

Armistice

Day in Radyr



In spite of stormy and rainy weather on Sunday 12th November a good crowd turned up to Radyr War Memorial for the two minute silence at 11 a.m.

In his address the vicar - the Rev Ian Yemm - asked people not to use provocative language. Something we can all think about and take to heart.

The photograph shows two young soldiers laying wreaths at the War Memorial, a reminder of the youth of so many who have died in conflict.

Two young soldiers lay wreaths at Radyr War Memorial.



Christmas in Radyr...



By the time you receive this edition of the Chain the Christmas season will have arrived. The Christmas tree lighting and Street Market in Station Road will be held on Friday 1st December from 6 p.m. onwards.

Santa will be present and will switch on the lights on the Christmas Tree in Windsor Gardens at 7.p.m. Two other Christmas trees will be lit up in The Sidings and the Granny Park in Morganstown.

Because of new regulations on street lighting, the Community Council is no longer allowed to place wires across Station Road from lamp post to lamp post. This is because a lamp post was pulled down by strong winds in the north of England with the inevitable health and safety concerns.

The Community Council hope that the new lighting will be as effective.

There will also be carol singing by schoolchildren as the various trees are lit up, also on December the 1st.

- Granny Park, Morganstown from 6.20pm. Pupils from Gwaelod y Garth Primary School.

- The Sidings from 6.35pm. Pupils from Radyr Comprehensive.

- Methodist Church and Windsor Gardens from 6.30pm. Pupils from Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools.

Santa will make another visit to Radyr and Morganstown on Friday 15th December. This time he will tour the streets in his brightly lit sleigh. This year the route has been reversed and the sleigh will start off from Drovers Way in Parc Radyr at 5.30pm ending up at Morganstown

Village Hall. A full route and approximate timings can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Chain. You can also track Santa's whereabouts on the tracker <http://www.greenalp.com/RealtimeTracker/index.php?viewuser=santahelper>

Elsewhere in this edition you will find information about Church Services and Christmas events and Fetes.

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



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

Fri 1 Dec **19:00 Turning on the Christmas Lights** Join the seasonal celebrations in Station Road radyr.org.uk/Christmas 10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West

Thur 7 Dec **"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/

Sat 9 Dec **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick**, Station Car Park, 10 am, refreshments at The Hub 11.15. Details rmlitterpickers@outlook.com

Mon 11 Dec **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I** Tonight is our Christmas Party. We meet at The Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr old and new members welcome.

Wed 13 Dec **Railway and Correspondence and Travel Society (RCTS)**, 7.00 for 7.30 Old Church Rooms : Rail Freight in Great Britain and the Rail Freight Group. Contact rctssw@gmail.com welcome.

Sun 17 Dec **18:00 Lessons and Carols** (Christ Church). Traditional service of Lessons and Carols ahead of the Christmas season. radyr.org.uk/parish

Sun 24 Dec **17:00 Crib Service** (Christ Church) Service for all the family where the Crib Scene will be blessed at Christ Church. Children please come dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men. radyr.org.uk/parish

Mon 25 Dec **10:30 Christmas Morning Worship** (Radyr Methodist). Come and join in the celebration of Christ's Birth at Radyr Methodist Church.

Mon 25 Dec **11:00 Christmas Morning Worship** (Christ Church). Christmas Morning Worship for all the family at Christ Church, Radyr. radyr.org.uk/parish

Thur 4 Jan **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West** "THE RHONDDA TUNNEL - What, where, how, and why are they reopening it"? The illustrated talk by Tony Moon is at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Wed 10 Jan **7.00 for 7.30 RCTS South Wales** OCR :The Statfold Barn Railway and On Mona's Isle. Contact rctssw@gmail.com

Sat 13 Jan **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick** Radyr Hub 10 am refreshments at The Hub 11.15. Details rmlitterpickers@outlook.com

Thur 1 Feb **Probus Club of Cardiff West** "FIVE BOYS AND A PASTY" - a humorous and illustrated talk being given by actor John Sheen at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Sat 10 Feb **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick**, Morganstown Village Hall 10am, refreshments at The Hub 11.15. Details rmlitterpickers@outlook.com

Wed 14 Feb **7.00 for 7.30 RCTS South Wales** OCR : Derek Cross's Diesels. Contact rctssw@gmail.com

Thur 15 Feb **14:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West** GUIDED VISIT & AFTERNOON TEA AT THE FAMOUS NANTGARW CHINA WORKS. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Thur 7 Mar **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West** HOLD THE FRONT PAGE- a talk by raconteur Dean Powell of hilarious & strange tales of being a news journalist, editor & BBC researcher - At Radyr Golf Club. For more info please phone 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/

Thur 7 Mar **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West** A conducted visit around Llandaff Cathedral. For more information phone Geoff Foot 07780 990 847.

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Christmas Services Carol Services

Friday 15th December

6pm, Carols at the Crib, St John's, Danescourt

Sunday 17th December

6pm, Nine Lessons and Carols, Christ Church, Radyr

Christmas Eve - 24th December

11am, Sung Eucharist, Christ Church, Radyr.

5pm, Crib Service, Christ Church, Radyr.

9pm, Midnight Mass, St John's, Danescourt.

11.30pm, Midnight Mass Christ Church, Radyr.

Christmas Day - 25th December

9.15am, Holy Eucharist, St John's, Danescourt

11am, Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Radyr

for more information see garthma.wales/



Radyr Methodist Church Christmas Services

Empty Chair Service

for those who have been bereaved and would like a quiet space to light a candle and remember.

4pm Sunday 10th December.

Nativity Service and Puppets
10.30am Sunday 17th December.

**Christmas Eve - Candlelit
Christingle Service**

4pm Sunday 24th December.

Christmas Day - Family Service
10.30am 25th December.

All Welcome

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

From the Vicar...



This has been a significant year for Christ Church, Radyr and St John the Baptist Church, Danescourt - as The Garth Ministry Area launched not only a new website but also a new vision for the next decade. In 2024, Christ Church will mark 120 years at the heart of Radyr. We will spend time celebrating who we are and try to better communicate our hopes for the future and our Christian faith. We'd like you to join in, so watch this space!

At our community's commemoration of Remembrance, it also seemed especially important to think of who we are in the present, and our hopes for the future, during a time of yet another war. I was particularly moved by the imagination and creativity among our schools, young people and children.

Every Christmas, we remember the child who was born the Prince of Peace in a time and place that, even then, was not immune to division and violence. The birth of Jesus, presents an opportunity to look at the world through the eyes of an innocent child. From the manger, in Bethlehem, love looks for love. Will he find it?

I hope, once again, that you will feel inspired to join us in our Christmas Services as we welcome love into our midst with hearts brimming with hope and see the world as God plans it - 'full of grace and truth'.

Having spent my first Christmas in Radyr last year, this will be my last, as I move to take up a new appointment at Llandaff Cathedral. To minister from our beautiful Cathedral is a great privilege, but it is a bittersweet moment. I have been taken into the hearts of many and I have found happiness here. Luckily, I will only be a few miles down the road! Thank you for everything!

May you and your families know the joy of the Christ child this Christmas. And may the world know his peace. A very happy Christmas from the people of Christ Church, Radyr and St John the Baptist Church, Danescourt.

Every blessing, Ian.



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope
Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

Diolch yn fawr!

The harvest collection in October raised a wonderful 187kg of food and £65 in financial donations which were passed to Cardiff Foodbank.

Thanks as ever to the community for their continued support.

The Christmas collection is very 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 9 December:

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 currently needs the following:

- SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE
- CONDIMENTS E.G. KETCHUP, MAYONNAISE ETC.
- SPONGE PUDDINGS AND LONG LIFE CAKES
- JAMS AND SPREADS
- MICROWAVEABLE RICE/EASY COOK PASTA
- CUSTARD
- UHT MILK (LONG LIFE)
- FRUIT JUICE (1 LITRE, LONG LIFE)
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED HAM
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS E.G. WASHING UP LIQUID, ANTI-BACTERIAL SPRAYS, CLEANING CLOTHS
- TOILET PAPER

They have plenty of PASTA, BAKED BEANS, TEA, CEREAL and SWEETCORN.

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

Thank you so much.

Radyr & Morganstown Alzheimer's Volunteer Fundraising Group

Update...

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning at Radyr Golf Club in September, the event raised over £1,000.

We look forward to seeing supporters again at our stall at the Christmas tree lighting evening on the 1st December.

We are delighted to have been chosen as the Radyr Festival charity for 2024. Our group was established when it first became the festival charity in 2018. Since then, over £76,000 has been raised and donated to the Society to support those living with dementia in the community and to fund future research into this devastating disease.

We'll kick off our 2024 Festival fundraising year with the return of the Cardiff Arms Park Choir for a concert in Christchurch at 7pm on Saturday 20th January. Last year's event was sold out so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Tickets will be available at our stall on 1st December or from Mark 07713684088 or Gaynor 02920 843069.

We have again been chosen as a Co-op charity for 2024, as part of their local community fund. In the past 12 months we've raised a total of over £4,000 through the generosity of Co-op members choosing us as their local charity.

You can continue to support us through your Co-op membership - please select us as your charity of choice at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/81326>

We hope to expand our group to maximise the potential of being the Festival charity. If you would like to join us, please contact Mark on 07713684088 for an informal chat.

Sue Coysh



Many residents of Radyr and Morganstown attended the funeral of Susan (Sue) Coysh who sadly died after a short illness. But even in sadness Sue's bubbling happy personality came through. The family had asked those attending the event to wear bright colours and how can a service where most of the music was by Gilbert and Sullivan and with Brian Willis doing the eulogy in three acts, be anything but happy.

Sue was a true Yorkshire lass, born in Ilkley. The family moved several times with her father's career, Cottingham near Hull, and finally High Wycombe where she passed the 11 plus and went to the girl's Grammar School.

Sue's mother, Gladys, was involved in the WI, Towns Women's Guild and Yorkshire Society so mass catering was normal practice as was sewing knitting and entertaining at home.

In 1967 Sue went to Clacton to train as a teacher and became a keen flasher. Sorry to disappoint you but she became a Frinton Flasher. They would drive cars up onto the cliffs and flash their headlights at the new pirate ship, Radio Caroline, safely moored outside territorial waters.

After College Sue started teaching in Lane End Primary School where

her needlework expertise was much appreciated. Her social life included the Wycombe Savoy Opera Company which performed the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan, one of Sue's great loves.

In 1975 Martin Coysh joined the group and in 1976 Sue and Martin were partnered opposite one another in a production of *The Gondoliers*. Dancing the hot blooded Cachucha seems to have done the trick and they were married on the 28th December that year.

In 1991 Martin was moved to south Wales to set up and manage a major new British Airways facility at Cardiff Airport. Their two daughters, Hannah and Katy, brought up in Marlowe Bottom, objected to the first choice of house being in Cowbridge - Yuck! Cowbridge's loss was Radyr's gain.

Sue worked as a freelance seamstress - Sue's Sewing - then as a Lab technician at Radyr Comp and then the Bishop of Llandaff School, before becoming an administrative assistant.

Sue and Martin's love of G&S continued and they became active members of the Radyr Parish Music Group where they remained until the group finally disbanded some years ago. A great loss.

Not only did Sue sing in the shows she was actively involved in props and costume, she used her culinary skills at the various fund raising events that the RPMG organised. Of some 50 events organised by the RPMG Sue produced the recipes for most of them.

Amongst Sue's less well known skills were as a twitcher - an ability to recognise birds at a distance - and many happy visits were made to reserves around the country. She was also a member of the History Society, the WI and an early member of the Radyr Branch of the Alzheimers Society which has raised £70,000 in record time.

We shall miss her.

A film version of the Australian Opera's delightful production of The Gondoliers will be shown at the Radyr Festival in May in memory of Sue.

'Martin, Hannah & Katy would like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, love and support they have received following the loss of their dear Sue/Mum. Also for the very generous donations made to the Alzheimer Society in Sue's memory. Being part of the village community of Radyr has been a huge comfort at this difficult time.

Martin, Hannah, Katy and families.'

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,

We are sure the long-term residents of Radyr, like us, who travel on Bryn Derwen are very concerned about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking situation on Bryn Derwen from number 9 to the Guide Centre.

This is compounded by the drivers who then park on the opposite side of the road making the situation even worse.

Coming out from Caer Graig, Bryn Rhosyn and Walnut Tree Close your vision is obscured, even worse if the bus is on the road. These houses have either a garage or parking space at the rear of the houses.

From concerned long time residents.

Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

Following on from some marvellous poetry published in previous editions of the Radyr Chain, I'm keen to submit a short, festive poem inspired by many hours of watching the enchanting Alpacas and Llamas of Junction Terrace. It's my hope that this little verse adds a touch of Christmas magic to the pages of the Radyr Chain.

Warm regards, Sarah Murphy

"In Radyr, where festive lights twinkle and gleam,
Snow dusts Alpacas and Llamas; a yuletide dream!
Their woolly delight,
Under the soft moonlight,
Creates Christmas magic, joyous and serene!"

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Our work continues with over 30 of our volunteers collecting litter over the last couple of months. A highlight was a litter pick arranged by Radyr Primary School on 8 November when Charlotte Thompson led 20 of her year one pupils on a successful walk around the village to Station Road. They were supported by Sabrina, Martin and Richard of R & M Litter Pickers (pictured with four of the pupils) and Radyr Hub which lent the kit. Four bags were collected which was a great morning's effort.

Together with these four bags we have collected over 60 bags since September and I hope you feel that Radyr and Morganstown are cleaner. Just as important is the fact that this litter is not going into the drains and the rivers and then into the sea.

It has been a really difficult time since the Council refuse workers went on strike especially with the green bags not being collected regularly. Birds and animals picking at these bags has caused a lot of litter to be strewn over the pavement; this could be avoided if you could all wash the refuse before recycling it. Those of you who have tried to eat chips at the seaside will



know how good seagulls are at seeking out food and they can easily smell particles of food left within the bags.

Please come along and join us, new members always welcome. The dates of our group picks are shown in the calendar on page 3. Don't forget we meet afterwards for refreshments kindly provided by Suzanne and the team at the Hub, to whom many thanks.

Contact us at
rmlitterpickers@outlook.com or
follow us on Facebook.

David, Jeanette, Martin, Peter and Roger: the Committee of the R & M Litter Pickers.

www.facebook.com/rmlitterpickers

Instagram :

www.instagram.com/radyrmorganstown_litterpickers



Santa will be visiting Radyr and Morganstown in his sleigh once again on Friday 15th December

This year he will start in Parc Radur and make his way via Heol Isaf and the Sidings to Lougher Gardens, Castle View and then via Main Road Morganstown to Radyr Gardens and finally to Ravensbrook and the Morganstown Village Hall.

ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

You can track Santa on the tracker
<http://www.greenalp.com/RealtimeTracker/index.php?viewuser=santahelper>



5.30 Drovers Way

Llantrisant Drive
Plas y Mynach

5.45 Clos Parc Radur

Heol Rufus
Heol Roald Dahl
Clos Harry Corner
St. John Avenue
Lon y Pererinion

6.00 Llantrisant Road

Heol Isaf

6.20 The War Memorial

6.25 The Sidings

6.50 Station Road

7.00 Windsor Road

Windsor Avenue
Dan-y-Bryn Ave
Bryn Derwen
Cae'r Graig
Pentwyn
Cae'r Graig
Bryn Derwen

7.45 Main Road, Morganstown

Ty Nant Inn
Ffordd Treforgan
Meadowfield Way
Maes y Gwair
Maes y Crofft

8.15 Ravensbrook

8.30 Morganstown Village Hall.



Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Bet Davies, Radur, oedd ein gwestai ar 4 Hydref. Cafodd ei geni ym Manceinion, a phan oedd yn bedair oed symudodd y teulu i Ddyffryn Nantlle. Wedi iddi ennill dwy radd yng Ngholeg Prifysgol Cymru, Aberystwyth, daeth i Gaerdydd i weithio gyda'r Bwrdd Croeso, yna gyda'r Awdurdod Datblygu, Caerdydd 2008 ac wedyn Canolfan y Mileniwm.

Cafodd Bet ei hanrhydeddu yn 2002 gan Lywodraeth Japan am ei gwaith yn hyrwyddo cysylltiadau economaidd a diwylliannol rhwng Cymru a Japan. Esboniodd fod tebygrwydd rhwng y ddwy wlad a'u pobl, er bod poblogaeth Japan 121.5 miliwn yn fwy na Chymru! Cyfeiriodd at draddodiad barddol y ddwy wlad a bod chwedlau'r Mabinogion wedi'u cyfieithu i'r Japaneg.

Un nod yn yr Awdurdod Datblygu oedd denu mwy o fewnfuddsoddiad o Japan, yn dilyn y don fawr gyntaf yn y 1970au, gyda chwmnïau mawr fel Sony a Panasonic, a Toyota wedyn yn 1990. Mae 50 cwmni o Japan yma o hyd yn cyfrannu at economi ein gwlad.

Ar lefel bersonol, rhannodd Bet i'w thad ddioddef yn enbyd yn Burma o dan law'r Japaneaid adeg yr Ail Ryfel Byd, ac iddo farw yn gymharol ifanc o'r sgileffeithiau hirdymor ar ei iechyd. Syndod, felly, i'w modryb oedd gweld Bet yn barod i fynd i Japan, o bob man yn y byd, i weithio a phontio.

Ym mis Mai 1998, Bet fu'n gyfrifol am drefniadau ymweliad Ymerawdwr ac Ymerodres Japan â Chymru. O ganlyniad i hynny, cynhaliwyd Gwyl Japan 2001, gwyl a ysgogodd 200 o ddigwyddiadau yng Nghymru, gyda phob math o gwmnïau celfyddydol a chymdeithasau yn elwa.

Calondid oedd clywed bod y cysylltiadau cynnar rhwng y ddwy wlad yn parhau drwy waith ymchwil; yr ysgol Japaneidd yn yr Eglwys Newydd; animeiddio trwy Wyl Kotatsu; gerddi; a'r gefeillio



Bet Davies gyda Dr. Eirian Dafydd, ein llywydd.

rhwng Ysgol Plasmawr ac Ysgol yn Sakai, heb anghofio'r Cymdeithasau Cymraeg sy'n cwrdd yn Tokyo ac Osaka.

Geirfa

ei hanrhydeddu – she was honoured
hyrwyddo – to promote
traddodiad barddol – poetic tradition
chwedlau – legends
denu – to attract
mewnfuddsoddiad – inward investment
cyfrannu – to contribute
sgileffeithiau – side effects
ysgogi – to stimulate
elwa – to benefit

Ar 1 Tachwedd daeth Mati Roberts i sôn am gwmni Matico.

Yn 2014 aeth Mati i weithio'n wirfoddol fel nyrs yn Ghana. Yn ystod ei thair blynedd yno, gwelodd pa mor annheg oedd y drefn, gyda'r tlawd yn cael anhawster i dalu am eu haddysg.



Mati Roberts, Cwmni Matico.

Gwelodd hefyd fod y diwydiant tecstilau traddodiadol dan fygythiad oherwydd yr holl ddillad ail law sy'n cael eu hanfon i'r wlad. Wrth adael Ghana yn 2017, prynodd gyflenwad o ffabrigau lliwgar.

Gofynnodd ffrind iddi wneud lamplen iddi, a dyma gychwyn y syniad o wneud mwy ohonyn nhw gyda'r ffabrigau. Aeth yr arian i gyd tuag at gefnogi'r gwaith o adeiladu ysgol yn Accra. Agorodd yr ysgol yn 2018 gyda 36 o ddisgyblion. Erbyn heddiw mae dros 200 yn derbyn eu haddysg yn yr adeilad sy'n tyfu bob blwyddyn.

Yn ystod y Cyfnod Clo llwyddodd Mati i barhau i anfon arian i gyflogi athrawon yr ysgol i ddal ati i addysgu'r plant. Yna, yn ddiweddar, adeiladwyd ffynnon yn Asantekroni tu allan i'r pentre. Mae'r ffynnon hon yn rhoi dwr i'r ysgol a'r pentrefwyr.

Cafwyd trafodaeth fywiog ar ddiwedd y cyfarfod a chyfle i brynu'r crefftau a'r gemwaith lliwgar.

Diolchodd sawl un am ddwy noson arbennig. Bydd ein cyfarfod nesaf ar 6 Rhagfyr pryd y bydd Shân Roberts yn ein dysgu sut i wneud torch Nadoligaidd.

Geirfa

gwirfoddol – voluntary
diwydiant tecstilau – textiles industry
dan fygythiad – under threat
cyflenwad – supply
ffabrigau – fabrics
lamplen – lampshade
tyfu bob blwyddyn – growing every year
cyflogi – to employ
ffynnon – well
gemwaith – jewellery

Gwen Emyr

Support Bryn Deri by shopping at Co-op

Bryn Deri Primary School PTA has been selected as a cause for the Co-op Local Community Fund! The school's outdoor classroom is in desperate need of repair and can no longer be used because it is unsafe. We are raising money to develop the outdoor classroom so the school can offer greater outdoor learning opportunities to benefit the wellbeing of all pupils and enable them to engage more with nature. The development of an outdoor classroom will also allow the school to host more outdoor events enriching the experiences of pupils and their families.

You can help us to make this happen by selecting Bryn Deri PTA as your Co-op cause. You don't need to live in Radyr or Morganstown so please encourage friends and family to help support us too. Please use the QR code or link below to find out more. If you use the Co-op app, you can select Bryn Deri PTA as your cause by clicking on the "Community" tab. Remember being a member of the Co-op doesn't just help raise money for local causes, it also helps you save money on your shopping too! Thank you for your support – we look forward to updating you on our progress as the year progresses.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/842>



News from Bryn Deri Primary School

The children have had an exciting start to the new school year with Year 2 taking in some local history and visiting Roald Dahl's house as part of their Movers and Shakers's topic. The whole school enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day with an impressive turnout of Matildas!



Year 6 travelled back in time to experience what it was like to be evacuated during World War 2 and visited the Royal Welsh Regimental Museum in Brecon as part of this term's history topic.



Over the past year, Bryn Deri PTA has funded whole class music lessons to give all children the opportunity of seeing what it is like to learn a musical instrument. Year 2

has followed other year groups in taking part in whole class violin lessons. After the lessons each class has enjoyed performing for their families and showing off what they have learned. For Halloween, the PTA's annual Spooks and Sparkles Disco had a super turnout (and also welcomed many new members to the PTA team) raising £600.



There are currently spaces in Reception and Years 1, 2 and 4. We also have wraparound care provided on the school site by Playworks. If you are interested in having a look around our school please email brynderiprm@cardiff.gov.uk and visit our website www.brynderiprimaryschool.co.uk.



Petition

Some concern has been expressed regarding vehicles driving down the hill on Heol Isaf towards the M4 bridge from Min y Coed. To maintain 20mph a car requires the foot on the brake and eyes on the speedometer. This can result in taking your eyes off the road and causing some frustration with other road users bunching up. It is suggested in a petition on Change.org.uk that this stretch of road through to Pughs Nursery be re-designated to 30mph. Morganstown along this stretch, is protected with two sets of traffic lights and a steep pedestrian crossing resulting in slowing traffic down.

Radyr Cricket Club

"Ladies and gentlemen, can I please ask you to put your hands together one more time for our guest speaker, Mr Farokh Engineer." Those were the words of the League Chairman which signalled the end of the Annual Dinner at Sophia Gardens and formally brought down the curtain on the 2023 season. Farokh gave us a rip roaring, roller coaster ride through his career recalling the people he met on his journey, most of whom were cricketing royalty and he kept the audience entertained for almost an hour. For the younger generation who don't know the name, he was a brilliant batsman/wicket keeper who played for Lancashire and India. I was lucky enough to have seen him in Cardiff on two occasions: once for each team and I still remember his aggressive batting and unbelievably noisy appealing, whilst the fact that he didn't stop smiling throughout the whole time he was on the field, made him an endearing character. His energy at the Dinner belied his age and he was still dropping in anecdotes as he was handing out all the season's awards: it was a wonderful evening. The photograph shows a



sprightly eighty five year old Farokh between the RCC captain Tom Shrewsbury (on the right) and James Williamson, the club's opening bat and highest run scorer in the First Division, with the Runners Up award for the top division: the highest finishing position the club has ever enjoyed.

The club attended a second function at Sophia Gardens in October, when a massive RCC presence lit up the South East Wales Women's League Dinner. The club came away with three awards: the First XI won the Premier Division - Hardball trophy, the Second XI were runners up in the First Division - Hardball, and the Softball Ladies won the Cardiff & Vale Indoor League. As has been said before RCC is the place for women's cricket in south Wales and if you fancy a go just have a look at the website and you will find the appropriate contact details. The photograph shows the club's members on the night with Leshia Hawkins, the CEO of Wales Cricket, (far left, back row) and Jennifer Owen - Adams, the ECB Chair of the Recreational Game (far right, back row).

The period leading up to Christmas is



always a busy time as it is a case of battening down the hatches to ensure we're in decent shape come the following season. For those of you who use the path at the rear of the clubhouse you might have seen the changes, with the Marquee being stored away, the sight screens placed behind the machine store and the nets dismantled. The work on the two squares has seen them treated with top soil and reseeded and due to the mild weather in October and early November there was a huge growth spurt, especially on the main ground. An early cut would be desirable but unfortunately it is just too wet at the moment for any type of machine to be let loose. Hopefully before the break there might be a short window from the rain when the squares can have the attention they deserve.

The club's AGM held in October saw the appointment of a new Secretary: Charlie Brain will take over this very important role with immediate effect and he will no doubt be up and running well before the big kick off in April. The majority of the captains remained unchanged with the only newbies being Ben O'Neil and Steve Sanders appointed for the Second and Fourth XIs respectively. It is always sad when, for any number of reasons, the incumbent decides to stand down, though they always go with the very best wishes of the members. This meeting was then quickly followed by the League version which to me signals the start of the long preparations to the next season. Here the clubs chewed the fat about a number of rules and regulation changes, with the aim to ensure the League Executive are ready for 2024.

A number of new off field developments have occurred quite recently or a process has begun, with the hope that they will improve the members cricketing experience. The first one is the new website (www.radyrcc.co.uk), which replaces the previous hacked iteration. It has taken the club over twelve months to get the ball rolling again and while it is still a work in progress, I have been very encouraged by the positive response I've so far received. Secondly the club is pleased to announce that a new CCTV

system has been installed, with a dozen 'state of the art' cameras placed in strategic positions around the clubhouse, the ground and all access points. A grant was provided by the Welsh Football Association via our partners, Cardiff Corries AFC, and the sophistication of the system has to be seen to be believed. Hopefully this will mean that the break in, which we recently suffered, might be a thing of the past and make any vandal think twice, as identification by the Police will be so much easier. Thirdly the club has installed an electricity supply into the shed on the second ground, which should be the precursor for the provision of an electronic scoreboard and who knows maybe even a small fridge to store soft drinks and sandwiches on a hot summer's day. Finally, and arguably, one of the most ambitious projects the club has attempted in recent years is the desire to create a third pitch on adjoining land, which will be a home for the currently nomadic Fifth and Sixth XIs. An Option has been negotiated with the Landlords, a sub committee formed and proposals will shortly be considered by the club's Management Board. Funding and planning will be challenging but RCC never shies from difficulties and hopefully some concrete news will be forthcoming very shortly.

As we move closer to Christmas the club has decided to repeat last year's Food Bank appeal that proved so successful. The collection point will be the club house on Saturday December 9th between 10.00am and 3.00pm and will coincide with the members Christmas Tree collection. Being part of the Radyr and Morganstown community is so important to RCC and that's why this idea of helping those in need is very close to our collective hearts. Even if you are not a member please do not hesitate to drop something in: down to the station, look for the brown sign, underneath the railway line and you will find RCC at the end of the tarmac drive.

So finally can I wish everybody the compliments of the season with the hope that you and your families have a wonderful and peaceful time.

Christopher Hitchings - Chairman.



NOVEMBER 2023

On the morning of November 12th, 2023, Radyr stood silent in remembering conflicts past and present and the lives lost and affected by these conflicts. Whilst being both moving and poignant, in our opinion the most heartwarming aspect of this event is our community coming together. It was wonderful to witness the eclectic mix of young and old, veterans, members of the armed forces and public services, politicians, musicians and religious organisations.

This sense of "Community" is very dear to your Community Council. We were pleased to have hosted a reception at the Tennis Club after the Remembrance Service and are pleased to once again play a part in helping to finance and arrange the forthcoming installation of our community Christmas trees and Christmas lighting event on Friday December 1st. Of course, we will also be helping to finance and organise our annual visit of Santa on his sleigh – the date, time and route will be well publicised on our twitter/X account @RandMCCouncil.

Besides Christmas your Community Council also helps to organise and finance other events. For example, we financially supported the Halloween barbecue at Windsor Gardens and often agree to support grant applications that will enhance the experience of local residents. Recently we have awarded small sums

of money to Radyr Rangers for the purchase of football strips, to the Radyr & Morganstown Association to help enable the annual May Festival and to the Friends of Alzheimer's Society towards the cost of a concert soloist and choir. Further information concerning RMCC grants can be found at <https://radyrandmorganstowncc.org/our-work/grants/>

Moving forward onto 2024 your Community Council has many areas of work. Some of these include the potential to sympathetically landscape Windsor Gardens, the installation of a lift at the Old Church Rooms to improve access for all, holding events to celebrate the Community Council's 50th anniversary and continuing to press Cardiff Council to enhance facilities and the environment along Station Road.

Lastly, we are also pleased to let you know that we have co-opted a new Community Councillor, Iona Shariff. Details of your Councillors can be found at radyrandmorganstowncc.org/your-council/councillors/ It would be apt here to let you know that we still have a vacancy on the Community Council. If you would like to be co-opted and get involved in our work, please contact our clerk via email – clerk@radyr.wales

Tyrone Davies

Chair, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council.

From County Councillor Calum Davies

20mph default speed limit

Cardiff Conservatives called a special meeting of the Council to put forward a motion on the new 20mph default speed limit. We called for the Council to disapply the effect of the law - as it can do - returning us to where we were a couple of months ago. This would allow the Council to choose which roads are 20mph on case-by-case basis. Despite some trying to indicate otherwise, our motion, if passed, would not have seen Heol Isaf in Radyr return to 30mph because this was not the case when the

new law came in. I am worried about the economic and environmental effects of the new national speed law. It should be repealed as 46,000 other people in Cardiff have called for in a Senedd petition.

Bin collections

The strike by a Unite the Union affecting waste services has continued. The Council leadership must meet with them to find a way to bring this situation to a resolution. The Union said it wants to negotiate with the Council as other local authorities have. It is having a negative effect across the county and it speaks to the issues we would have should the Council proceed to reduce the frequency of black bin collections. I questioned

cabinet members on this issue and have received assurances that garden waste collections following industrial action will make up for the backlog. Christmas tree collections are also planned to go ahead as usual, but we need to see an end to strikes to give people confidence that this is the case.

Buses

I am getting increasing reports about issues with the 63 service. I have raised this with Cardiff Bus who assure me that the service is not being deprioritised in favour of other services and that congestion is the chief culprit for delays and cancellations. As I have consistently said, Council policy on road space and the failure to address this is what is hampering Cardiff Bus to deliver the reliable service it would like to provide. I continue to work with others to improve the service's frequency.

Roadworks on Llantrisant Road

I am disappointed that roadworks on Llantrisant Road have not been completed despite assurances they would have ended in September and then October. I will be meeting with Redrow in the coming days to ascertain what has led to this second delay and ask that expectations are better managed going forward.

Community Council

I expressed my shared disappointment with the Community Council that Cardiff Council has not engaged with our local leaders about plans to help with proposals to regenerate our commercial centre. It had been a year since the Leader of the Council came to meet with the Community Council but little has been forthcoming.

Halloween

I want to thank Cardiff Youth Service, local PSCOs, and volunteers from the Radyr & Morganstown Association for their work in putting on an event on Halloween for local young people and generated a good attendance, especially given the weather of the night.

Surgery

I held a surgery for residents at the end of October. I will advertise my next one for early in the next year via the usual channels

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for an evening of
Christmas and
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at

Radyr Methodist Church

from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

on

**Friday 8th December
2023**

Entry: £5.00

to include tea, coffee and
mince pies.

Pay on the evening

Winter of Wellbeing

at Radyr Hub (Library)

We are aiming for people to feel connected, reduce social isolation, increase community engagement and increase the wellbeing of all.

Have you visited the Hub recently?

Do you know we offer a range of community groups and activities including Knit & Natter, Bridge, Wellbeing café, Walking group, Digital assistance, Storytime and Lego Club.

All of our groups are free.

We are looking to expand our range of groups and activities. If you would like to set up a group, support group or activity or have an idea please contact Sue – sbaskerville@cardiff.gov.uk or pop in and chat to us.

We are also a Warm Space so pop in anytime for a free hot drink.

Radyr Hub, Park Road, Radyr
CF15 8DF 02920 780996
radyrh@cardiff.gov.uk

From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

We congratulate Helen on completing her half marathon in Valencia recently.

In Spain, the big day for the children is January 6th. That is Epiphany, the day the Three Kings came bearing gifts for baby Jesus, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. It's a Bank Holiday and there are great celebrations when the Three Kings arrive. In Valencia they come by boat, a very upmarket one too. And it's the Three Kings who leave the presents for the children, provided they have been good! Amazingly they all have been.

Children there, like here, write lists of the presents they would like the Three Kings to bring. The lists are often long and filled with expensive present ideas. One teacher decided she would ask her class to write two lists, one for the Kings and one for their parents.

The results were remarkable. The children wanted totally different things from their parents, most of all their time. They weren't looking for expensive presents. They wanted dad to watch them play football. They wanted mum to listen to them practising their recorder. They wanted to have stories read to them, they wanted to play card games with their parents, they wanted just to be with them.

Worth remembering when with the current cost of living crisis makes Santa's list unattainable, that it doesn't have to be achieved.

Enjoy Christmas, whether you have faith or none. It is a very special time. It celebrates the arrival of a baby. His birth was announced to the shepherds by angels singing "Goodwill to all mankind and to the earth be peace."

A happy and blessed Christmas time to you all and may 2024 bring you laughter and joy and to the earth peace.

My next Councillor's surgery will be in Cicchetti's 10:30 to 11:30 Saturday 27th January. You are always welcome to contact me using Helen.LloydJones@cardiff.gov.uk

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Clementine, cardamon and almond cake

This is a lighter alternative to the rich, fruit laden Christmas cake which is also gluten and dairy free and improves with keeping in an air tight tin. You can halve the quantities to make a smaller cake or make individual portions in a muffin tin and cook for 20 minutes.

Ingredients

4 clementines
220g caster sugar
300g ground almonds
1 tsp gluten free baking powder
ground seeds from 10 cardamon pods (optional)
2 tsp vanilla essence
6 large free range eggs
Pomegranate seeds and icing sugar to garnish

Method

In a medium size saucepan cover the clementines with boiling water and simmer for around an hour until they are cooked. Drain, then cut each clementine in half and remove the seeds before blitzing in a food processor until you have a smooth puree.

Preheat the oven to 180C/gas mark 4 and line a greased 23cm round cake tin with greaseproof paper.

Beat the eggs and sugar until light and fluffy then fold in the ground almonds, baking powder, cardamom, vanilla essence and clementine puree.

Pour into the prepared tin and bake for 50-60 minutes until golden and cooked through. Cool on a wire rack then serve dusted with icing sugar and scatter with pomegranates.

Nerys Howell
ARBENICWR BWYD FOOD SPECIALIST

New Community Choir in Radyr is a hit!

Last month, we wrote about the new Sally's Angels Community Choir starting in the old Church rooms. Well, it's safe to say it's been a success!

35 people turned up for the first rehearsal, many of whom found the choir from last month's article! The rehearsal was great fun and the choir made a really great sound. The leaders Laura and Sally are really excited to get to know all of the members and to see what the future of the choir holds.

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!

New people are welcome at the choir every week, and your first session is always free, so don't worry if you couldn't join on the 15th.



They rehearse on Thursdays in The Old Church Rooms with registration from 6pm, singing at 6.30pm. You can find more details on their website www.sallysangels.co.uk or just pop along to any of their rehearsals to meet Sally, Laura and the smiley team!

The Radyr community choir is one of five choirs Sally's Angels have across

South Wales who regularly perform together, so as well as joining our local choir, you'll also be a part of a huge community.

If singing isn't your thing, pop along to their Christmas concert in support of St. Davids Hopsice in the Old Church Rooms, Thursday 14th December at 7pm

New Greengrocer

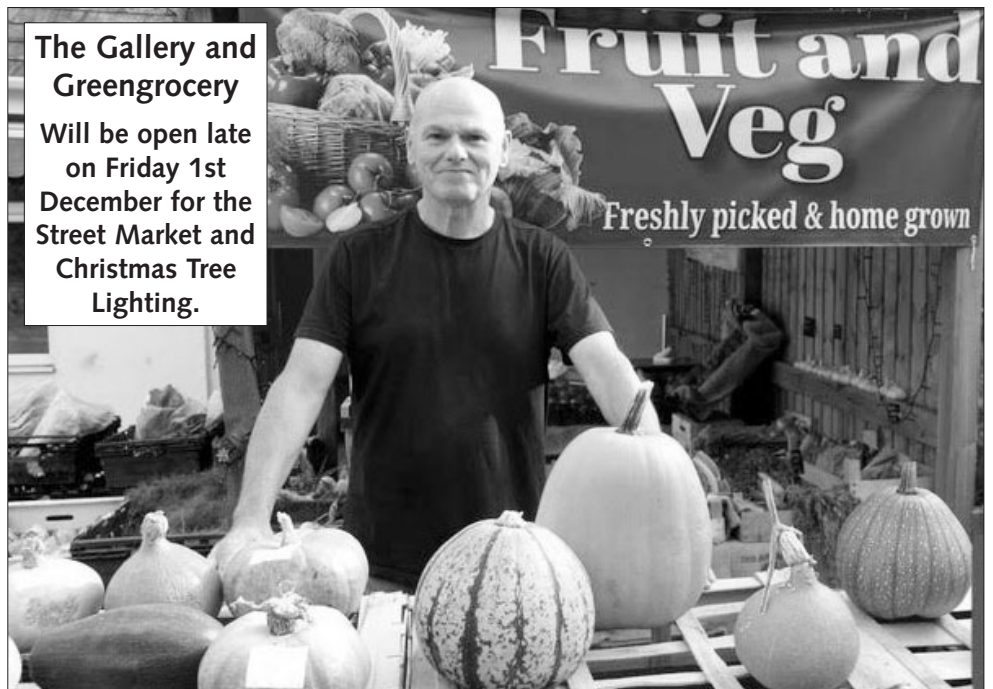
We are happy to welcome Lucie Graham and Phil Smith to our community. Lucie and Phil have taken over the Little Flower Den at the back of the Old Spar, they live in Gwaelod y Garth and Phil grows much of his produce at Garth View Organics in Taffs Well.

Lucie is an artist specialising in prints using copperplate, linocut and colograph techniques, she is also an illustrator. She studied at Cardiff Metropolitan University where she gained an M.A. She has had exhibitions in many well known galleries including the Albany Gallery and won an award while working as a resident artist for an engineering company.

Her previous outlets have been in Canton, St. John's Square in central Cardiff and Welfield Road. The Gallery will be open from Wednesday to Saturday and will sell, interesting and original greetings cards, prints and gifts. Well worth a look and she will be open from December 1st. They will also be open late on December 1st to coincide with the Street market and Christmas Tree Lighting.

The Gallery and Greengrocery

Will be open late on Friday 1st December for the Street Market and Christmas Tree Lighting.



Phil runs his produce outlet from outside the front of the building and is open on Fridays and Saturdays. As we said earlier he grows much of his own produce and buys the rest of his produce locally. Two useful new outlets for the village centre, we haven't had a greengrocer since the much loved Maldwyn and Sue retired and good quality greetings cards is something we lack.



Twinning News

Earlier in the year we wrote about the troubles the R&M St Philbert Twinning Association were facing and asked for more people to join the Association. Unfortunately no one came forward.

An AGM in October failed to appoint a new committee as expected. It was decided, in the circumstances to disband the Association. The current committee agreed to stay in post until this is achieved.

The Twinning Association's constitution requires officers to call an EGM to which all residents of Radyr and Morganstown are invited. This will be held on Sunday 21st January 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Old Church Rooms.

There will be two items on the agenda;

1. To Disband the R&M St Philbert Twinning Fellowship.
2. How to distribute any funds left.

The constitution only states that the funds can be distributed to a charity or charities of the EGM's choice.

By chance the following article came in at the same time.

Tribute to the twinning with St Philbert

There are a hundred good things we could say about Radyr's twinning arrangement. In brief, our family has enjoyed 36 years of friendship with a family in St Philbert, a link facilitated by the twinning of our two villages. It is one of those friendships which just "felt right" from the beginning. Today the impetus to write came from a TV ad which made me smile. The ad was for a film starring Michael Caine and the late Glenda Jackson. Caine, aged ninety, plays the role of a 90 year old veteran, who escapes his care home in order to join veterans on their way to Caen to celebrate the D Day Landings. I smiled because the veteran concerned was on our ferry bound for Caen in June 2014. "Bernie" was on his way to the D Day ceremony. We, of course, were on our way to St Philbert to visit our (now lifelong) friends.



Three generations, 2023

We travelled to Caen the day before the main D Day celebrations, alongside veterans, enthusiasts, and an array of WW2 vehicles. Our "send off" from Portsmouth was spectacular, since we were "escorted" by several boats and a helicopter. They were present, of



course, to honour any veterans on board. The captains of boats saluted us as we passed.

Once on the boat, we were treated to brilliant entertainment by a close harmony singing trio called the Candy Girls a tribute to the wartime Andrew Sisters, as they ran through a Vera Lyn medley.

Our old vet, Bernie, later made it on BBC National News. Seems he had done a runner from his care home. He disappeared at breakfast time and his wife, also in her nineties, thought he had just gone to the loo. The care staff didn't miss him until supper time, when Bernie was with us, singing and flirting on the boat!



Bernie dancing on board the ferry to Caen.

Radyr & Morganstown Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group



Frank Hennessy introduces the Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir with soloist Kathryn Forest (RWCMD) as they present

Memories

7.30pm

Saturday 20th January 2024

At Christ Church, Radyr

Tickets £15

For more information or to get your ticket please contact:

Mark Richards 07713684088 or Gaynor Leaf 02920 843069

Gary Morgan 02920 842963 or Richard Hodgson 02920 843179



Alzheimer's Society is a registered charity in England and Wales (290649), the Isle of Man (1128) and operates in Northern Ireland.



Pentyrch Halt, Morganstown, Treforgan and yes, Pentre or Pentrepoeth. All these names are listed in the records of births, marriages and deaths for the Parish of Radyr.

Where was this early Pentrepoeth?

Morganstown grew up as a series of developments along the main road between Radyr and the Ynys Bridge and on into modern Gwaelod y Garth. North of the Ty Nant pub are a series of lime kilns which linked to a housing development around the Pentyrch Ironworks. This development is shown clearly on photographs taken from the viaduct on the Barry line in the early 1900s. Pentyrch ironworks was and is clearly in the old parish of Pentyrch and in the Pentyrch Community Council area.

Pentrepoeth means hot village, houses built around somewhere hot like an ironworks. The Old Pentyrch ironworks was excavated before the building of the estate in Gwaelod y Garth called Riverglade.

If Pentrepoeth was ever used for present day Morganstown/Treforgan we would have expected some of the Welsh inscriptions on early graves in Bethel chapel graveyard to carry the name, none of them do.

For more than a century Morganstown was Morganstown with no Welsh equivalent. With the linguistic developments of the late 20th century, the then Community Council decided to opt for the Welsh name of Treforgan. That is why you enter Radur a Threforgan from the Llantrisant Road and enter Treforgan a Radur at Pugh's garden centre. The signage is perfectly clear.

If Pentrepoeth is now buried under the estate called Riverglade does the 63 bus go there? I'm afraid not. Please Cardiff Bus stop wasting your time confusing us and give us a better bus service.

Allan Cook

Chair, Radyr and Morganstown History Society.

Treforgan or Pentrepoeth

Many readers will be as confused as I am about the names. There are several roads signs pointing to Pentrepoeth and if you catch a Cardiff bus in the city centre heading to Morganstown you are going to Pentrepoeth according to Cardiff Bus.

Where is Pentrepoeth?

Morganstown grew from a small hamlet of about a dozen houses first noted in the 1801 census. It was built on the land of a farm called Ty'n y Berllan (house in the orchard) and was called Ty'n y Berllan.

As Morganstown grew it developed several names, Ty'n y Berllan,

R&M St. Philbert Twinning Association

Extraordinary General Meeting

**Sunday 21st January,
2024**

7.00pm Old Church Rooms

The main proposition of this meeting will be the disbanding of the Fellowship

**All residents of Radyr &
Morganstown are welcome to
attend**



Radyr Rangers

Radyr Rangers under 6s are looking for new players (boys and girls). If you would like to join a hugely successful local club, why not come

and train with Radyr Rangers Under 6s (School Year 1) on a Sunday morning at 9am. During the winter months we train at Talybont on the artificial pitch and in the Summer months we train at the Mound

behind Pugh's Garden Centre. For further information please contact Kit on 07779043335 or Neil on 07585774642.'

The photo above is from our recent Halloween themed training session.

News from Radyr & Morganstown W.I.

With the dark evenings drawing in, it is a pleasure to look back over the last couple of months at all our WI has done.

Earlier in late summer, the Glamorgan Federation had a floral display at Margam Park and Marion John made a display for the event. Her display was "Summer Meadow – Back to Nature" which was inspired by the power of nature to recolonise and recover the sometimes unthinking ravages of human activity on the natural world. It was a beautiful display which is shown in the picture attached.

There was a meeting for the Gardening Group at Morganstown Village Hall where Jane gave a demonstration of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arrangement with a formal, minimalist display by using carefully selected blossoms, greenery and other flora. A very interesting afternoon which was enjoyed by all. We were also hoping to visit Duffryn Gardens to see the autumn colours but Storm Babet stopped us going and the following week there was another storm by which time the leaves had been blown down so could not go there either. The Group is now on a break for the winter and will continue next year.

The Meet up Monday's are still very successful, we meet on the last

Monday of the month at Radyr Golf Club for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. The meeting's will continue next year.

We have been on trips, one was to Malvern organised by the Glamorgan Federation, another visit was to the BBC Studios for those who were unable to join us on the first visit. We have been out to a meal at Porro in Llandaff as well as a trip to the theatre to see "Miracle Club". At our meetings, we have speakers and recently had a nostalgia evening with photographs of previous members as well as a very interesting CD which brought back memories to our members.

We also have two book groups where members read a book and then get together for a social time to discuss the book they are reading as well as time for refreshment and a chat. Next year we will also be organising trips to locations as well as 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 7.30pm 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.

