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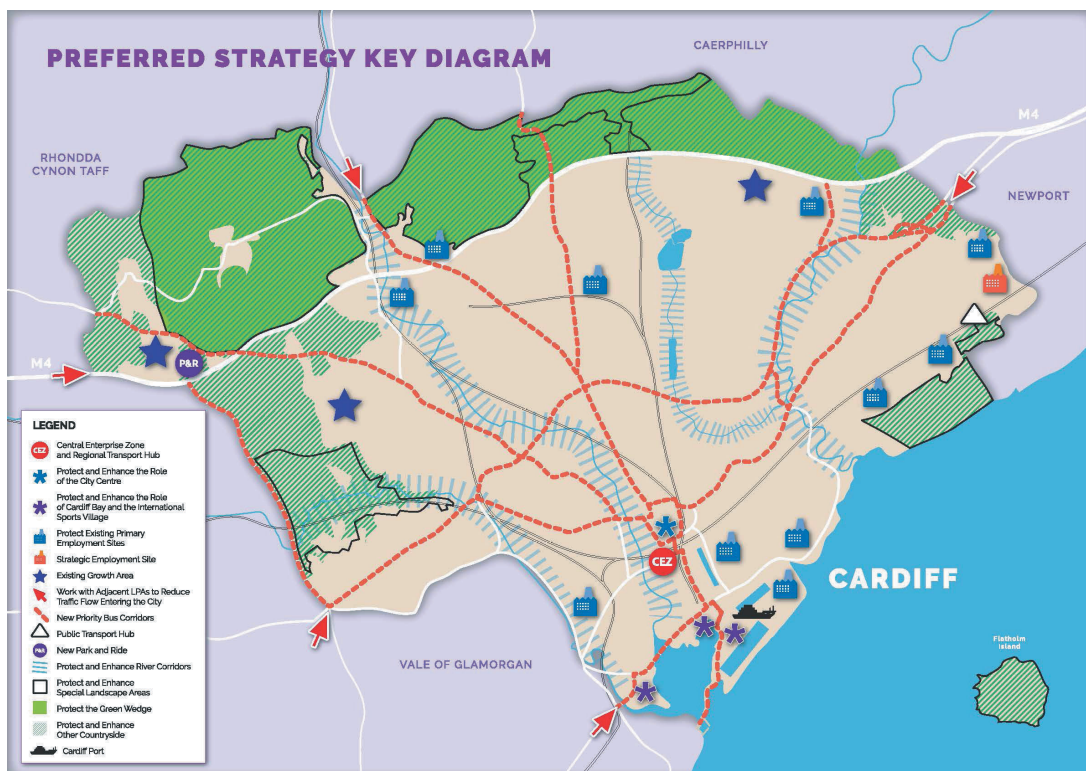
RLDP Update

It's Out and it's Good News so far – we think!!

The draft Strategy for Cardiff's Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) was approved by Cardiff Council on 29th June and will now go out to a 10 week Public Consultation. Basically, it states there will be no more greenfield development over and above that already allocated in the existing plan. In other words, the 57 acres of land to the west of between Pant Tawel Lane and Rhydlafer that we feared might be scheduled for development has been designated in the Strategy as "protect and enhance other countryside" and has not been allocated for housing (see diagram). This is a great relief.

The Strategy argues that the population of Cardiff will increase by 39,742 by 2036, 10 per cent more than the 2021 Census figure. These people will be accommodated in 26,000 new homes. But, the Council states 50% of these will be built on brownfield sites and 50% on greenfield (on sites already allocated for development such as Plas Dwr). Indeed, paragraph 10.8, on page 48 of the Strategy document, states that "it is considered that no new greenfield sites are necessary, and further housing growth during the plan period will be through a range of brownfield sites within the existing settlement boundary."

This is of course excellent news for all of us across Cardiff who campaigned against further greenfield developments but we feel that we must continue to be vigilant. There is a long way to go yet before this Strategy becomes the



Reopening of All Weather Pitch

Grant Strong of Redrow bullies off at the reopening of the all weather pitch at Radyr Comprehensive School. Redrow made a large contribution towards the rejuvenation of the all weather pitch for which the school and the community are very grateful. The pitch is used not only by the school but by outside organisations like Radyr Rangers.

They are watched by the Head of Radyr Comp, Andrew Williams, County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones and some pupils.



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COMING EVENTS



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

Wed 2 Aug **19:30 The Bible Course**
First of an eight-week Bible Society Course in the Garth Ministry Area. A helpful and interactive combination of video content, discussion time, personal reflection and daily readings. Offering tools and skills that help apply the Bible in everyday life. At Christ Church, Radyr every Wednesday for 8 weeks.
Sign up online - follow the link. /parish

Thur 3 Aug **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"Trials & Tribulations of an Author" -The experiences of author Rosemary Chaloner, as she wrote & got her work published. A talk at Radyr Golf Club. For more info please phone Geoff Foot 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 12 Aug **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick,**
Morganstown Village Hall 10 am refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Mon 14 Aug **09:30 Mobile Library on Clos Parc Radur**
From 9:30 am to 12:30 the Mobile Library will be on Clos Parc Radur. They have green bags and food bags on board as well as books for children, and adults. They have books in English and Welsh and even some in Chinese. Just come along to see and to chat with the library team.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 7 Sept **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
"TAILS AND TALES"- Roy Gee's amazing & joyous experiences in the RSPCA, travelling and touring, recalled by Roy this morning at the Radyr Golf Club. For more info please phone Geoff Foot 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.
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Sat 9 Sept **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick,**
Radyr Station Car Park 10 am refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Mon 11 Sept **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Tonight we will be having a talk from Kevin Every the topic is to be arranged. We meet on the second Monday every month at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.
radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 13 Sept **RCTS South Wales:** Vale of Rheidol and Welshpool & Llanfair Railways, 7.00 for 7.30 OCR, Park Road
Non members £3

Thur 21 Sept **09:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
VISIT TO LLANERCH VINEYARD. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Thur 21 Sept **10:30 Coffee Morning**
Coffee morning organised by Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society Volunteer Fundraising Group. All proceeds to Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Join us at Radyr Golf Club for coffee, cakes, stalls and a raffle. Tickets £3, contact Gaynor 02920 843068, Mark 07713 684088 or any other committee member. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 25 Sept **19:30 RMA** Rev'd Ian Yemm introduces the Garth Ministry Area and talks about his ministry across Radyr & Morganstown. This will be a hybrid meeting open to all, come to the Old Church Rooms or join online via Zoom.
radyr.org.uk/meeting

Sat 30 Sept **10:30 Councillor Surgery with Helen Lloyd Jones at Cicchetti's**
10:30 to 11:30 Helen will be in Cicchetti's. She will be pleased to listen to your thoughts on any of the local issues, if you would like to join her. If you would like to discuss a personal matter with her, if at all possible, please text her before hand 07977 395 625 radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Sun 1 Oct **Harvest Festival**
Come and celebrate the annual Harvest with Christ Church, Radyr. Service for the whole family at 11.00 followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch in the New School Rooms. radyr.org.uk/parish

Thur 5 Oct **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West**
TAX CARE AND TOY BOYS - AN UPDATE. An illustrated talk about Wills and Taxes, being given by Brian Rutter 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 9 Oct **Radyr & Morganstown W.I**
Tonight we will be having a series of short talks from Gavin Davies. We meet on the second Monday of the month at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.
<https://radyr.org.uk/events-summary/>

Radyr Chain – Deliverers

The Radyr Chain is delivered to each household in Radyr & Morganstown 6 times a year – the next edition is due in October.

We know that many readers look forward to getting their copy which is delivered by a group of volunteers. With the number of households now over 3000 we need more volunteers to be able to continue to reach all parts of our community.

If you could spare up to 1 hour every other month to help us ensure the Radyr Chain can be delivered to all parts of Radyr & Morganstown please contact me.

Chris Wills
02920 842197.

Friends of Tenovus

Radyr and Morganstown FOT would like to thank all the people who walked, helped and supported the Strawberry tea on June 25th. They helped to raise £980 to go to Tenovus Cancer Care.

We are fortunate to have some great supporters in Radyr and Morganstown, however we do need a good committee to put on the events to raise money. If you have been affected by Cancer and are keen to give support by joining an enthusiastic committee, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact Rosanne Holmes on 02920401872.

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

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WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

RLDP Update

... from front cover

adopted Council Development Plan. We fear that the consultation may result in developers arguing that the greenfield sites which they put into the initial call for candidate sites - all the way along Llantrisant Road to Creigiau - should be allocated because they are more attractive to new home buyers.

The Radyr Station Car Park, which was identified as a candidate site in an earlier consultation, has not been included but in any case the site is too small for inclusion in the Strategy. If Transport for Wales comes forward with an application for housing on this site it will have to be fought on a one-off basis.

Also, the 10% projected increase in population would result in an even more congested city than we have now. Moreover, the projected growth in the number of new homes implies a scale of housing construction activity that is far higher than any achieved in the past twenty years in Cardiff. There is considerable disquiet about this and we propose to continue to comment on it.

In our communities there are many who have campaigned to achieve this result but the support of County Councillors Lloyd Jones and Davies is acknowledged.

The Strategy document is on the Radyr and Morganstown Local Development Group website (<https://radyr.org.uk/clubs/rmldgroup/>).

Full details on how to respond to the consultation - which will be open until 3 October - are on our website; we encourage all to respond.

**You have until
October 3rd
to make your comments.**



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

In their most recent report in July the Office of National Statistics reported that among all adults the most commonly reported reason for an increase in cost of living, compared with the previous month, was an increase in the price of food shopping (96%).

The data also showed that around half of adults reported spending more than usual to get what they usually buy (45%) or buying less food (48%) in the previous two weeks. Around 1 in 20 (5%) reported they or their household had run out of food and not been able to afford more.

Food Banks are therefore still an important source of support for many families. With this in mind Radyr Methodist Church have another collection coming up. The collection in June raised 117 kg of food and £115 in financial donations which was passed to Cardiff Foodbank. Thanks as ever to the community for their continued support.

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 12 August:

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

At the time of writing the foodbank needs-

- SPONGE PUDDINGS,
- CHOCOLATE/SWEETS,
- TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED POTATOES,
- FRUIT JUICE (1 LITRE - LONG LIFE),
- TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT (NOT CORNED BEEF),
- DEODORANT/ANTIPERSPIRANT,
- GOOD QUALITY CARRIER BAGS

And they have plenty of

- 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

Iced honey and orange loaf with blackberries

A delicious dessert which can be prepared ahead and removed from the freezer 30 minutes before serving. The addition of yogurt makes a lighter pudding.

Serves 6-8

Ingredients

- 300ml double cream
- 2 tbsp local honey
- vanilla pod seeds
- zest 1 orange and 2 tablespoons juice
- 200g natural yogurt with honey
- 70g Amaretti biscuits (about 16) plus 3 whole to decorate
- 2 large egg whites
- 250g blackberries
- 1 tablespoon caster sugar
- 2 tablespoons sloe gin (optional)

Method

1. Line a 1litre loaf tin or dish with enough clingfilm to completely wrap the parfait.
2. Put the cream, honey, vanilla seeds, the orange zest and juice in a bowl and whisk until firm before folding in the yogurt and biscuits.
3. Put the egg whites in another dish with a pinch of salt and whisk until firm then fold into the mixture. Pour into the tin and wrap well then freeze for at least 5 hours or overnight.
4. Before serving transfer to the fridge to slowly defrost.
5. Put the blackberries and sugar in a saucepan over a moderate heat and carefully stir until it starts to cook but with the fruit still holding their shape. Remove from the heat and add the gin then leave to cool and serving with the parfait.

Nerys Howell
ARBENIWR BWYD FODD SPECIALIST

From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

So many of you expressed concerns about further development in Radyr and Morganstown, like me, you felt we desperately need to hold on to the small amount of green space left to us. This June I was on the Environment Scrutiny Committee that looked at the recommendations for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) You will have a chance to look at it and to enter into a consultation process very soon. It is going to run through August and September. Look out for it. The RMA web-site will carry information once the dates, web-sites and locations of face-to-face consultations are known.

The good news is that the RLDP is recommending that no more countryside should be used for house building. This should give us protection till 2036. But do make sure you have responded to the

consultation. Your thoughts do matter.

Buses, ah! We know a lot of work is being done but we don't yet know what the details are and whether it will affect us.

Lots of things beginning to happen. The Drovers Way Playground drainage scheme is scheduled to be complete by the end of September. The play equipment will go in afterwards.

The Mobile Library has come to Clos Parc Radur and will be there again on August 14th between 9:30 am and 12:30 mid-day. It is free to use. And the Summer Reading Challenge is underway. Just sign up on-line or ask the librarians in Radyr Hub, Park Road to sign you up.

The Goldies will be back at the New Church Rooms on Friday August 4th, 2pm to 4 pm. Everybody is welcome. (Karaoke singing songs that bring back memories)

The Youth Bus is coming to Radyr Station Car Park this summer.

And we have had more meetings with Radyr Rangers, the FAW and Cardiff Council and scoping meetings re Bethel Chapel, (very early days but there is a possible way forward that we are looking at)

Have a very happy summer holiday. See you all in September.



Helen Lloyd Jones conducted her first surgery in the Ty Nant in July. She is hoping to alternate monthly between the Ty Nant and Radyr Village. Her next surgery will be in Cicchetti's on 30th September.

Family Fun Day at Christ Church, Radyr

... from back cover

An event like this takes lots of collaboration across our church communities, and I thank them all. It also raises important funds as we work especially hard to remain above water financially. But, centrally, it brings people together from across our community, having fun, spending time in each other's company, and inspiring a culture of volunteering. Perhaps you have some time to offer us?

The Family Fun Day is particularly aimed at young people and children, and some were running stalls and activities. On Sunday morning, one of our young people said it was great to be doing all this in 'God's backyard'. A genius observation!

Christ Church continues to be at the heart of things here, as we look forward to celebrating 120 years in 2024. Watch this space!

Thanks to everyone who visited us and made for such a great day!
Rev'd Ian Yemm (Vicar)

From the Library/Hub



Do you like singing?

Goldies is starting in Radyr - it's a singalong not a choir.

Singalong to the music of the 50s through to the present day.

It's a chance to sing out (lyrics provided) and have fun. Great for your wellbeing.

It will be held on the first Friday of the month at Christchurch Radyr 2-4pm.

Our first session will be on Friday 4th August.

The suggested donation to the Goldies charity is £3 which also includes refreshments.

If you have any questions please

contact Sue -
sbaskerville@cardiff.gov.uk
or call 07980 752780.

Bridge at the Hub

Do you enjoy a game of Bridge or would you like to know more about playing Bridge?

Please come along on Mondays 2-4pm at Radyr Hub

Period Dignity

Radyr Hub has period products available. These are free. Ask at the desk for the Period Dignity pamphlet. Inside there are photos of products available and the sizes of the products.

Tick the boxes against the product wanted.

Return the pamphlet to the desk.

Wait a while and a discrete package will be passed to you.

A thank you or a "diolch" is always appreciated.

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

A highlight of our last two months' work has been two picks by Radyr Cubs in June, who undertook their their Community Impact badge by collecting 12 bags of rubbish from the Skateboard Park near Pugh's Garden Centre and the river bank by Radyr Cricket Club.

We have had another successful two months, especially our Second Anniversary Group Pick in June which attracted 28 people who collected 33 bags - added to the rest this was over 70 bags of litter in the period.

We received a lovely message from Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones recently who said "the work of the group makes a huge difference to our patch. I'm very proud of the way our ward looks. Thank you so much"



Add this to the seven bags of rubbish collected by Radyr Rangers FC and we have a fantastic effort by the young people of our community.

Well done and many thanks to you all and to Phil and Rhian the Cub Leaders, who commented that this was "a fantastic experience for youngsters to appreciate their environment and the pollution that can occur from plastics and general debris."

We currently have 46 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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Scout Post...



December 2019, the last time that the scout post scheme was operating.

The Cardiff and Vale Scout Executive have announced that the Scout Post Scheme that operated in Cardiff and the surrounding area has ceased. Scout Post has existed for more than 35 years selling stamps and delivering Christmas greetings through local scout groups in the Cardiff and Vale area.

The reason for having to stop Scout Post is that there were a number of areas that could not be covered by the scheme.

Over the last 35 year the scheme has raised a significant amount of funds for our local scout group.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all those local businesses that supported the scheme by selling stamps and the many volunteers who helped sort and deliver the mail in the Radyr and Morganstown area.

Can I also thank the residents of Radyr and Morganstown for their contributions to scout post and hope that you will continue to support your local scout group with any fund raising schemes they may have in the future.

JBT

Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



(Mehefin 2023)

Ar brynhawn Mercher 7 Mehefin, cafodd dau grwp gyfle i ymweld â stiwdio Anthony Evans yn Nhreganna, lle mae e'n gweithio, addysgu ac arddangos gyda saith artist arall yn yr un adeilad.

Pan oedd Anthony Evans yn ddeg oed ac yn byw yn Cross Hands, roedd eisiau bod yn artist. Daeth yn athro celf yn Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Glantaf pan agorodd yr ysgol yn 1978. Ac yna, yn 1990, penderfynodd fentro fel artist llawn amser. Dilynodd ddau gyngor gwerthfawr: cael stiwdio a chyfrifydd i osod seiliau busnes cadarn i'r fenter.

Dechreuodd y fenter drwy wneud lluniau syml ar gyfer llyfrau plant, e.e llyfr o'r enw *Brenin Dau Flewyn* gan Mair Robins. Roedd y lluniau hynny mewn du a gwyn a dau neu dri o liwiau. Cyn hir daeth Anthony yn aelod o grwp o artistiaid a sefydlodd gwmni Arlunwyr yr Hen Lyfrgell. Bellach mae'r wyth artist yn gweithio yn Oriel Canfas yn 44a Stryd Morgannwg yn Nhreganna. Yno mae gan bob artist ei stiwdio ei hun, ac maent yn cynnal un arddangosfa ar y cyd bob blwyddyn yn y cyntedd agored lawr grisiau.

Fel tirlunydd mae Anthony Evans yn hoff iawn o ddefnyddio acrylig, ac mae ei waith yn rhan o gasgliadau cyhoeddus yng Nghymru, yr Unol Daleithiau ac Awstralia. Dywedodd fod ei ddull o weithio yn defnyddio lluniadu. 'Lluniadu ydy'r allwedd,' meddai, a dangosodd lyfrau o luniadau i ni.

Mae ei ddelweddau wedi cyfoethogi cyfrolau a chloriau llyfrau llawer o lenorion. Er enghraifft, yng nghyfrol farddoniaeth Iwan Llwyd, *Dan Ddylanwad*, mae printiadau gyda phob cerdd.

Ar ôl derbyn englyn gan Rhys Powys ar gyfer y gwaith celf i ddathlu 150 mlynedd Capel Bethlehem, Gwaelod-y-garth, roedd yn gweld y llun roedd e am ei lunio yn ei feddwl. Hyfryd oedd cael rhagolwg o'r darlun hwn. Pedwar deg o'r printiau fydd ar gael, a phan



Llun o Anthony Evans yn ei stiwdio gydag aelodau o Ferched y Wawr, Bro Radur

fydd pob archeb yn cyrraedd bydd yr artist yn rhoi'r lliwiau I mewn. Golyga hyn y bydd pob un print ychydig yn wahanol ac felly yn unigryw.

Mae Anthony Evans yn gweithio ar tua deg llun ar y tro fel arfer. Braint I ni fel cangen oedd cael cloi ein blwyddyn o gyfarfodydd yng nghwmni artist mor ddawnus a phrysus.

Bydd ein cyfarfod agoriadol y tymor nesaf ar nos Fercher 6 Medi yn Ysgoldy Eglwys Crist, Heol Isaf, am 7.30pm. Bydd Trystan a Siân Francis

yn gwmni i ni, ac mae croeso cynnes i aelodau hen a newydd.

Geirfa

arddangos – to exhibit
cyfrifydd – accountant
gosod seiliau cadarn – to lay firm foundations
sefydlodd – he established
tirlunydd – landscape artist
lluniadu – to draw
delweddau – images
llenorion – authors
rhagolwg – preview
unigryw – unique

Gwen Emyr

Ben Hur in R&M

Radyr Drama Society's next production is 'Ben Hur' by Patrick Barlow. And to answer your immediate question, yes, there is a chariot race!

All the key scenes are played out in this play, but being a Patrick Barlow

script, (he also wrote their recent 'The 39 steps' production) the play has lots of comedic elements whilst remaining true to the book/ film! Ben Hur will be staged November 22nd - 24th 2023 at Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets will be £12 and will be available from October.



Welsh Secretary Visits Radyr

The Secretary of State for Wales, David T C Davies, visited Radyr in July. At a function held at the Golf Club he spoke to the staff of the Golf Club as well as those attending the function from all over the South Wales Central region.

Cllr. Calum Davies was delighted to welcome a member of the cabinet to R&M who could update us on how the Government was acting in the best interests of Wales.

It was also an opportunity to raise issues facing Cardiff like the proposed Congestion charge, the diminishing level of bus services and the Welsh Assembly Governments prioritising expansion of the Senedd and banning meal deals.

Calum thanked him taking time from his busy schedule to visit R&M.

In reply the Welsh secretary said how please he was to visit Radyr



From left to right Cllr. Sean Driscoll, Cardiff West Conservative Chairman, David T C Davies, Cllr. Calum Davies and Rod McKerlich.

and to see the good work that Calum was doing in the area. "He is a great champion form the community and I know that he is fighting hard to have the concerns of the community heard in City Hall. I am delighted to hear the progress that he has made on Drover's Way Park and the way he works with the Community Council on shared goals.

Hearing what those of you present had to say about how they think the County Council and the Welsh Government is run was really insightful and will be present in my mind when I sit around the Cabinet table to ensure that Wales' best interests are served by the British Government."



Radyr Rangers are a long established junior football club based in the Radyr & Morganstown area who have most notably produced Welsh

International Tom Lockyer.

What you may not know, is that the club also runs 2 senior teams and 1 youth team, playing out of The Mound Field on Saturday and Sunday's, in fact, the Sunday morning side has been in existence for 21 years.

Radyr Rangers Saturday team are now entering into a 3rd season, after a cup final and back-to-back promotions we find ourselves in the Cardiff

Combination Premier League with ambitions to progress into the South Wales Alliance, following in the footsteps of local neighbours Fairwater and Tongwynlais.

What started as a group of friends starting a team has grown into a club representing the village and wanting to put Radyr Rangers well and truly on the South Wales footballing map.

However, we can't do this alone and as we have grown so have the pressures on the few volunteers who keep the club going, so we want to reach out to



the local community and ask for your support, firstly, on match days – come and support your local team, follow us on our social pages to see where and when we are playing – it's free and a great way to spend a few hours on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, bring the kids and grandkids too, a successful adult team in the village under the Radyr name will only encourage more people to get

involved.

Secondly, get involved, whether you want to play, are keen to sponsor the club (available from as little as £50), are a keen amateur photographer, social media guru, content creator, budding sports journalist or simply someone who is happy to help out in any way possible, volunteers are who started the club and as we grow are what will contribute further towards our success.

Our Saturday Pre-Season schedule is below and you can find our Youth and Sunday schedules on our socials at:

Facebook – RadyrRangersFCSeniors
Twitter - @RadyrRangersFC

2023/24 Pre-Season Schedule

	July 29 th – Treorchy BGC FC (H) 14:00	
	August 5 th – Talbot Green (A) 12:30	
	August 12 th – Llandaff Cosmos (H) 14:00	
	August 16 th – Pentyrch Rangers (A) 18:00	
ALL HOME GAMES TO BE PLAYED AT THE MOUND – CF15 8LB		
	August 19 th – Llanrumney United (H) 14:00	
	August 26 th – Croesyceiliog Athletic (H) 14:00	

Mischief's cardiff

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

Now that summer has come, our WI has been busy with various trips and social get togethers. We had our AGM in May when Mary Pearce stood down as President and Jane Woodward was duly elected to the post. We were all grateful to Mary for keeping our WI going when the possibility of it folding and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Later in May, a group of us visited Llanover Hall and Gardens near Abergavenny. We were greeted by the owner, Elizabeth, who gave us a brief talk on the history of the house and garden whilst we had tea and coffee accompanied by Bara Brith and biscuits. We then had an extensive walk around the gardens accompanied by an informative description of the architectural plants and different areas. There was a stream which flowed through the gardens and water features. The walk finished in the arboretum which had different trees many of which were quite old. We then went to the Secret Garden in Mamhilad where we had lunch and a look around their garden centre before returning home.

Also in May, we started our Meet up Mondays when we visit local places for tea or coffee and the first of these was in Insole Court. It was a sunny day and we were able to sit outside the café and have a chat before

returning home.

In June, we had a belated party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. We had a buffet with a generous choice of sandwiches which Hilary Georgion had organised which was followed by the results of the quiz which each table had a go at with a prize to the winning table. Hilary then cut the cake and a toast was given to the King. We asked members to wear a crown and a prize was given for the best crown and attire which was won by Chris Dale. The evening finished with a piece of the cake and petit fours.

In June, a group of members paid a visit to Duffryn Gardens, where after a picnic in the grounds they had a walk around the gardens. Luckily, it was a dry day and they were able to walk around the arboretum although some areas were undergoing garden renovations which were out of bounds.

At the end of June, we had another Meet up Monday which this time was in Cichetti in the village where 8 members met for another enjoyable get together.

For our meeting in July, Tom from the Welsh Cheese Company was our speaker and after a short history of the company which he started 5 years ago as an online company bringing all Welsh Cheese makers together. He mentioned that there are 16 different cheese makers and as well as still selling online, he now

sells from their shop in Taff's Well as well as in farm shops and restaurants across Wales. Tom had brought 7 different cheeses for us to taste and many members were able to buy some of them at the end of the tasting session.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DG. All are welcome, current and new members, email us to find out more at radyandmorganstown@yahoo.co.uk.

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

Mobile Library



The Mobile Library will make a second visit to Clos Parc Radur on Monday 14th of August between 9.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. If the experiment is a success we hope to be able to make it a regular event.

Don't forget that as well as being able to borrow books, both adult and children, they carry recycling and food waste bags.



"Members at Duffryn Gardens"

Radyr Cricket Club

The game of cricket is indeed a strange animal: for nine months of the year it seems to hibernate and is hidden away within the back pages of newspapers: then suddenly when the clocks go back, especially if the Australians are in town, the front pages are flooded by anecdotes, predictions and articles by those who probably last played in junior school. Former captains of both sides come up with what they believe are witty comments: some hit the mark, others don't. My favourite is by Ian Chappell, a former Australian skipper who said, "the last positive thing England did for cricket was to invent it." A tad harsh one would say as the phrase "Bazball", which is all about positivity, has entered the lexicon of the English language. Now some of my fellow members at RCC relish this idea, with the younger element calling the way the club Captain wants RCC to play as "Shrewball", whilst the older gang, who find it more difficult to join the fun of the fair, are less complimentary. However whatever cricket is at present, whether with the national side or RCC, it isn't dull.

For all this positivity, the last few weeks have seen a number of challenges thrown the way of cricket. Firstly, a day before the most eagerly anticipated Lord's Test in a generation, The Independent Commission for Equity in Cricket, released its report, which had been two years in the making. Now call me a cynic, but what a great way to achieve the requisite publicity and to get on the front pages of the newspapers, by releasing this document on that particular date. Its explosive contents in almost three hundred pages and with forty four recommendations, has caused cricket huge angst and much sole searching. As someone who cares deeply about the game and is heavily involved in recreational cricket the findings were shocking. However I can't avoid the thought that these are as much to do with societal issues as they are with cricket. At RCC the Management Board are always vigilant to ensure our policies match the ideals of Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity and make it a place for everyone. The result of this report for RCC will probably be more form filling, increased bureaucracy and less grant funding coming our way from the cricketing authorities.

On the second day of the Lord's Test, the sell out crowd witnessed "Just Stop Oil" protesters trying to stop the cricket. Now the fact they didn't get further than thirty yards from the wicket was due to England and Australian players working in unison, to stop their entry towards the square. The picture of Jonny Bairstow carrying a protestor off the field again hit the front pages whilst the bonhomie between the two sides suddenly disappeared on the final afternoon as we got "stumped gate": how quickly sport can change. Again front page headlines, comments by former



players and even questions in Parliament with everyone now realising that the Laws of the game are pretty complicated and can be interpreted in many ways. The result of this is that umpires are now calling "over" louder and quicker than they ever did before.

Returning to the club after three days at Lord's was strange, with very little discussion about the EDI report and "stumped gate" still to come: it made me realise that RCC like all cricket clubs live in its own little bubble. The main talk was about selection and teas, which rather wonderfully brought me back down to earth. Then the discussion turned to the new marquee that would be in place for the Vice Presidents Day annual lunch. The concrete base had been laid and this wonderful new facility will add enormously to what the club can offer its members. So after the maelstrom that was London it was back to the peace and quiet of Radyr.

The following week the marquee was complete and the ground looked resplendent for the VPs Day soiree. Inside the marquee the President had laid out a magnificent collection of cricket memorabilia and the photograph shows it in all its splendour. There were blazers from all eras of Test Cricket, signed bats, rare photographs, caps and wine provided by Ian Botham and the whole day, topped off with a wonderful lunch, was enjoyed by approximately fifty of the club's Vice Presidents. Not even the odd shower could dampen the spirits of the visitors as they watched two great games of league cricket. The celebrations lasted long into the night and I'm sure the President would have been satisfied at a job well done for his first VPs Day. Unfortunately there was a casualty on the day and that was one of

our groundsmen, Bernie Axtell, who slipped and cut his lip rather badly, requiring him to have fifty six stitches. I'm delighted to say that he's on the mend and the members can't wait to welcome him back to the ground and see him perched on top of one of the club's mowers.

The cricket on the field, when you run six sides on a Saturday, is a Curate's egg, as the success of the lowest team depends on the availability for the First XI. However, whatever sides take the field they are always competitive and at the end of the games I'm pleased to say RCC have more wins than losses. It is great to hear of father and son combinations either winning games via their batting, or a father taking a catch off their son's bowling and the fact that there are fourteen pairs of father and son(s)/daughter(s) shows what a brilliant family club RCC is. All of this senior cricket starts at junior level and whilst I've probably said this before, come down the club on a Friday evening and witness one hundred and fifty youngsters haring around the ground, learning the rudiments of the game and having a wonderful amount of fun. These boys and girls are the future of RCC and it will be their daring does that we'll be talking about in the future.

Finally I can't finish without mentioning the terrific day that the club had, when it hosted some thirty of current and former residents of Radyr and Morganstown. For me personally it was wonderful to see people I hadn't seen in years: one person estimated that it was forty. It brought back memories of my childhood in Morganstown, in playing football and cricket in the playing field and learning about life in either the Tynant or the now long gone Radyr Arms. The photograph shows some of those people who joined us on that day and my only regret was the marquee hadn't been ready for their invasion. Next year I hope it will be even bigger and nosier and many thanks go to Leighton Jones, who corralled the troops, to ensure they joined the party. Should any other local group wish to watch the cricket in the comfort of the club's new marquee and the bar in the pavilion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman



Cardiff Bus and Radyr

From County Councillor Calum Davies.

I know a lot of people across Cardiff are worried about the current state of bus services, especially here in Radyr & Morganstown where services are already infrequent and unreliable.

Before getting to the now, it is important to see how we got here. Before the pandemic, the ward was served by three services an hour and, whilst things were not perfect, it was much better served than now, particularly as Cardiff Bus currently runs only one service an hour.

There are several reasons why bus operators are struggling in Cardiff.

Patronage has fallen, partly fuelled by the working-from-home policies of the city's two chief employers – the Council and the Welsh Government. On its own, this may be surmountable, but when combined with road congestion returning to pre-pandemic levels in a city where there is less road space because of the way cycle lanes have been installed, this leads to unreliable, unprofitable, and infrequent bus services.

These conclusions are not my guessing, but have been arrived at by talking to the industry in my role as a non-executive director of Cardiff Bus. There is also a worry that the Welsh Government's imposition of a default 20mph speed limit across Wales (coming into force in September, taking decisions out of the hands of local communities,) will hamper bus services further.

Because fewer people are using buses, it means operators have not recovered to pre Covid levels. Operators were able to avoid collapse through the Bus Emergency Scheme, which bridged the gap between income and expenditure throughout the pandemic. This had to continue beyond the pandemic's end due to the reasons outlined. This may also be down to devolved and local government failing to champion a return to public transport once the main threat of the virus had subsided.



One of our County Councillors, Calum Davies, waits for a 63 on Heol Isaf.

The BES ended in July 2023, it was replaced by a much-reduced funding for the rest of the financial year, the state of services is precarious. At the time of writing, I am not aware of any plans to cut routes but the current situation cannot go on indefinitely. We need far more people, especially us in Radyr & Morganstown, to use the services to justify keeping them.

The Welsh Government talk about a new franchising model – where operators will bid for exclusivity over a certain area where they are obliged to run routes that serve all communities, both profitable and unprofitable – but this is several years away. And who will run these routes if there are no operators around because they did not have the funding now? That's why I called on Cardiff Council to lobby ministers in Cardiff Bay to maintain bus funding at current standards until the new regime is in place.

On a local level, I have explored different methods to increase bus services here. More frequent 63 buses cannot happen until we substantially increase bus use here – all the harder given it is not exactly an attractive option at the moment. Diverting the 62 bus is not on the table as it runs from Rhydlafer because it has been funded by developers under Section 106 commitments there.

I have also looked into a mini-service in the ward – with the possibility of going through nearby villages too –

coordinating its times to drop passengers off as the 62 passes the Heol Isaf/Llantrisant Road junction but resources are thin. I will continue to push this as an option as I believe it is feasible, but bus operators need certainty from government first before it can explore such schemes.

Given all this, I find it all the more bemusing that the Council is exploring a congestion charge for the city. Councillors from the controlling party say it did London no harm. It's lost on them that when it comes to public transport, the capitals are embarrassingly incompatible.

I want to finish this piece by stressing the key messages: bus operators are struggling and this is affecting services and passenger; this is happening due to a hangover from Covid and decisions made by the Welsh Government and the Cardiff Council; there are no easy solutions but there are options there; and I will continue to do what I can to improve bus services in the ward and across the city.

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HOW TO ACCESS YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Your Community Council is keen to ensure that its electors and constituents are kept up to date with the work that we do. We also want to ensure that you can communicate with us easily. This article explains ways of doing so.

All our meetings are open to you, the members of the public and the press. Our Full Council Meetings take place on the third Thursday of each month, except for August and December. Besides these meetings there are also various committee meetings such as our Finance and Environment & Generation Committees which are also open to the public. These meetings all take place at the Old Church Rooms, though anyone can request a link to watch our meetings on Zoom via our clerk.

We do have traditional methods of communicating too. You can write

to us at "The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, Cardiff. CF15 8DF". In addition, either our clerk or our assistant clerk is physically available to speak to you at the Old Church Rooms from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. They can also be reached by telephone, on 02920 842213. Additionally, our clerk (David Collins) can be emailed via clerk@radyr.wales whilst our assistant clerk (Julie Hopkins) can be emailed via assistantclerk@radyr.wales

Besides the above we also have a Twitter account @RandMMCouncil which details our latest activities and news.

We are also pleased to let you know that we have a brand-new website <https://radyrandmorganstownncc.org> which has a vast array of information about your Community Council. Please do try it out and let us know what you think.

Finally, we would be very pleased to

hear from you and/or see you soon and would welcome your input into what we as a Community Council can do on your behalf. For example, we will be looking at our 2024/25 budget later this year. What do you think our future spending priorities should be?

Councillor Tyrone Davies

Chairman, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council 2023/24

Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group Update:

We will be holding a coffee morning on 21st September 10.30am, with all proceeds to go to Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Join us at Radyr Golf Club for coffee, cakes, stalls and a raffle.

Tickets £3 - contact Gaynor 02920 843068, Mark 07713 684088 or any other committee member. tss502@gmail.com

From County Councillor Calum Davies

June 2023 report

Local Development Plan

The Council have unveiled its Replacement Local Development Plan, which will go out to consultation this summer. It states that the preferred strategy, based on a figure of 1% population growth in Cardiff, will mean there is sufficient space in the existing land bank (all land with existing planning permission) to meet housing need. This will be equally split between green- and brown-field sites. Candidate sites – which include the green space north-west of Radyr Golf Club and Radyr train station car park, the latter of which is being proposed by the Welsh Government – are not included in the land bank. Candidate sites (a misleading term) does not mean the Council is making them a candidate but they have been nominated, usually by the land owner, to be included in the LDP. I urge all residents with an interest to take part in the forthcoming consultation when it opens.

Drover's Way Park

Following a question from myself to the Cabinet on progress, I received the following: "I can confirm that the drainage contractor is scheduled to complete works in mid-September 2023, with practical completion, including sign off, anticipated by the end of September 2023. The pre-construction meeting with our playground contractor has taken place and works are scheduled to commence on 2nd October 2023, following on from the drainage works. Works to install the new playground are likely to span a period of up to 12 weeks, depending on ground and weather conditions." I am disappointed with how the works are being delayed piece-by-piece, but it is getting there.

Heol Isaf-Llantrisant Road junction

I have asked Plasdwr developers to cut the grass on the triangular island on this junction as the long grass was obscuring drivers' view of the road, creating a safety hazard. This was done in early June.

Bins petition

I delivered my latest leaflet in May with a petition for residents to sign calling on the Council to keep black bin bag collection at their current frequency as

plans to make them three-weekly, in my opinion, will lead to fly-tipping and vermin. I was very pleased to get a sufficient number of signatures to present this to the Council on behalf of the community. I would also remind residents to let me know how they are getting used to the new recycling regime as its rollout continues across Cardiff.

Written Questions

Ahead of every Council meeting, I have the chance to table five written questions to the Cabinet. I will aim to use up my allocation each and every month to find out information useful to myself as a representative of Radyr & Morganstown but also in my other roles on the Council, including Shadow Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Supporting Young People, and Tackling Poverty. This month I asked: Will the Cabinet Member confirm the updated timeline for completing the drainage works and park construction at Parc Radur?

How is the Council acting to move homeless people away from Queen Street into sheltered accommodation?

What plans does the Council have to rollout bus shelters and electronic boards in Radyr and Morganstown?

How much Section 106 funds are currently available to Radyr & Morganstown and from which developments do they originate?

What action will the Council take against the Welsh Government should the decision to call-in plans for a Cardiff parkway rail station lead to the project's end?

Answers can be found here on the written questions section of the Council meeting agenda.

Cllr / Cyng Calum Davies

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Events at Radyr Hub/Library during the school holiday

Week One

Monday 24th July 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Board Games Club
Tuesday 25th July 11:00 am to 12:30
Crafts and PCSO Bike Marking
3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 26th July 10:30am to 11:30
am, Story and RhymeTime
Saturday 29th July 10:30am to 12:30
Lego Club

Week Two

Monday 31st July 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Board Games Club
Tuesday August 1st 11:00am to 12:30
Craft Session Water Theme
3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 2nd August 10:30am to
11:30 am, Story and RhymeTime
Saturday 5th August 10:30am to 12:30
Lego Club

Week Three

Monday 7th August 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Board Games Club
Tuesday 8th August 11:00 am to 12:30
Craft Session 3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 9th August 10:30am to 11:30
am, Story and RhymeTime
Saturday 12th August 10:30am to 12:30
Lego Club

Week Four

Monday 14th August 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Board Games Club
Tuesday 15th August 11:00 am to 12:30
Lego Coding Workshop BOOKING
ESSENTIAL 3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 16th August 10:30am to
11:30 am, Teddy Bear RhymeTime
Saturday 19th August 10:30am to 12:30
Lego Club

Week Five

Monday 21st August 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Board Games Club
Tuesday 22nd August 11:00 am to 12:30
Crafts and Activities -Athletics Theme
3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 23rd August 10:30am to
11:30 am, Story and RhymeTime
Saturday 26th August 10:30am to 12:30
Lego Club

Week Six

Tuesday 29th August 11:00 am to 12:00
Mike Church Author Event
3:30pm to 5:00 Lego Club
Wednesday 30th August 10:30am to
11:30 am, Story and RhymeTime
Friday 1st September 3:00pm Craft
Session-Basketball Theme
Saturday 2nd September 10:30am to
12:30 Lego Club

Roger Page

1947 ~ 2023

Roger was a man who enjoyed drama – whether watching it or performing on stage, which may have been in a period drama, a comedy, a pantomime, a murder mystery or even with Radyr Parish Music Group. He acted in his first play – ‘Absurd Person Singular’ by Alan Ayckbourn - with Radyr Drama Society in 1988 and went on to play a total of 32 roles in the years since then, not to mention that he was also involved in the direction of 5 other plays and also took on other backstage roles too.



Harvey – 2009



Sweeney Todd – 2010

He was a man who lit up the stage, had a twinkle in his eye and vast experience. He was always the first to know his lines and had the ability to make the audience believe he was actually going through whatever the character was going through. He also knew how to listen and focus on whomever he was acting with, and he knew how to use his voice and body to serve whatever role he was playing.

Our Drama Society is extremely proud to have known and performed with such a wonderful gentleman.

The following is adapted from ‘The Appeal’ by Rudyard Kipling:-

*If I have given you delight
By ought that I have done
Let me lie quiet in that night
That shall be yours anon:*

*And for the very little span
All thespians are borne in mind
Seek not to question other than
The roles I leave behind*



The Sunshine Boys – 2015

Diane, Alison, Elizabeth, David and their families would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails and kind messages of sympathy following the death of Roger.

Letter to the Editor...



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

Dear editor,

I was happily reading the new edition of the Radyr Chain and a thought popped into my head. I remember a few years ago there were often poems included in the Chain and I always enjoyed them. I'm no poet, but I thought it might be an interesting feature to include the occasional AI generated poem in the chain! Something like 'Verses from The Machine'. Anyway, I thought I'd make a start by asking Chat.AI to write a poem about the Radyr Chain. Here's what it generated.

In the village of Radyr, where stories intertwine,
There's a publication that captures the time,
The Radyr Chain, a messenger sublime,
Weaving tales of community, so truly divine.

Within its pages, the heartbeat of the land,
A tapestry of voices, both humble and grand,
Sharing news and events, hand in hand,
The Radyr Chain, a cherished command.

With ink and paper, it forges a link,
Connecting neighbours, giving thoughts a wink,
Announcing celebrations and news in a blink,
The Radyr Chain, a treasure to drink.

It tells of local heroes, both known and unsung,
Their triumphs and struggles, through the lens hung,
A platform for stories, where dreams are sprung,
The Radyr Chain, a chorus to be sung.

From the first word to the final embrace,
The Radyr Chain, with elegance and grace,
Unites the village, a welcoming space,
A beacon of community, finding its place.

So let the stories flow, like a river unchained,
In the Radyr Chain, where connections are gained,
A testament to the village's spirit unrestrained,
A publication of pride, forever sustained.

Dave Cunnah, 7 Taff Terrace

Cheque Presentation

At an event to celebrate the hard work put in by so many during the May Festival a cheque for £7,500 was presented to the British Heart Foundation on behalf of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival.

This is an interim payment as the British Heart Foundation remain the Festival Charity to the end of the year and more will be raised especially at the Tree Lighting event in December.



Radyr & Morganstown Association! Colouring Competition and Radyr Community Council Writing Competition Winners

Bryn Deri School - Colouring Competition under 7's

1st Melissa Normansell 2nd Ikuvua Ail 3rd Thea

8 Years and older

1st Ella Grace Burgess 2nd Lucy Lee 3rd Michelle Ubanadu

Writing Competition

1st Lucy Lee 2nd Dillan Walsh 3rd Nia Dansell



Radyr Primary School - Colouring Competition under 7's

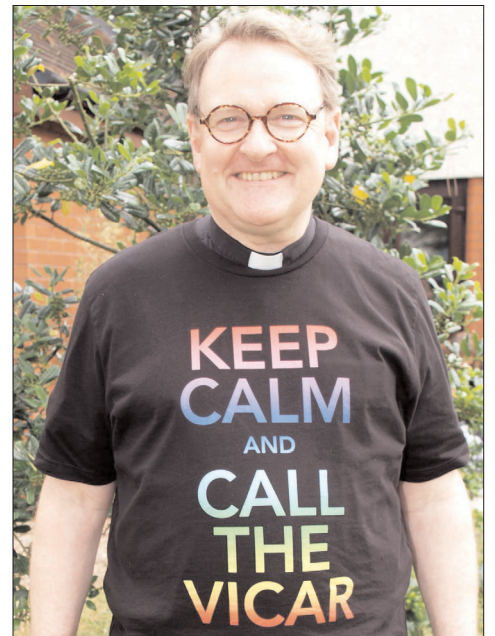
1st Sabrina Tang Rouse 2nd Joseph Llewellyn 3rd Holly

8 Years and older

1st Miley May 2nd Olivia James 3rd Emyr Jones

Writing Competition

1st Prize: Milo, Nymue, Elizabeth, Sophie, Emma, Rosalie and Ella
2nd Prize: Nia, Alexa, Mari, Jack, Alyse, Amelie and George



occupy people of all ages and everyone commented on the great buzz as families got together to enjoy the fine weather, the varied activities and stalls, the bouncy castle and slide, trying out ringing our bells, the excellent lunches, homemade cakes and bread, and the legendary barbecue and bar. Of course, the Church was open too!



Family Fun Day at Christ Church...

It is a year since I arrived in Radyr and the Family Fun Day represented the 'last of the firsts'.

The initial set up on Friday evening was a damp affair and, as the wind got up, pegs were hammered into the ground to fasten the hoard of

gazebos firmly in place. Thankfully they survived the night, and Rubina Davison, our Church Warden, and I, enjoyed a ride down the inflatable slide whilst no one was watching!

The first Saturday in July is overloaded with tempting events, so we were delighted as both familiar faces and new ones rolled through our gates. There was plenty to

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