

RADYR CHAIN



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RLDP Latest...

There's still work to be done...and it's not too late

Many of you will now know about the current position on the draft strategy for Cardiff's Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP). Basically, the preferred strategy says there should be no more green field development over and above that already allocated. The 57 acres of land to the west of Pant Tawel Lane is in the current LDP as a potential expansion area for Plasdwr. It has been designated in the RLDP strategy as "protect and enhance other countryside" and therefore not allocated for housing.

HOWEVER, Cardiff Council is still considering proposals from Plymouth Estates and Redrow to develop this "candidate site" and another 140 acres west of Crofft-y-Genau Road for housing. This is beyond crazy - it could lead to another 4,000 to 5,000 houses to the north west of Cardiff.

It is vital that we all campaign against these sites being allocated, even as potential expansion areas, before the deadline for consultation ends on 5 October. It is also important that the objections are based on objective grounds – eg no need for further housing, lack of transport facilities, a threat to wildlife and the environment and so on.

Further, but just as important is the possibility that we might lose the car park at Radyr Station which Welsh Government has proposed as a candidate site for housing and "transport related uses", whatever they might be.

Please go to RMLDGroup@radyr.org.uk for more information on how to object to all these.

Signing off of Parc Radyr



Helen Lloyd Jones with Council Officers and Horizon staff at the completion of the drainage work on Parc Radyr. Work on replacing the play equipment should start soon.

What's it like being a Councillor?

Well, it isn't dull, that's for sure. Take tonight, there's been an email about a beautiful beech tree on Heol Isaf that turns out to have a very serious decay fungus called *Meripilus giganteus*. Apparently, that decays the underside of the major roots of the tree and often ends up with the tree falling over. I found that hard to take as I love trees. On the other hand, there was an email about planting some more trees in a different part of Radyr and Morganstown. That sounded like good news.

There was a very supportive letter re our worries from Kevin Brennan and Mark Drakeford about our Station Car Park being used for more

development. And more emails again about the Replacement Development Plan.

Then there were emails to check we could have permission to hang lights on the trees in Station Road this Christmas since we are no longer allowed to use catenaries across the street. There were emails to see if we could find the right person to give us permission to put icicles on the old Spar shop.

And there was correspondence with Cardiff Youth Team about events they could stage during October Half Term for our youngsters, which is great news. And there were emails about Mound Field and Radyr Rangers; now everyone is back from holiday, there will be more emails

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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

Sun 1 Oct 11:00 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. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Wed 11 Oct RCTS South Wales Old Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30 My Favourite Moments by Steve Rick

Sat 14 Oct Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers - Group Pick Radyr Hub 10.00 followed by refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Thur 19 Oct 19:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West Annual Dinner at Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Thur 26 Oct 10:30 Friends of Tenovus annual Coffee Morning
Please join us at Radyr Golf Club for our annual coffee morning. Plenty to buy including homemade cakes, christmas cards, tombola, books etc. Tickets £3.00 to buy on the door or in advance from Jayne 07807 676 951 or Philippa on 07764 576 343.

We look forward to welcoming you all. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/west/

Sun 29 Oct 11:00 Bible Sunday
A series of special events at Christ Church, Radyr to celebrate Bible Sunday. Including our regular Eucharist service at 11.00 to which all are welcome. radyr.org.uk/parish

Thur 2 Nov 10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West A PARAMEDIC IN GUATAMALA - an illustrated talk about her adventures, given by Angie Dymott at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please contact 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/

Thur 2 Nov 19:00 All Souls Service (Christ Church) Christ Church hosts a commemoration to the faithful departed on All Souls Day. If you would like a loved one's name read out during this service please contact the Church Wardens - ChistChurch@garthma.wales radyr.org.uk/parish

Wed 8 Nov RCTS South Wales Old Church Rooms 7.00 for 7.30 In Days of Plenty on the Zafra - Memories of Steam in Cuba by Radyr resident Tony Wardrobe

Sat 11 Nov Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers - Group Pick Morganstown Village Hall 10.00 followed by refreshments at Radyr Hub 11.15

Sun 12 Nov 10:45 Act of Remembrance - Radyr War Memorial
The Parade and service this year revert to their usual form with an outside service at the War Memorial in Heol Isaf attended by local groups, the laying of wreaths and ending at 11:00 with the Last Post. HEOL ISAF WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DURATION OF THIS SERVICE. There will then be a service in Christ Church starting around 11:10. All welcome. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 13 Nov 19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I
Tonight, Ann Mears will be demonstrating flower arranging with Autumn flowers. We meet on the second Monday of every month at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 16 Nov 09:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West A VISIT WITH A DIFFERENCE - to the Music Palace in Porth. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.

radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Sat 25 Nov 11:00 Get Ready for Christmas
The annual fair returns to Christ Church and the New Schoolrooms in Radyr from 11am – 2pm on 25 November 2023, with the usual variety of entertainment and stalls. Something for all the family. radyr.org.uk/parish

Sun 26 Nov 11:00 Feast of Christ the King
Christ Church, Radyr celebrates its Patronal Feast with a special service at 11.00 radyr.org.uk/parish

Fri 1 Dec 19:00 Turning on the Christmas Lights Join the seasonal celebrations in Station Road radyr.org.uk/Christmas

Thur 7 Dec 10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West "STAN STENNETT". Talking about the ups & downs of the life of his famous father, the entertainer and historian Ceri Stennett will be at Radyr Golf Club to tell you more. For further info please contact Geoff Foot 07780 990 847. Coffee & 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 too. radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

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Radyr Chain Deliverers

In the last edition I asked for volunteers to deliver the Radyr Chain, I had a very pleasing response with many people offering to help. Thank you to everyone who volunteered with apologies to those who I will not be taking up their offer at this time.

Chris Wills

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

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

Goodbye to Postie Paul



It will be sad to say goodbye to another of our "Posties", Paul, who retires this month.

Paul has been a postie in Radyr and Morganstown for twenty four years and walks 12 miles a day.

When we think back to those hazy almost forgotten days of lockdown, we were always glad to see Paul and to exchange a few words - suitably socially distanced.

Paul says, " it's time to let the youngsters take over. It's a "job" that fits my character and personality perfectly, I have made good friends and had many wonderful times.

I have plenty to keep me occupied, my wife, who enjoys travelling and going to 1930's Peaky Blinders conventions, my six grandchildren, and my garden.

Covid was a difficult two years and I hope I made a small difference to some of my customers, at times I was the only person they saw and could talk to. I'd also like to thank all the ones who put up with my pearls of wisdom and and my "funny" jokes and who took time to wave, speak or beep their horn as they drove past. "

We wish Paul a long and happy retirement and a pleasant Mediterranean cruise in October.



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

The collection in August raised a wonderful 176kg of food and £70 in financial donations which were passed to Cardiff Foodbank. Thanks

As ever to the community for their continued support. The next collection is soon. Please place any donations of food in the boxes which will be outside the following addresses, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday 21 October;

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

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/givehelp/donate-food/>

Every donation, of whatever amount, is appreciated so please consider whether you can help.

Thank you so much.

Church Rooms Rubbish

Cardiff Council have changed the pattern of rubbish collection at the Old Church Rooms. From now on rubbish has to be deposited in a paper and cardboard recycling bin, another for metal and plastic, another for glass and finally one for other waste. This has come at rather short notice and for the moment the R&M Community Council will sort the waste. They will be installing a series of new bins into the kitchen of the OCR, so that waste can be broken down into the various sections. OCR hall users are asked to sort out their waste into the new bins once they are installed.

Thank you.

Remembrance Sunday, 12th. November, 2023

Radyr Road closures.

The following roads will be closed on Sunday 12th Nov for the Remembrance Day parade. 10 a.m. Station Road from Heol Isaf to Windsor Crescent for approx 30 mins while the parade assembles.

10.30 a.m. Heol Isaf from Windsor Road to Rectory Close.

10.30 a.m. Kings Road from the War Memorial to Taff Terrace for the duration of the open air service approx 1 hour.

12.15 p.m. Heol isaf and Station Road will again be closed for approx 15 minutes to allow the parade to return from Christ Church and disband.

The above arrangements have been made in conjunction with Cardiff Council and will be supported by the South Wales Police who will be in attendance.

Radyr and Morganstown Friends of Tenovus

Will be holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday October 26th from 10.30 at Radyr Golf Club.

Stalls will include Tenovus Christmas cards, tombola, books, cakes and a raffle.

Tickets to be priced at £3 available from Jayne 07807676951 or Philippa 07764576343.

Rosanne Holmes

Twinning Fellowship. AGM

Sunday 15th October.
7 p.m. Old Church Rooms.

Radyr Drama Society

We have been rehearsing our next production since May!! The cast of 4 have already learnt most of the lines, the backstage crew are making costumes and props already! What's the play??...

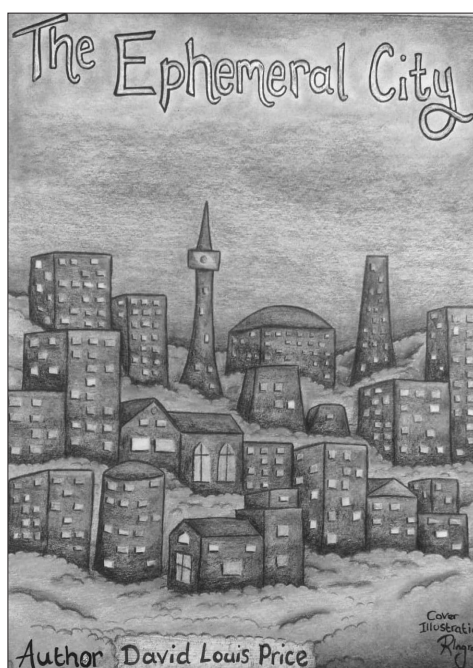
'Ben Hur' by Patrick Barlow, adapted from the novel by Gen. Lew Wallace - you've seen the film, now see the stage play, with a full on sea battle, Roman decadent life, and of course the world famous and iconic chariot race- yes, the chariot race!!!!!!

Come join us November 22nd-24th at Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets are £12 and available via Ticketsource (search Radyr Drama) or by calling 07881 206745 or 07866 604039



New book from Radyr author David Price...

"Recovering from a serious injury that she received during her last assignment, Audacity Wakefield is keen to get back in the field. Then, while taking a road trip, she is caught up in events when a local writer mysteriously disappears - literally into thin air and right before her eyes. Her investigation uncovers the tale of a hidden civilization, one that is concealed in another, otherworldly plane of existence. It is a trail that she must follow, even though she knows that she might never return. But even in Paradise, she learns that there are dangerous places where you must not go, and lines that you must not cross. And very harsh penalties for those who transgress."



The book is available now on Amazon.
<https://amzn.eu/d/88QrxcO>

Christmas

It's hard to believe that Christmas is nearly upon us, but the next edition of the Chain will carry a full list of Christmas activities in R&M.

We wish to warn readers that some events come early in December, before you will have had time to read your December Chain.

The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony and street market will be held in Station Road from 6 p.m. on Friday 1st of December, with events in Morganstown and the Sidings. Santa will make his annual tour through Radyr and Morganstown on Friday 15th December. His full route and timings will be printed in the next Chain.

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

This picture shows one of our pet hates if you'll excuse the pun.



Can someone please explain why a small minority of dog walkers do this? What do they think is supposed to happen to this gruesome bag and its contents? Is some dog poo fairy going to come along and take it to the bin where the owner should have put it in the first place? Please stop doing it - it is disgusting and looks dreadful.

We have had another successful two months, with our two group picks and the work our 46 volunteers do on

their own. Since we started we have collected almost 1,500 bags of litter from our streets and footpaths, especially from Radyr Station Car Park, as well as many examples of fly tipping which we report to the Council.

Also a small request, if each of you could pick up any litter which you might see outside your house then it would collectively help us all. Thank you.

Please come along and join us, new members always welcome. The dates of our group picks are shown in the calendar on page 3. Contact us at rmlitterpickers@outlook.com or follow us on Facebook.

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

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New Community Choir...

A brand new choir in Radyr promising to "Sing the community together" is starting in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr on Thursdays from October 5th!

Sally's Angels, who will be running the choir, have two existing community choirs in Bassaleg, Newport and Pontyclun with a combined 140 members who celebrate song and community together every week.

The choir is designed to bring together the community and is non-auditioned, meaning all are welcome. This is reinforced in their strapline, which states that "Shower Singers, Foghorns and Angels" are all welcome!

Sally says: "Our choirs are unique because no matter what your singing ability is like, what age you are or who you are, our choir is a fun,

welcoming place that anyone can be a part of!"

She goes on to say that the members of the existing choirs often call it their "happy hour" due to the way that it not only lifts the spirits, but also encourages you to leave the challenges of the day behind you.

The choirs also often come together for social events such as the annual christmas gala dinner and trip to perform in Glastonbury Abbey

(pictured), and contribute takings from their concerts to charity.

The new choir promises to be fun, exciting and filled with community spirit, and the first session is free, so pop along to support this great initiative in Radyr and to be a part of something amazing.

You can join your community and the leaders Sally and Laura on October 5th in the Old Church Rooms. Registration is from 6pm with singing at 6.30.



Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



(6 Medi 2023)

Cawsom wledd gerddorol arbennig i agor tymor newydd cangen Merched y Wawr Bro Radur, ac mae ein diolch i Trystan a Siân Francis am ddod atom i'n diddanu. Llwyddodd y pâr priod dawnus i gyflwyno cyfuniad o wahanol fathau o ganeuon – yn y cywair clasurol, gwerin a phoblogaidd.

Aeth Trystan i astudio Ffrangeg a gwleidyddiaeth ryngwladol ym Mhrifysgol Aberystwyth. Wedi hynny, aeth i Frwsel am flwyddyn i gael profiad gwaith. Erbyn hyn, mae Trystan a'i wraig Siân wedi ymgartrefu yn Rhiwbeina, a'r ddau yn arwain y clwb Carco.

Un o Aberpennar ydy Siân. Dysgodd siarad Cymraeg yn yr ysgol gynradd yno. Mae hi'n hoff iawn o'r iaith Gymraeg. Wedi iddi astudio opera yng ngholeg Goldsmith yn Llundain a mwynhau cyfnod yn diddanu cynulleidfaoedd ar fordeithiau, ymgartrefodd yng Nghaerdydd.

Yn ystod y cyfnod clo, dyma hi'n darganfod bod canu gyda Trystan yn cael llawer o ddilyniant ar y We. Mae ceisiadau yn dod iddyn nhw o bedwar ban byd. Mae Siân yn ei helpen yn canu caneuon Mary Hopkins, ac esboniodd fod y cyfieithiadau Cymraeg, yn aml, yn well na'r geiriau Saesneg gwreiddiol. Uchafbwynt y noson oedd pan ganodd Trystan a Siân addasiad Cymraeg Ysgol Glanaethwy o'r weddi y mae Andrew Porcelli yn ei chanu. Dyma un o'r caneuon poblogaidd roedden nhw'n eu canu ar y We i blant oedd yn dost iawn.

Yn ystod y noson, un o'r caneuon a ganodd Trystan oedd 'Cân yr Arad Goch'. Un arall oedd rhan o'r gân 'Carmen Toreador'. Dyna braf i'r gynulleidfa oedd cael ymuno i ganu 'Ar hyd y nos', 'Sosban fach' a 'Lawr ar lan y môr'. Cerddoriaeth hyfryd o'r safon uchaf! Mwynhad llwyr! A'n hedmygedd yn fawr o ddawn dau sy'n ddifyr a llawen ac yn awyddus i godi calon eu cynulleidfaoedd.

Wrth gloi'r noson, diolchodd ein llywydd newydd, Dr Eirian Dafydd,



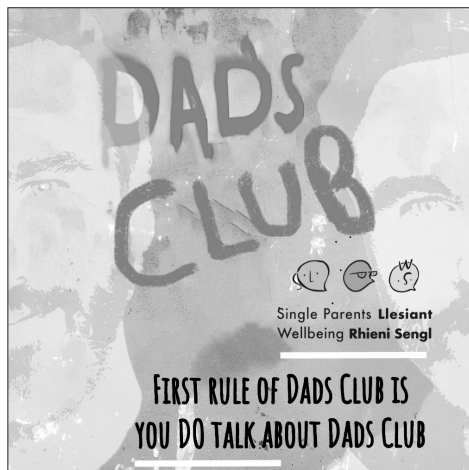
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i'r ddau westai, a chyhoeddi mai Bet Davies, Radur, fydd yn siarad yn ein cyfarfod nesaf ar 4 Hydref, am 7.30 yh, yn Eglwys Crist, Radur. Y testun fydd 'Lloffion Gaijin – olrhain cysylltiadau rhwng Cymru a Siapan'. Croeso cynnes i aelodau hen a newydd.

Geirfa
diddanu – entertain
dawnus – gifted
cyfuniad – combination
cywair – register

gwleidyddiaeth ryngwladol – international politics
ymgartrefu – to settle down
mwynhau – to enjoy
mordeithiau – cruises
dilyniant – following
o bedwar ban byd – from around the world
cyfieithiad – translation
addasiad – adaptation
edmygedd – admiration
gwestai – host

Gwen Emyr



Are you a single dad who feels stressed, lonely, or overwhelmed by the challenges of parenting? Do you wish you had a group of friends who understand what you are going through and can offer you advice, encouragement, and camaraderie? If so, you might want to check out **Dads Club**, an initiative that aims to create a safe space for men to express themselves without judgment.

Dads Club is a monthly meet-up where single dads of all ages and backgrounds can come together and talk about anything that matters to them, from

work and family issues to hobbies and passions.

The club is not a formal therapy session, but rather a casual and friendly gathering where men can share their experiences, feelings, and opinions in a supportive and respect-ful environment.

The next meet-up is on **Wednesday 4th October** at 19:00 in Chapter, Market Road, Canton, CF5 1QE, and new members are always welcome. No fee is required, just register on our website then show up and join the conversation. You can also follow the club on Facebook or Twitter to get updates and chat with other members online.

If you are looking for a way to improve your mental health, social life, and parenting skills, Dads Club might be just what you need. Come and see for yourself how much fun and rewarding it can be to be part of a community of dads who care. You are not alone, and you deserve to be happy. Dads Club is here for you and remember; First rule of Dads Club is you **DO** talk about Dads Club.

<http://singleparentswellbeing.as.me/DADSClub>

Veteran Golfer's Society

The last meeting of the South Wales & Monmouthshire Veteran Golfer's Society was held at Radyr Golf Club on Thursday 7th September with a gathering of 20 members.

This Society was formed before the 2nd World War. Records from 1945 show that there was a meeting at Radyr Golf Club with representatives from over 17 local Golf Clubs.

The Society was originally formed to bring together representatives from Clubs around South Wales and Monmouthshire for a game of golf – a day out on three occasions each year at different locations. Many local Clubs have had representation in the Society over the years.

By 1965 membership had grown to 95 players with a subscription level of 10/- (50p) per annum and the



average green fee was 2/6p (25p) - those were the days! The Society has remained very active for the past 60 years and firm and lasting friendships have been made as a result of random pairings made by the Secretary for each meeting.

It is a sad day to see the end of this organisation. Lasting memories will remain with memorabilia being displayed at Radyr Golf Club.

Half Term...?

... from back cover

Centre and the Cricket ground or on foot via Dogo Street off the top end of Cathedral Road; the other is at the end of Cardiff Bay Garage, in Porth Tiegr Way.

Both have the advantage of immediate access on to cycle paths away from traffic and are on the relative flat, even Bute Park has the occasional incline. The Cardiff Caravan Park site has its own car park. It surprising how far you can go without having to negotiate cars, buses and lorries. Around Pontcanna Fields and up the Taff Trail as far as Radyr. In theory you could get as far as Brecon, but the Wednesday Walkers don't recommend such a distance on your first visit.

They have conventional bikes which will fit even the smallest children and if you're afraid that you've lost the knack of riding a two wheeler - you probably haven't - they have three and four wheelers. The Wednesday walkers recommend the



Some of the bikes you can hire.

three wheeler which are great fun. Pedal Power are open from 10a.m. to 5 p.m. for Tuesdays to Sundays, last hire at 4 p.m. Prices start at £8 for an hour, concessions for children, students, members, 60+, groups. If you're a group we recommend a guide.

They also have a delightful cafe in the Caravan Park site, with excellent

teas, coffee, cakes and light meals at reasonable prices. They have a good selection of Vegan food. Pedal Power give lessons to new riders or those wanting to refresh their skills; they also repair and service your bike and sell reconditioned bicycles. For more information look on their web site training at cardiffpedalpower.org or by phone 029 20 39 0713

Radyr Cricket Club

The third Saturday in September saw the end of the season for RCC as the First XI completed their league season with another win, whilst a club side played host to a touring side from the Midlands. A long night followed in the pavilion, alongside a curry provided by a brilliant mobile food van. It is undoubtedly the latest end for a league season that I can remember but given the weather in July and August, more of that later, it was just good to see some cricket before the long downtime. Not surprisingly I suppose, given the weather this year, the season in April started in the rain and finished in the rain in September.

The win by the First XI was their ninth in the last eleven games and saw them finish second in the First Division, a wonderful effort by the players and particularly the new captain Tom Shrewsbury. By his own admission he took time to get up and running and understand his charges, but following a bit of tinkering throughout the campaign the side became a very competitive unit. The amazing thing was the consistency of availability/selection in the second half of the season, where it seemed that everyone wanted to play every game: I suspect that is the result of a winning team. Whilst the captain was of course the focal point of the side, it is not possible to ignore the incredible contribution of James Williamson, who by scoring 784 runs at an average of 52.27 was the top scorer in the First Division and therefore, by virtue of statistics, the best batter in the whole League. His consistency throughout the season was amazing and the entertainment he gave all the supporters and members of the club had to be seen to be believed.

As I'd mentioned in the last edition our results throughout the rest of the senior section were a bit of a 'curate's egg': one week good, the next not so: however I'm delighted to say that the club won more than it lost. When the final tables were concluded all the sides ended safely in mid table, which probably, when you have the demands of running six sides, is not too unexpected. The one side to buck that trend however was the Fourth XI, who going into their final league game were sitting in third position in the Ninth Division, with their opponents on that day being Ebbw Vale II XI, who sat second in the table. A thumping triumph, whilst also restricting their bonus point haul, would have given the side promotion. Unfortunately, while the side won a brilliant game by one wicket, Ebbw Vale were able to garner enough points to stay second, by the barest of margins. The added disappointment was that the side won more games than our opponents, which said to me that every possible point, either gained or lost, throughout the season is vital and should be fought for

tooth and nail. So the league season was ended and despite all the usual frustrations it has been a great ride.

As everybody knows one thing dominates recreational cricket and that is the weather. This season had it all, brilliant warm sunshine which was the dominant force through May and June followed by the terrible period from early July to the end of August, with the nadir being the four weeks traversing the two months. Here, three out of the four Saturdays were completely washed out, a situation I can't remember in the last twenty years. Whether this was global warming, it is something that cricketers didn't appreciate one iota. Some clubs actually had more games postponed than they played, whilst others found their grounds so wet they couldn't get machinery onto the wickets to prepare the surface, thus calling games off days in advance. At RCC our brilliant ground staff did everything we possibly could to protect the square, often adding plastic sheets to surround the mobile covers to ensure vulnerable areas were covered, but sometimes even we had to bow to the inevitable. Hopefully the weather gods will be kinder to cricket in 2024.

The club over the last few years has built up a bit of a reputation for its facilities and we were delighted when we were asked to host the Macey Cup Finals Day. This is the primary T20 club competition in south east Wales, is highly competitive and a trophy that all clubs seek to win. Not surprisingly, given what I mentioned above, the first date, which coincided with the "nadir period", was postponed, but with fingers firmly crossed a new date was agreed and subsequently a wonderful day was had at the club. The ultimate winners of the competition were Newport CC and the photograph below shows me presenting



the trophy to their captain. However I think it is fair to say that the other winner was RCC, due to our brilliant organisation and can do spirit.

Junior cricket is such an important part of any club's DNA these days as youngsters are their future life blood. Running six sides requires that more than most, because as older players retire or others move on, they have to be replaced and this is often by those taking their first steps in

senior cricket. Moving into this form of the game is somewhat daunting and this season five youngsters made their debut and to honour that achievement they were each presented with a club cap at the annual Awards evening. It is hoped that they will wear these with pride when they represent the club in the coming seasons. It was also very pleasing to see that our Under 15s, for the second season in a row, qualified for the League Final. Unfortunately they lost on the penultimate ball of an enthralling contest, victims of not scoring enough runs, or batting out their overs. However there was enough talent on show to convince all those watching that the steady trickle of youngsters will continue at RCC.

Last, but most definitely not least, is the wonderful triumph by the Women's hard ball XI who won the inaugural South Wales Women's Cricket League Premier Division. Led by Lydia Clements the side needed to beat Pembroke County at home to secure the title. Despite the game being tense throughout, the team held its nerve and won convincingly in the end and brought yet more silver wear to the club.

The photograph shows the joy on the team's faces just after the victory was



confirmed and I'm delighted to say I was able to hand the actual trophy to the Women at the aforementioned RCC Awards Evening. This result was not the only good news as our Second XI ended in the runner's up spot in the First Division, only robbed of their just deserts by virtue of a cancelled game. The future of women's cricket in south east Wales is clearly at RCC and I have no doubt that more talented players will be making their way to the club in the next few years.

So that's it for another season and I hope you've enjoyed my comments and thoughts over the last five months? However things don't stop at RCC: in October it's the AGM and the League Dinner, the juniors nets run through the winter, in January it's the Winter Lunch for all members and in February the pre season nets start all over again. Thanks to all the members, Vice Presidents, sponsors and supporters of RCC and here's to doing it all again in 2024.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman



It's that time of year again. A time where we find ourselves facing the end of the summer holidays and preparing ourselves for the inevitably of going back to school, university, or work.

Although the summer holidays are often busy for residents, that is not the case for the community council. While earlier months are busy and full of planning and communication, in August there are no council meetings.

However, the children of Radyr and Morganstown have been very busy thanks to the library. The schools and the library came together to create a reading challenge for the children: read six books in six weeks. Over 600 children signed up for the challenge, with over 500 completing the challenge! A very big well done to all those who completed the challenge and the others who attempted it. You will all be going back to school well-read, which will make your teachers very happy.

On the topic of schools, residents will be pleased to hear that no school buildings in Cardiff have been found to contain RAAC. This means our school pupils in Radyr and Morganstown will be free to return to their schools with no foreseeable closure risk hanging over them and their education.

As both a Community Council and guardians of the Old Church Rooms, we have also carried out a structural survey that has confirmed the aforementioned building does not contain any RAAC. While the original Old Church Rooms predates the use of RAAC, there was an extension added in 1994. As a result, the Council wanted to ensure that the building meets all safety standards and will for many years to come.

In addition, we would like to mention that the Old Church Rooms is a great community facility available for several functions, ranging from community group events to private hires. Please visit our website (listed below) for further details.

As well as managing the Old Church Rooms, the community council support and organise a series of events and activities over the calendar year. I have included a list of events the Council funds and supports every year below:

February: Snowdrop Planting - Every

year, snowdrops are planted throughout Radyr and Morganstown with the help of pupils from both primary schools.

April: Schools Literary Competition - Literary competition for pupils organised by the primary schools.

April (continued): Hanging Baskets - RMCC organise the installation of hanging baskets on Station Road.

May - May Festival: Our biggest event covering two weeks. We are very lucky to have an enthusiastic group of volunteers that form the RMA and work tirelessly to organise this festival. The RMCC contribute by organising and hosting the Civic service and reception and have a stall at the fete, so please come and visit us!

Autumn - Various Cultural

Celebrations: Over the past few years, the RMCC have tried to mark Diwali by asking children to decorate diva lamps and display them around the village. Eid and Hanukkah have been marked by plaques in Windsor Gardens. We would welcome any ideas to help extend our celebration of diversity in our village.

November - Remembrance Sunday: Radyr and Morganstown commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and servicemen and women. This event is supported by the RMCC, the RMA, Christ Church, and British Legion.

First Friday in December - Christmas Fayre and Light Switching: Organised by the RMA, various stalls are dotted around Station Road as the festive lights are switched on in the village. If we're lucky, sometimes Santa makes an appearance!

15th December - Santa Sleigh Ride: Santa and his helpers visit Radyr and Morganstown before the busy Christmas period!

We are always keen to hear from the community. If you have any suggestions on things you would like to see or do throughout Radyr and Morganstown, please let us know. Details of how to contact us can be found on our website: radyrandmorganstowncc.org/

Vina Patel

Vice Chair, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council.



Organ Concert

Leslie Wood gave an organ concert in Christ Church on September 18th in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Leslie studied the piano at Trinity College of Music in London, is 83 and now has organ lessons with Llandaff Cathedral Organist David Thomas.

Here is Leslie standing by the Organ in Christ Church. The concert raised £115 for the charity.

Pilates

When I was asked to do a piece about Pilates for this publication I had to admit I knew very little about it. So I went along to Morganstown Village Hall to talk to Kathy Davies at the end of one of her sessions.

I discovered that Pilates is a form of exercise that focuses on balance, posture, strength and flexibility. It's suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels and is recommended by the NHS. As Kathy explained "it is building strength from the inside out and is slow and controlled." It is used by world class athletes like Andy Murray, rowers, dancers and golf professionals and works hand in hand alongside other forms of exercise. It was developed by dancer Joseph Pilates.

Kathy does two types of class at Morganstown Village hall a mat based class and a chair/standing session. Obviously the chair based session is easier for beginners. Kathy's classes are on Tuesdays, from 9.30 to 10.30 she does a mat based class followed at 10.40 to 11.40 by a chair/ standing session. If you feel you might like to try Pilates give Kathy a ring on 07853671055 to learn more.

What's it like being a Councillor?

... from front cover

about the Mound Field, I'm sure. We really do need at least one full-sized football pitch that can be played on right through the year for our footballers, be they five or twenty-five. Can anybody solve the financial side? Only need £140,000 to get it properly drained.

Then there is case work. That is another subject altogether. Buses feature a lot.

The good things are seeing the drainage scheme completed at Drovers Way Playground, seeing how popular the children's events were during the summer in the Radyr Hub, and joining in with the karaoke when Goldies come to Fridays with Friends in the New School Rooms.

And then there's heading for sleep after midnight!

Good night all!

Cllr. Helen Lloyd Jones' next surgery will be held at the Ty Nant on Saturday November 18th between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Sausage and leeks in cider sauce

The perfect family supper - -this is pure comfort food which you can serve with some seasonal vegetables.

Ingredients

- 3 large eggs
- 120g flour, sifted
- 125ml milk
- 125ml cider (optional, or add more milk instead)
- 1 tbsp mustard
- 3 sprigs rosemary
- 4 tbsps rapeseed oil
- 8 pork sausages
- 6 baby leeks, not too fine

Method

1. Beat the eggs with an electric hand mixer until they are foamy and thick.
2. Add the flour, milk and cider bit by bit, alternating between flour and liquid, while still beating on a low speed, until everything is incorporated. Chop the rosemary.
3. Add the mustard and rosemary and stir through. Leave the batter to sit for at least half an hour.
4. Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan/ Gas 6.
5. Put half the oil in a roasting tin (base measurement of 29 x 23cm) and heat it in the oven. Add the sausages, turning them over in the fat, then return to the oven to roast for 15 minutes.
6. Add the leeks, turn them over in the fat along with the sausages and roast for another 10 minutes.
7. Remove the leeks and sausages from the roasting tin. Turn the oven up to 220C/200 Fan/Gas 7. Put the rest of the oil into the tin and, when the oven is hot, heat this until smoking. Carefully remove the tin from the oven.
8. Lay the leeks in it, pour the batter on top then add the sausages. Return to the oven for 20 minutes. The batter should be puffed up and golden.

Nerys Howell
ARBENICWR BWDY FOOD SPECIALIST

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

We have had a busy time over the summer, with plenty of trips and get together's with very changeable weather.

Our Gardening Group have been very busy organising trips, including a visit to Windsor Park in Penarth in July on a glorious day. The first stop was a wildflower meadow as well as deep herbaceous borders. The gardens were very interesting with plenty of plants to see.

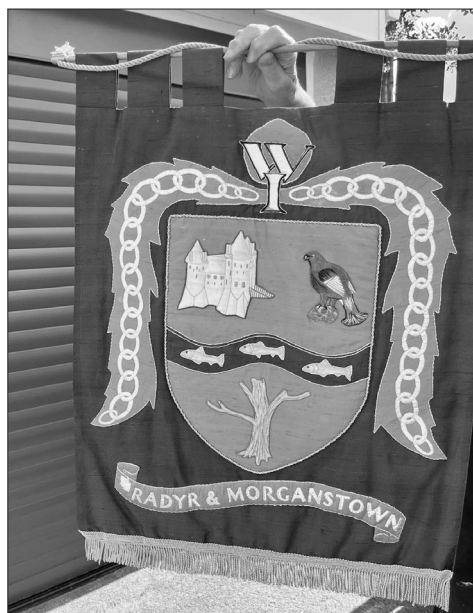
Another trip was to Aberglasey House and Gardens on a beautiful day. We were met by two ladies in Tudor Costumes who turned out to be members of their local W.I. They gave a talk on the history of the 500 year old house which, together with the gardens have undertaken restoration since the 1990's. After a lovely lunch, we were able to walk around the gardens and visited the Ninfarium (sub-tropical indoor garden).

We also visited Duffryn Gardens, which was an excellent trip and the weather was good. We started off by having a picnic lunch before viewing the gardens. Unfortunately, however, the walled garden was under renovation which was disappointing.

This year, we set up Meet Up Mondays which has proved to be

very successful. We meet up in various locations on the last Monday of the month to give our members the opportunity to meet in an informal and friendly manner over a coffee and chat. This will be continuing throughout this year and next.

This year was the 100th anniversary of the Glamorgan Federation and a few members joined a service in Llandaff Cathedral to celebrate. One of the highlights was the sight of all the Glamorgan W.I.'s proudly parading their Banners prior to the service.



We have speakers most months talking about various topics from Yoga to the Taffs Well Cheese Company. This year we had a party

to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and we always have a Christmas Party in December.

In November, our W.I. for the past two years have taken part in the White Ribbon event which this year is on 20th November. We will be in Radyr Village handing out leaflets and ribbons to passing resident. We often have some Ward Councillors there and if anyone wants to join us, they would be very welcome. In the evening, there is a vigil at the Senedd with speeches by members of the Senedd and survivors of abusive behaviour which some of our members also attend.

As well as the very successful Gardening Group, we have two Book Groups. These occasions are also social with plenty of time for refreshments and a chat. We are in the process of organising trips to the theatre/cinema as well as lunches.

So, if you are interested in joining us, we meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr CF15 8DG. We would be very pleased to see you and if you need any more information please email us at radyrandmorganstown@yahoo.co.uk.

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



"Members at Aberglasney"



Ysgol Groeswen

It is good to be able to report that Ysgol Groeswen Primary School opened its doors successfully at the beginning of the September term. Although not technically in Radyr or Morganstown it might be of interest to parents in R&M. Ysgol Gynradd Groeswen Primary School is located north of Plasdwr's Groeswen neighbourhood, and is the first of several planned schools for the community over the next 10-15 years. It is named after the White Cross -Groeswen- that stood at the junction of Heol Isaf and the

Llantrisant Road in medieval times to mark the important pilgrimage route from Llandaff cathedral to the shrine of Our Lady at Penrhys in the Rhondda.

The school follows a dual-stream model, providing 420 places across both Welsh and English classes. It provides half Welsh-medium and half English-medium classes, and 96 part-time nursery places. The two-storey building comprises of nursery, reception and infant classrooms on the ground floor, with junior classrooms located on the first floor.

Richard Carbis, Headteacher of Ysgol Gynradd Groeswen Primary

School, said: "It is a privilege to lead a school that is going to be at the heart of a new suburb of Cardiff. As the first school of its kind in Wales, Ysgol Gynradd Groeswen Primary School will introduce children to the Welsh language in a fully Welsh Medium stream and a Dual language stream (50% in Welsh and 50% in English). Welsh identity will be at the heart of everything we do as will the focus on nature and the environment allowing us to become fully integrated into the local community. Our motto 'Gyda'n Gilydd yn Gryfach / Stronger Together'."

Cardiff Bus

Rhydlafar - Goitre Fach Farm - City Centre
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Radyr and Morganstown - City Centre
via Danescourt, Llandaff

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Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays)

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Llandaff Fields	0628	0710	0724	0810	0835	0858	0934	1007		42	07	until	1442	1512	1600	1625	1657	1723	1759	1810	1850	1908	1935	1951	2051
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Only the major timing points are shown in the above timetable. Buses will also call at all intermediate stops along the route.

Letters 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 am very upset to learn that the Community Council have removed the World War One themed Memorial bench from Windsor Gardens. I understand it was one of two WW1 benches purchased with a Heritage Lottery fund grant for the use of our Radyr & Morganstown Community.

I'm sure that many residents including the Heritage Lottery fund are very concerned at their disappearance. Where are they now, neither seem to be available for community use.

Ex. Military and long time resident of Radyr & Morganstown.

The bench has been moved to the Old Church Rooms where it has a partner and both are available for residents. Ed.

Dear Editor,

I felt compelled to put pen to paper to congratulate Dave Cunnah (Radyr Chain August 2023) for his

first, of hopefully many, poems.

It inspired me, as someone who has always enjoyed poetry, to try to come up with a few lines of my own.

Let's hope this in turn inspires other Radyr residents and that this becomes a regular and popular feature of the publication.

I don't know much about this so called AI as I'm admittedly a bit of a technophobe but it seems very exciting.

My offering is entitled:

A Journey through Radyr (part one).

From the banks of the Taff

I wearily trod

Past the quarry to Pughs

I continue to plod

To pick up a trowel

And gardening twine

Now time for a brew

At the cafe so fine

A selection of cakes

They try to entice

The coffee and walnut

Looking so very nice

With tummy now full

With cake and tea

I peruse the shops

*There's so much to see!
For campers and hikers
Mountain Warehouse delivers
Next stop is Pavers
To pick up some slippers
Their wide fit selection
Just cannot be beat
All this walking
Has flattened my feet!*

Frank, aged 68

Long time Radyr Resident

Huw Thomas

It was great to meet Cllr Huw Thomas, Chair of the Cardiff County Council, being shown around Radyr and Morganstown by Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones during the summer. We understand that they were looking at some of the achievements of the past few months - the completion of the drainage system at Drovers Way park and some of the outstanding problems, including the distance people have to walk, when the bus does arrive in Morganstown and the journeys some of our youngsters have to make to get to school.

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So what are you waiting for?

Why not try your local Goldies group and join us for a fun and friendly sing-along. Goldies is not a choir, you don't have to be able to hold a tune. Some people like to sing out loud and proud, some just tap along and listen, some just like to chat! Everyone is welcome at Goldies. If you'd like more information please call the office and speak to our friendly team on 01761 470006 or email events@golden-oldies.org.uk

See you there!

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Eisteddfod News...

With the next National Eisteddfod taking place only a few miles to our north in Ynys Angharad Park in the centre of Pontypridd in August 2024, many things are happening.

The Old Library in the Hayes Cardiff has opened an exhibition, which is still running, to commemorate the National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay. One of the exhibits is a quilt made by Radyr resident Marian Evans.

The Radyr committee raising money for the 2018 Eisteddfod had been charged with raising £40,000 towards the event. A sum that they exceeded. One of the ventures was this quilt which took Marian 1000 hours to make.

Each of the 16 panels was sponsored by a different company. Marion used traditional methods of making Welsh quilts.



Radyr Library/Hyb's Wednesday Walkers enjoying a cycle ride in the rain.

Half Term...?

Thinking about what to do with the children or grandchildren during the half term holiday. Think no more. Radyr Hub/Library's Wednesday Walkers recently had a delightful morning with one of Cardiff's best kept secrets, Cardiff Pedal Power. It's even fun in the rain and they lend you some rather fetching ponchos.

Said one of the Wednesday Walkers "I haven't had such fun in a long time".

Pedal Power is a charity set up to get people from 2 to 80 cycling. They have two basis one in the Cardiff Caravan Park, at the back of Cathedral Road, you reach it from Sophia Close passed the Sports

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Winner of the Eva Tatum Nature Cup

One of our oldest residents, Eva Tatum, who once taught in Radyr Primary School and has a great interest in all things to do with nature and wildlife, has given a cup to Radyr Primary School for the pupil who shows greatest interest in the field. This year's winner is Ioan Crayford, pictured below.

