either start or finish. All the hard work of the ground staff came to naught as rain just fell and fell. The square was often too wet to cut and roll and the outfield was just, well, too wet. It meant that bizarrely the preliminary round of the Welsh Cup had to be concluded by a Bowl Out in the indoor school at Sophia Gardens (the cricket equivalent of a penalty shootout), and which I'm delighted to say that RCC won. Also the two University of South Wales CC games had to be cancelled. Surely the rain gods will, sooner rather than later, give cricket lovers a break?

However in some respects I shouldn't complain as RCC was luckier than most, in that the First XI managed to play their two opening league fixtures in April and for the first time since being promoted to Division One won them both: not surprisingly the game against Lisvane CC ended in the rain. The second brought back memories of last season and close shaves, as RCC won by 5 runs. It is a great start for the new skipper Tom Shrewsbury, the former Gloucestershire CCC player, which hopefully will continue throughout the season.

One of the other casualties of the early season rain is the havoc it has caused to the club's Fantasy League. A brilliantly organised competition, which sees all the playing members of RCC given a value and then using their skill and knowledge, they create teams within a budget. It ensures that everybody has an interest in all seven sides the club runs on a weekend and is a wonderful way of integration. This year there have been over seventy entries and as well as a lot of fun, it is a great fund raiser. Similar to the football competitions that are prevalent today, 'managers' can arrange transfers and guide their team onto glory. However this isn't always the case as the last few weeks have seen quite a few minus scores, with yours truly having slipped from a very competitive



early position, to well, shall I say, relegation fodder!!!!

However, despite the weather, the club has already managed one social event, which was badged as an Italian evening. The club organised various flavoured pizzas and almost fifty members partook of them, along with various different beers. I'm told that a great night was had by all with the younger element drifting into town, well after my bed time. These events are monthly, organised by the social committee and play an important role in promoting club morale, with the mantra always being 'RCC means fun'.

These events will also be helped in the future by a new marquee which the club is erecting by the side of the clubhouse. The structure, donated to the club, by a long standing member, Gwyn Morris, is large enough to house at least fifty people and will add enormously to the social side of RCC. A concrete base will shortly be laid plus flooring and lighting. When it comes to improving facilities for our members, RCC never stops. Who knows maybe one day we might even host a Wedding or an Engagement Party? However what it will definitely allow is the new President to use it for the ambitious plans he has to engage with and energise the Vice Presidents of the club.

Early April was also the time when RCC was invited, along with eleven other cricket clubs, to take part in the 'Walk in the Valleys for young cricketers.' This wonderful initiative which starts in Cardiff and finishes in Merthyr, sees walkers snake along the river Taff and pop into various clubs on the way. The photograph shows the visit to RCC on an early part of the walk. The whole event took four days and raised funds for programmes for young cricketers: RCC has already, in conjunction with the junior section, decided on how the funds raised will be spent. The club as part of marketing the event produced a short film, explaining the walk and its funding priorities. If anyone should like to view it please get in touch with me on christopherhitchings@btinternet.com and please note donations are still being accepted. I was very proud of our first year on the 'Walk' and I'm sure it will be something that RCC will ensure goes

from strength to strength.

Whilst the walking was going on a group of eight RCC Women were stepping on a plane to tour India as part of the Wales Womens XI. They experienced a cricket mad culture, the like of which they hadn't come across before. The cricket was hard, especially the plethora of spin bowling but all of them came back saying how it had helped their development enormously. The club can't be prouder of these individuals who have shown themselves wonderful ambassadors for RCC and Welsh cricket. It is hoped that they will take these experiences and develop further, bringing more glory to themselves and the club.

The Junior season has recently started and weather permitting the teams will be out on the field either training or playing. There is still time to join and should any youngster wish to play please get in touch with Trevor Thompson on thrthompson@hotmail.com and he will guide you to the appropriate coach. Cricket at RCC is fun and any youngster, of whatever gender, is welcome to come along and give it a go: they won't be disappointed. In the last edition I mentioned the All Stars and Dynamos, which is cricket for school years 1-4: last year the club attracted just over one hundred youngsters who signed up to the programme: this year that number has increased to over one hundred and fifty. There are still some places available and I can assure you that early Friday evenings at RCC will be a wonderful place to be: don't miss out.

Finally, on June 17th a group of 'party animals' from Radyr and Morganstown will be descending on the club for their next away day!!!! The social committee of RCC has already made plans to ensure that the bar is fully stocked and fingers crossed the new marquee will be ready for occupation. For me and a number of RCC members it will be wonderful to see old friends from the villages and/or Radyr Primary School and I suspect that it will be a long and boisterous evening.

Christopher Hitchings

Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

Radyr Drama Society

Review :

“Murdered to Death”

by Peter Gordon

Radyr Drama Society whetted the appetite of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival with a spoof whodunnit in the style of Agatha Christie.

All the characters were there, the wealthy lady, her put upon companion, a colonel and his down trodden wife, the femme fatal and a foreign chap, a butler, the local busybody and of course the constable and the Inspector. However, this was a spoof of the genre and all was not as it seemed.

Credit needs to go to the cast, who brought these characters to life, there were some comic performances that hit all the right buttons. In particular, Andrew Heurch (The Colonel) and Chris Locke (Inspector Pratt) gave strong performances, delivering lines with good comedy timing, with Chris in particular having to deliver a few tongue twisters as well as calling all the characters by wrong names.

The companion, Dot, played by Helen Blundell, drove the story line along, with lovely comic fretting

about the dinner being burnt. However, Dot showed her cunning side with Pierre, by trying to blackmail him, so when Dot was murdered - there was an audible gasp from the audience!

Maria Round (Elizabeth Hartly-Trumpington), and Rhys Meredith (Pierre Marceau) gave clever performances in making us believe they were one character, but it became clear that they were playing 2 characters, with a simple change of accents.

Jonathan Wheeler (Butler Bunting) give a very neat understated comedy performance, his facial expressions and dry line delivery told us everything we needed to know about him...until the reveal when we found out that he was in cahoots with Margret!

The Inspector and Constable were a classic double act. Inspector Pratt played by Chris Locke lived up to his name, whilst Constable Thompkins played by Gareth Powell was the one that really kept the Inspector on target.

But the shock surprise came from the “reveal” - When the Colonels wife, Margret learnt of her husbands affair with the Mildred (Bethan Bartlett) first victim (yes there were two deaths!) she had had enough and Kaye Locke gave an outstanding performance as the

betrayed wife. It was a reveal that made the audience gasp.

The set and lights by Dave Burgess, were superb, it was lovely to see a full set on the stage again. Whilst the music and sound effects by Tony Watson sent us into the era of the 1930's from the moment you stepped into the hall with pre-play music.

Director Peter Griffiths (a familiar face to us) moved the cast around very neatly to ensure all characters were seen and in right place for key moments. He clearly has the ability to think of what the audience needs to see and what the actors need to achieve.

It was great to see such good audience attendance too, I understand that on the last night, there were around 75 in. On the night that I attended, the audience were clearly interested in both the comedy element, but they were also invested in finding out who actually did it.

Thank you Radyr Drama Society for another excellent production. It will be interesting to see what this talented society will do with their next production...in case you're wondering, it's “Ben Hur” by Patrick Barlow - one wonders how they are going to achieve the chariot race - there's only one way to find out...



News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

At the end of March, some of us were lucky to go to the new BBC studios in town for a guided tour. Unfortunately, only 20 of us were allowed to go at a time and hopefully, more will be able to visit later in the year. The first thing we noticed was how tall the building was with lots of glass, nothing like the original studios in Llandaff. We visited the Sports Studio, Radio Wales Studio, the Wales Today Studio where we were joined by weatherman, Derek Brockway who talked to us about his work. We also visited the Editing Gallery on our way to the Announcer's studio. Finally, we were shown the roof garden which has been created with plants and plenty of seating. Unfortunately, it was rather windy that day and we were not allowed to go outside.

It was a very good trip enjoyed by all.

For our April meeting, we had a talk by David Palmer, a retired policeman who talked about his time in the force from the 1980's until his retirement.

The Gardening Group met for a meeting at Morganstown Village



Radyr and Morganstown WI on a trip to the new BBC studios in Cardiff

Hall where one of our members, Janet told us how during lockdown she started pressing flowers and making birthday cards with them. It was a very interesting talk and some of the flowers she had pressed were beautifully preserved, the colours of the plants were as vivid as when they had been picked.

Our WI joined Treforgan for the Festival Fete at the end of April where we had a bottle stall and between us we raised £221 for the Festival Charity for 2023, The British Heart Foundation.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr,



Members of Radyr and Morganstown WI and Treforgan WI at the Festival Fete.

CF15 8DG. All are welcome, current and new members, email us to find out more at radyrandmorganstown@yahoo.co.uk

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

Happy 100th Birthday...

Joan Webley

Born 14th June, 1923

The First Lady of Radyr Comprehensive.

Joan was born in Cefn Coed in Merthyr just after WWI during which her adored father served with distinction. Her sister Nev arrived 7 years later and their close sisterly bond continued until Nev's death.

Mrs Webley thrived academically at school and gained one of two county scholarships to attend Aberystwyth University to read German at a time when this was not a popular choice, for obvious reasons, and not many women were afforded the opportunity to study at University. She graduated with a First Class

Hons degree. Her passion for German and the teaching of it was one that would endure a life time.

Joan met Derrick at University and their marriage was a long and happy one.

In 1972, Radyr Comprehensive school opened and Mrs Webley was appointed Deputy Headteacher alongside Mr Brookes as Headteacher and later John David. She taught German there until 1983. It was a time of great academic success for the school, producing many Oxbridge candidates, including 10 in one year group, university candidates and providing lifelong opportunities for students in the Radyr, Morganstown, Pentyrch, Creigiau and Peterson Communities. She is only 5ft 1 but you knew when she was about and she used to have great fun referring to 6ft tall boys as 'you little ones.'



When she retired this was not the end of the story as she returned from retirement to cover for Frau Stokes during her pregnancy leave and to work with Herr Thomas again. Her

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