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Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2024



It's that time again!

The Radyr and Morganstown Festival 2024 has come around once again. You'll find the full programme of events and your book of raffle tickets within this issue of the Chain.

Before Covid the R&M Festival presented a production of the Australian Opera's hilarious *Pirates of Penzance*, which turned out to be very popular.

They didn't actually fly the whole company over to Radyr, nor is the stage of Morganstown Village Hall large enough to accommodate the Australian Opera, but they showed it on the large screen.

This year they have succeeded once again in bringing you the Australian Opera, this time in a delightful production of **The Gondoliers**, beautifully designed, sung and acted as befits one of Gilbert and Sullivan's best loved operas.

Opening Concert 'Singing for Alheimers'

Performed by:

The Castle Coch Choral Society.

At Christ Church, Radyr on Saturday 4th May - 7.30 pm

In aid of the Alzheimer's Society Cymru.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Cardiff West.

Established in Radyr in 2018 the Radyr & Morganstown Alzheimer's Volunteer Funding Group has raised over £76,000 which has been donated to the Alzheimer's Society to help support people living in the community with dementia and to fund research into this devastating disease which affects so many families.

Musical Director Linda Morgan started the Castell Coch Choral

Society over 40 years ago.

Accompanist John Wickett was Musical Director of the Cardiff and Vale High Schools Choir for many years.

Soprano: Tia Peachey.

Violinist: Elizabeth Sydenham.

Following their success at the Festival last year the Castell Coch Choral Society, along with their two guest soloists, hope to provide you with a memorable evening of music for the Opening Night of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival in aid of the Alzheimer's Volunteer Funding Group, for the Alzheimer's Society Cymru, a charity close to our hearts.

Interval refreshments will be available.

Tickets from:

MGY Festival Box Office, or Sue Thomas, 029 20 310894.



COMING EVENTS



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

Thur 4 April **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West AGM** – Find out what trips are being organised this year. 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. For more info please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Mon 8 April **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I** Tonight's talk will be on Wildlife with Mark Goulding. We meet at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Old and new members will be welcomed.

Wed 10 April **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick** Radyr Hub 10 am - refreshments at 11.15

Sat 13 April **Railway Correspondence and Travel Society:** "The South Wales Main Line - Newport and Cardiff" 7.00 for 7.30 Old Church Rooms Park Road.

Thur 2 May **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West LOCAL RAILWAYS BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE.** A joyous illustrated talk by Tony Moon 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 8 May **Railway Correspondence and Travel Society :** "Modern Railways in South Wales" 7.00 for 7.30 OCR Park Road

Sat 11 May **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick** Morganstown Village Hall 10 am - refreshments at the Hub at 11.15

Mon 13 May **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I** We will be having our annual AGM tonight at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Old and new members will be welcomed.

Thur 6 June **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West YOUR DOGS TRUST - Speaker** Andrew Upton enlightens about the amazing work that the Dogs Trust can carry out. At Radyr Golf Club this morning - For more info phone Geoff Foot on 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're welcome to come along too.
radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/

Sat 8 June **R & M Litter Pickers Group Pick** Radyr Station Car Park 10 am - refreshments at the Hub at 11.15

Mon 10 June **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I** Our talk tonight is "Use of antibiotics after Covid" by Dr. Graham Cope. We meet at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Old and new members will be welcomed.

Lunchtime Concerts

The Second lunch time Concert on Friday 17th May at 1.15 in the Methodist Church has been organised by Jane Samuel (Pictured). Jane is an international accompanist and has accompanied the likes of Bryn Terfel on International tours. She will be joined by Australian soprano Jolene Griffith and Welsh tenor Ceri Davies.



Wed 19 June **Railway Correspondence and Travel Society :** "The Unkindest Cut - South Wales Line and Station Closures in June 1964 " 7.00 for 7.30 OCR Park Road

The future of the Radyr Chain...

In response to our article in the last issue of Radyr Chain regarding the retirement of the current producers of the magazine we had two kind offers of help which were mainly for the editing and proofreading of material.

What is really needed is somebody with a good knowledge of desktop publishing who would be able to format the received articles and photos into pages ready for sending in pdf form to the printer.

If you think you could be able to do this we would love to hear from you.

Contact Jeff, by e-mail in the first instance, the e-mail address is:
davison.litho@gmail.com

Pentyrch Art Group 26th Annual Exhibition

Pentyrch Village Hall
Sunday, May 19th 2024
10.00am to 6.00pm
Admission Free,
Free Refreshments
Free Parking, Disabled Access,
Raffle.

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

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ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

Radyr Tennis Club, in a real pickle



When most people think of village tennis clubs and the mention of pickle, they tend to think of a quaint tea-time spread, with lashing of the stuff layered in ham sandwiches. Well, at Radyr Tennis Club our use of pickle is very different.

Whilst we are partial to a sandwich, our pickle has more to do with the new racket sport that is sweeping across Europe and the USA. Our two new pickle courts are ready for action and have already been tried and tested by the President of Tennis Wales, and the LTA President, who both popped down in February to see what all the fuss was about.

Taster sessions are available to help any new players get started and we've even got the equipment ready for you to borrow – so all you have to do is bring your enthusiasm. There will be a host of pickleball events for new members to get involved in. And if you really get the bug, now is also the perfect time to join as we are about to enter a new membership season.

But if the pickle isn't quite to your taste and you fancy sampling some tennis, you couldn't be in safer hands than with our incredible head coach Ellie Lewis. Ellie's technical excellence and infectious attitude has already impressed everyone at the club. And now the news seems to have spread even further, as she has been voted Development Coach of the Year by Tennis Wales – she's also representing Wales in the senior Welsh squads this summer.

So, whether you want to feast on pickle, have a nibble at tennis, or just have a drink at our newly redesigned bar, get in touch. Or better still visit our open day during the Radyr Festival week on Monday 6th May between 2-4pm. Delicious.

Full details of how to play Pickleball and how to book taster sessions can be found on Radyr Lawn Tennis Club website – just look out for the Pickle

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Beetroot and bean burger

A nutritious vegetarian burger -serve with natural yoghurt or mayonnaise flavoured with herbs and lemon zest. These can be frozen and do not need to be defrosted before cooking.

Makes 14-16

Ingredients

- 2 x 400g tins red kidney beans or black beans
- 1 red onion
- 2 tbsp oil
- 200g beetroot -about 2 medium sized
- 120g carrots, about 2 medium sized
- 2 garlic cloves
- 6 tbsp peanut butter
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 heaped tsp smoked paprika
- Handful of parsley or dill

Method

Drain the beans then mash in a bowl. Peel and chop the onions and cook in a heated pan with half the oil for 10 minutes until softened.

Grate the beetroot and carrot and add to the beans with the onions, garlic spices, salt and pepper, peanut butter and the chopped herbs.

Mix well then divide into equal burger shapes.

Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan and cook the burgers for 5 minutes on each side. Serve in a bun with a salad.

Nerys Howell
ARBENIGWR BWYD FOOD SPECIALIST

R&M Alzheimer's Society Fundraising Group

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir concert on the 20th January at Christchurch. The sell-out event brought the community together and raised over £3000, when added to the previous partnerships with this choir we have raised over £10,000 all of which has gone to support the wonderful work of the Alzheimer's Society.

The Co-op community fund is changing. You can still support us until the current funding round ends in October 2024. You've raised over £1500 this year for us already!

You can find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause here:
<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/81326>

We are delighted to be chosen as the Radyr and Morganstown Festival charity for 2024. We are looking for more people to get involved to help support festival events – this might include helping with festival refreshments, the coffee morning, bucket collection or representing us at events. If you'd like to get involved in any capacity, please get in touch with Mark Richards mrichradyr@outlook.com

We are still collecting silver, gold, and costume jewellery. Items can be dropped in to Pat at 25 Drovers Way or Gaynor at 5 Bryncoed.

Part time domestic cleaner
required for cottage in
Morganstown.

Days and hours to suit.

Please telephone:

Jennifer

on 07907 331670

A View From The Touchline...



As the seasons change, with Spring in the air (or at least the promise of Spring after what has proven to be an extremely wet winter!) the calendar turns to the 'business end' of the football season.

The soggy start to the year has often left many of our games cancelled, with the head of the Football Association of Wales (FAW), Noel Mooney, suggesting that grassroots leagues could potentially trial switching playing games to the summer. The FAW said 6,000 games had been called off across Wales this winter due to the combination of bad weather and inadequate facilities. This is a situation we know first hand at Radyr, but there have been positive on-going discussions between the Club and Radyr Comprehensive, as well as with Cardiff City Council and Transport For Wales about improving playing facilities in the area. As these continue to develop, we hope to share more news.

However, the rain didn't always put a dampener on our action, with many of our teams and players enjoying terrific campaigns. As the season reaches its climax, all eyes at the club are on the results each Saturday morning for the U15 Whites, as they are in a fierce fight for the title in the Cardiff & District C League with local rivals Pentyrch. At the time of writing, Radyr Whites are unbeaten and are sitting pretty at the top of the table. While the whole team is flying high, one player who is certainly making his mark is striker Will Fancourt, who has bagged a frankly ludicrous 45 goals already this season, a tally which puts even Erling Haaland to

shame! Good luck in the title and promotion race Whites.

While the older junior age groups, from U12s through to U16, are involved in league football, the format in Wales for children aged U6 – U11 is 'non-competitive'; if you've watched the kids playing then you'll swiftly realise this is a misnomer, as they definitely know which team is winning! However, at these ages, scores aren't recorded and there are no league tables, with the emphasis on fun, skill and development, rather than results. Therefore the club is proud that a number of our 400 junior players have had their development recognised by selection for higher level representative teams this season.

Congratulations on the selections to all of the following Radyr Rangers on their inclusion in the Cardiff & Vale County teams:

U7s: Ashton Lee, Bo Macleannan, Gwilym Williams, Henry Hooper, Max Hammond, Morgan Thomas & Taran Wilson

U8s: Dylan Saxton, Henry Hughes, Joseph Llewellyn & Tommi Datta

U9s: Ben Fancourt, Finn Jones, Harry Burns, Jack Shand & William McCarthy

U10s: Ellis Thomas, Erin Arthur, Henry McMillan & Ruby Knight

U12s: Jack Arthur

And congrats also to the Radyr Rangers who are part of the Cardiff University Football Development Centre squads:

U8s: Aidan West & Laurence Shand

U9s: George Street, Harvey Chim, Iestyn Thomas, Nate Richards & Thomas Dobbs

U10s: Zachary Donovan

U11s: Will Llewellyn

U12s: Harry Knight, Jack Fancourt, Lennon Payne, Mathias Bailey-Guerra

U15s: Ben Davies, Ethan Coombs, Josh Landen, Noah Wickens, Oscar McMillan & Will Fancourt

We have also wished a fond 'farewell & good luck' to a couple of Radyr Rangers who have moved up

to join full academies at Cardiff City & Newport County respectively; very well done to Charles Eustace (U9) and Tristan Wilson (U12). Go out there, have fun and show everyone what you can do boys!

The progression of the children's skills and the pipeline of talent the club has helped to nurture is a pleasure to see, however we aren't resting on our laurels; so a note of thanks to the seniors' player-coach, Ciarhan Webb, who has secured Sport Wales funding for five of our coaches to take the next step on their technical coaching journey by undertaking the FAW C license later this year. The future is bright!

As the final whistle is set to blow on the season itself, it doesn't mean the action is quite finished for the Club, as we sign off with the annual Radyr Rangers' Football Festival. Excitement is building for the 20th hosting of the event (albeit excitement mixed with mild panic for the organising team!) as we count down to what promises to be a great day of football and family fun at the Mound field on Saturday June 8th. We hope to have over 40 visiting sides and up to 400 children aged between 7-11 years-old showcasing their skills. The club has previously enjoyed tremendous support from local businesses taking adverts in the event programme, as well as countless hours from the parents and volunteers at the club who pull together to make it a fantastic day for everyone to enjoy. If you could offer any help in the run up to the day or on the day itself, or have a business you wish to promote to visitors from across South Wales, then please get in touch via RadyrRangersFestival@outlook.com. And if you haven't seen the Football Festival in action in the past then please join us on the day and enjoy plenty of smashing goals, terrific games, and smiles on the faces of both the players and supporters.

We hope to see you there.

Peter Llewellyn

Talking Rubbish!

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

MARCH 2024

One of our members took this photo of Windsor Gardens one Saturday morning in February and it shows you that, in spite of the work of our 40 plus volunteers, there is still a lot of work to be done. You will notice the crisp packets and empty bottles and the rubbish bin, which was empty. Very depressing. In fact the vast majority of litter that collect on a daily basis and on our monthly group picks comes from fast food - sandwich and crisp packets, cans and bottles and, of course the offerings from the well known burger and chicken outlets.

If just one of you who reads this stops throwing these things away and puts them in a bin - or takes them home - that will have been worthwhile.

We meet on the second Saturday morning of each month and also have more than 30 people picking as and when they go out for a walk. We started in June 2021 and in the almost three years since then our volunteers have given over 1,150 hours of their time to collect over 1,730 bags of litter. While this is a fantastic achievement, it is such a



shame that this amount of litter is still thrown onto our streets.

We have started a small team to focus on trying to clean up Station Road, in part as a result of the generous sponsorship given to us by MGY. Station Road is the heart of our community and it is a shame that the pavements and the gutters are so untidy.

Please come and join us If you would like to join us on our monthly group picks - or go out individually using the kit provided for us by the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council - please contact us at

rmlitterpickers@outlook.com. The dates of the forthcoming picks are included in the diary on page 3 of the Chain.

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.



Fighting Hidden Hunger Restoring Hope
Brwydro Newyn Cudd Adfer Gobaith

Diolch yn fawr! The collection in February raised another wonderful 256.7 kg of food and £70 in financial donations which were passed to Cardiff Foodbank. Thanks as ever to the community for their continued support. A real testament to people's generosity and a very worthwhile contribution to what is unfortunately still a considerable need.

The next 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 20th April -

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

- SPONGE PUDDINGS AND LONG LIFE CAKES
- FRUIT JUICE (1 Lt, LONG LIFE)
- TINNED CUSTARD
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED MEAT
- SHAMPOO, DEODORANT / ANTI-PERSPIRANT
- ANTI-BACTERIAL CLEANING SPRAYS

They will always accept good quality carrier bags too. They currently have plenty of PASTA, BAKED BEANS. TEA. CEREALS, SWEETCORN

A new way to keep tabs on the items needed by Cardiff foodbank is to download the BanktheFood app and follow 'Cardiff Foodbank'. See www.bankthefood.org for further details.

For further information about the work of the Trussell Trust and the latest research on hunger in the UK visit - www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/research-advocacy/hunger-in-the-uk/

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.

Radyr Cricket Club

The strange thing about this time of year for a cricket club is it feels a bit like the phoney war: everyone knows what's coming but no-one has any idea how things on the field will transpire. The preparations started in late September and have progressed throughout the close season, to the point where we are just about ready to go. The recruitment process for new players is done and it is hoped that all the teams will benefit from the quality that the club attracts. The sad part of my job is finding out that certain players who have graced the club, for however long, have decided to move on to pastures new. At Radyr, I'm glad to say, this is usually due to work or education, taking individuals to different parts of the country: this year we've lost people to Bournemouth, Reading and London, with the latter two destinations attracting two of our 2019 Under 19 Welsh Cup winners. The two in question, Archie Clegg and Dan Rogers, were stalwarts of that side and would have been guaranteed starters in the First XI this season if their careers had not intervened. All of them go with the club's thanks and blessings with the hope that they flourish in their new life and don't forget their many friends at RCC.

The amazing thing about this club is that we've grown exponentially over the last decade, both in terms of senior and junior cricket, but we still have that friendly feeling that I encountered when I joined many, many years ago. People of that generation wouldn't recognise the ground, the facilities, the numbers of players: the club runs eight senior sides on a weekend, which requires eighty eight players. However what they would recognise is the fun and the smiles on people's faces when they represent the club. This year will be as important as any I can remember, as the First XI are the next cab on the rank, in terms of promotion to the Premier League. A cherished wish to see RCC showcase itself on the highest stage of club cricket in south Wales.

With so many senior sides comes the requirement for captains who will represent the ethos of Radyr on the field. At a recent indoor nets session, seven of the eight were present and the attached photograph was taken. These individuals give a huge amount of their time, not just on the field, but throughout the year, in ensuring that the club is as successful as it can be: they make my job so much easier due to their wonderful commitment. In a recent meeting the enthusiasm of the skippers was palpable and whilst there were a few spiky moments, it was due to the desire to achieve the best for the club. Whatever happens in 2024 it won't be for a lack of effort from this group.



The last few years has seen sports clubs like ours really struggle due to the cost of living. The electricity bill has almost doubled, water isn't far behind, broad band is a lot higher and insurance costs just seem to grow. It was therefore incumbent on the club's Management Board to endeavour to deal with these issues as best as we could. The first item installed was a new state of the art camera based security system, made possible by a grant from the Football Association of Wales, via our partners, Cardiff Corries, which should reduce the cost of part of our insurance. The second item was solar panels on the pavilion roof and here the club was fortunate to secure a grant from Cricket Wales: hopefully money will be saved, though it will also mean increased borrowings in the short term and a deterioration in our balance sheet. That is why the club is so grateful to all its sponsors including the estate agents, Michael Graham Young, Pugh's Nursery and our longstanding solicitors Rees Wood Terry.

Last month the club was delighted to embrace International Women's Day and to marvel at the wonderful contribution that women and girls have and are continuing to play at RCC. There is no doubt that we have been at the forefront of this development in south Wales, with both successful soft and hard ball teams, as well as junior girls sides at all ages: their involvement brings a vibrancy to the club that has to be seen to be believed. I have no doubt that the ongoing season will see more exciting and winning cricket, as well as great fun and it means that Sundays at the club will be an exciting place to be.

As it's that time of the year, with the season about to kick off, I thought it

would be useful if I gave everybody contact details to enable them to play cricket at Radyr. Whether you wish to play for one of the six league sides on a Saturday, women's cricket on a Sunday or junior cricket at any age, Radyr is the place for you and your children.

Remember no experience of the game is necessary, especially at junior level, where the club has qualified coaches who will make every second a fun time and explain the rudiments of the game. The details are as follows:

visit the club's website where most details can be found - www.radyrcc.co.uk

seniors & women - either pop down the club after April 22nd or email the club at info@radyrcc.co.uk

junior training will start in the week commencing April 22nd - please register interest at info@radyrcc.co.uk

All Stars & Dynamos, which cover ages 5-8 and 8-11 respectively will start on May 10th. Parents and guardians will need to go onto the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) - The Official Website of the ECB, ensuring you register with Radyr CC.

As I complete this note I think of the people who played for the club over the years and have moved to pastures new and realise that the one constant throughout everything is Radyr CC. She will be with us long after we're gone and whilst no-one knows what this year will bring, I have no doubt that for five months there will be great cricket, wonderful camaraderie and hopefully fabulous weather. The residents of Radyr and Morganstown are more than welcome to come and watch and if they fancy, join in: I look forward to seeing you.

Christopher Hitchings - Chairman.

The details of the training and game nights are as follows:

	Practice	Game
Monday	U13 & U15	U11
Tuesday	Women & Girls (all teams)*	U13
Wednesday	Seniors	U15 Girls
Thursday	U11	U15 & U13 Girls
Friday	All Stars/Dynamos & Womens softball	
Saturday		Seniors
Sunday		U9 am (June) & Senior Women pm

*Tuesday night will be Women & Girls training night (softball & hardball)
U12 softball, U13 & U15 6.00pm onward & Women 7.00pm

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

Since the beginning of the year, we have had interesting talks, starting with one from Chris Dale about a walk he did along Hadrian's Wall. Unfortunately, there is only 5% of the wall which has survived and we saw pictures of other buildings in the area which had used the wall for building material. We have also had a flower arranging demonstration from Ann Thewlis who made up to 9 different arrangements with spring flowers, she made it look so easy and the arrangements were beautiful.

We have had various trips, the first was to Glamorgan Archives where we had a guided tour which was very interesting. At the end of the tour, we entered a room and there was a collection of items relating to Radyr and Morganstown which were laid out on a table and it was good to be able to see some of the old documents and pictures of the area. Some of us were lucky to be able to do a tour of Highgrove recently, the gardens are vast and there were still some daffodils and other spring plants in flower.

During this period, we have had our monthly meetings in the Golf Club which seem to be very popular with our members. We also had a meal at Cicchetti in early March where so many members wished to go, we had to have a



waiting list! There will be another visit in early June.

The attached photograph shows some of our members who were asked to be models at the recent Tenovus Fashion Show. They were pleased to be able to help and £1,120 was raised for Tenovus.

As well as the Gardening Group, we have two Book Groups. These occasions give members a chance to have a social get together with refreshments and a chat. There are plenty of plans for visits by car or train as well as organising other

events such as visits 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 7.30pm 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 rmwi@radyr.org.uk

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

Festival Cookery Event

The cookery event on Wednesday 15th May will see the return of Tom from the Welsh Cheese Company based in Taffs Well. Last year tickets sold out so quickly that many people were disappointed. Tom will return with a new selection of cheeses from his extensive collection. Tom is also hoping to be able to bring a selection of cheeses to be bought on the evening. A free glass of wine or soft drink and a nibble at six or seven delicious cheeses sounds like a bargain. Book while tickets are still available.



Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Ifan Roberts

Ifan Roberts, Pen-tyrch, oedd y siaradwr ar nos Fercher 7 Chwefror, a chawsom noson gerddorol yn ei gwmini.

Mae Ifan yn dod yn wreiddiol o Landdona, Ynys Môn. Daeth i Gaerdydd ar ddechrau'r nawdegau i weithio gydag S4C fel uwch-swyddog rhaglenni. Cyn hynny roedd yn gynhyrchydd rhaglenni gyda Radio Cymru ym Mryn Meirion, Bangor.

Dod o hyd i Madge' oedd teitl ei gyflwyniad. Trwy luniau a sain aethom ar daith o Fôn ei fagwraeth i Covent Garden, Llundain; yr Eidal a Phenllyn; a Llangian ger Boduan, sef safle Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Ll?n ac Eifionydd yr haf diwethaf.

Pan oedd yn blentyn ifanc, cafodd Ifan Roberts anrheg arbennig gan ei rieni, sef gramoffon a phedair record. Wrth edrych yn ôl, meddai, roedd y recordiau braidd yn anaddas i blentyn oedran cynradd. Eto i gyd, mwynhaodd wrando ar leisiau Triawd y Coleg ac eraill, a dechreuodd gasglu recordiau 78 rpm o ddifri. Daeth yn gyfarwydd, er enghraifft, â lleisiau David Lloyd, Madam Telini a Paul Robeson.

Clywsom hanes arloeswyr fel Fred Gaisberg ac Edmund Trevor Lloyd Williams – dau a fentrodd ym myd adloniant. Clywsom hefyd am Nipper, y ci yr oedd ei lun ar nifer fawr o recordiau. A rhan o'r hanes oedd cantorion poblogaidd a llwyddiannus a osododd Cymru ar fap cerddorol y byd. Deall wedyn mai Madge oedd y cyntaf i recordio ar ddis yn Gymraeg.

Cyn diwedd y noson, clywsom recordiad o lais angerddol David

Lloyd yn canu 'Dyma Geidwad i'r colledig / Meddyg i'r gwywedig rai' ac 'Iesu, Iesu, rwyf ti'n ddigon / Rwyf ti'n llawer mwy na'r byd'. Hefyd cawsom faint o glywed recordiad o *The Welsh Eisteddfod*. Diolchodd Eirian Dafydd i Ifan Roberts am noson hwyliog a chofiadwy.

Geirfa

noson gerddorol – musical evening
Uwch-swyddog rhaglenni – senior programmes officer
cynhyrchydd – producer
ei fagwraeth – his upbringing
braidd yn anaddas – rather unsuitable
o ddifri – seriously / diligently
arloeswyr – pioneers
byd adloniant – the world of entertainment
angerddol – with passion
hwyliog a chofiadwy – entertaining and memorable

Pererindod Pen-rhys

Y Fonesig Helen Lloyd Jones oedd ein gwestai ar nos Fercher 6 Mawrth. Y cyfarfod hwn oedd achlysur blynyddol siaradwyr newydd y Gymraeg. Roedd nifer dda yn bresennol, ac roedd clywed sut yr



Hilary Tann (chwith) a Helen Lloyd Jones

aeth Helen Lloyd Jones ati i ddatblygu prosiect Llwybr Pen-rhys yn amserol ac addas iawn wrth i ni hefyd ddathlu Dydd G?yl Dewi.

Mae Helen wedi dysgu Cymraeg ac yn benderfynol o ddefnyddio'r iaith a chefnogi ein diwylliant. Mae hi hefyd yn gwybod bod hanes yn gymorth i ddeall Cymru ein dydd. Felly cawsom

amlinelliad o'r daith 21 milltir o'r eglwys gadeiriol yn Llandaf at ffynnon Fair ym Mhen-rhys yn y Rhondda. (Mae'n bosib cyrraedd sawl man ar y daith mewn bws.)

Gwelsom fod Pen-rhys ar dir uchel rhwng Rhondda Fawr a Rhondda Fach. Clywsom am d? o'r enw Prebendal sy'n agos at yr eglwys gadeiriol yn Llandaf; Mathew's House yn Creigiau a'r Stella Maris ar ddiwedd y bererindod. Mae'r hanes yn dyddio'n ôl i gyfnod y mynachod Sistersaidd yn Llantarnam, ac mae olion maenor ac ysgubor ddegwm ym Mhen-rhys. Roedd y bererindod i Ben-rhys yn arfer bod yn bererindod boblogaidd fel pererindod Ipswich a phererindod Walsingham yn Lloegr.

Clywsom am y gwahaniaeth y mae anfon cenhades heddiw i weithio yn y gymuned ym Mhen-rhys wedi ei wneud i fywydau plant a phobl ifanc yr ardal. Mae'r gwaith yn digwydd yn eglwys Llanfair lle mae gwahoddiad i orffwyso, gweddio neu fod yn llonydd, a chyfle i blant wneud eu gwaith cartref mewn lle diogel.

Dyna braf oedd deall bod gwefan ar gael yn rhad ac am ddim yn y ddwy iaith. A diddorol oedd gweld cynnwys y wefan honno: www.penrhyspilgrimageway.wales/cym/.

Diolchodd Eirian Dafydd, ein Llywydd, am noson oedd yn llawn gwybodaeth newydd. Roedd llawer o gwestiynau, a sawl sgwrs ddifyr. Wedyn roedd cyfle i fwynhau paned a danteithion fel pice ar y maen a bara brith.

Y Parchg Ganon Aled Edwards yw'r g?r gwadd ar gyfer 10 Ebrill, am 7.30 yr hwyr yn Eglwys Crist, Heol Isaf. Dewch i glywed am ei waith diweddar gyda Pharc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog.

Geirfa

ein gwestai – our host
amserol ac addas – timely and appropriate
cefnogi ein diwylliant – support our culture
amlinelliad – outline
y bererindod – the pilgrimage
Sistersaidd – Cistercian
maenor – manor
ysgubor ddegwm – tithe barn
y wefan honno – that website
danteithion – treats

Gwen Emyr



There are three items of news that we wish to share with you in this edition of the "Chain".

The first of these is that we have co-opted a new Councillor to fill one of our two vacancies. Joanna Holms of Heol Isaf has become our eleventh councillor of a total of twelve. That leaves us with one more vacancy, which we hope to have filled by the time you read this edition – more news on a prospective twelfth councillor to follow later.

Secondly, we are extremely pleased to announce the re-establishment of a Youth Club for our community's teenagers. Many readers will remember the Youth Club at Radyr Comprehensive, which was sadly closed due to cuts made by Cardiff Council. Your Community Council has been lobbying for a return of youth activities for several years. In 2023 we presented proposals to Cardiff Council and are pleased to let you know that we have formed a partnership with them which has allowed a Youth Club to be re-established. Whilst the service is run by members of Cardiff Youth Service the costs of renting the facilities have been met by Radyr & Morganstown Community Council.

The Youth Club started in its present format in early February at Radyr & Morganstown Hub (formerly known as the library). The times of this club are as follows: -

Monday 6pm-9pm

Thursday 3pm-7pm (term times only)

Young people between the ages of 11-16 are welcome to attend. Young people over sixteen will also be welcome but at times agreed by Youth workers.

It is worth noting that increasing our use of the Hub also helps us justify its importance and existence to Cardiff Council. However, is imperative that this service is well attended by our comprehensive school aged children if the service is to continue indefinitely. To put it simply it's a case of use it or lose it!

Lastly, I wish to let you know that your Community Council in setting its budget for 2024/5 has recognised the "cost of living crisis". The change made to each household for the Community Council will see a rise of only 4% after April. Our precept for 2024/5 will be £165,278. This will mean that those who live in a Band G dwelling will pay a total of £67.35 towards the Community Council for 2024/5, or just under £1.30 per week.

What then do we do with that money? To begin with we own and manage land on behalf of the community which includes Radyr Woods, Dan-y-Bryn Woods, the Granny Park and a small piece of land off Pant Tawel Lane. Besides these we also manage Windsor Gardens on behalf of Cardiff Council. This land costs money to maintain and make attractive for all their uses and users.

We also own and manage the Old Church Rooms building on behalf of the community, which again costs us money to maintain and run. This building is one we are particularly proud of and is well used by many members of the community. This building provides wrap around provision for young children, facilities for children's parties, a Film Club, Senior Thai Chi and many more activities. Please remember that our facilities can be rented for a small fee by contacting our clerk.

We also employ three part-time

employees, i.e., a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and a Handyman. All three help with the smooth running and upkeep of the Community Council and its assets.

Besides the above we also provide financial support for annual community events. For example, we finance and facilitate the erection of our Christmas trees and decorations and help support the Radyr and Morganstown Association's May Festival.

Another of our costs occurs through our Grant Award process where local groups can apply for funding. Applications for grant funding would be welcomed and can be accessed by contacting the clerk.

Just a word of caution, however. Our funds are not limitless, and we do not have the spending power that primary councils such as Cardiff do. Nevertheless, we do have powers of influence and have used that influence to support the re-establishment of the Drover's Way playpark and in seeking to ensure the best possible facilities for our community at Mound Field for all its users.

In conclusion we would love to hear from you about what you think our priorities should be moving forward and how we can better spend your money. Contact us with your views via Twitter @RandMCCouncil or email us at clerk@radyr.wales. You can also find out how to contact your local Community Councillor at www.radyrandmorganstown.org.

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Chairman, Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

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Youth Drop In

The youth drop at Radyr Hub has got off to a good start. It is currently taking the same Easter break as the schools but will return on Monday 8th April between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and on Thursday 11th April between 3.15 p.m. and 7 p.m. All young people living in Radyr and Morganstown are welcome to attend whether they attend Radyr Comp or not.

Recreating a Pilgrimage

County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

They are just ordinary tables pushed together to make a bigger one so we can sit round it for meetings.

Last night after an extra-ordinary day, as I left the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council meeting I turned back and looked at the plain walls, the simplicity of the tables and thought it all started here.

Extra-ordinary? It is not every day that you get to walk beside two Archbishops, one Roman Catholic and one Church in Wales; or to sit beside a Greek Orthodox priest or to chat with a Sikh about the Golden Temple in Amritsar and the journeying for spiritual pursuits of their leader Guru Nanak.

And it had all come together because a Roman Catholic GP is looking for pilgrimages within Great Britain and had found the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way website. As a result, his enthusiasm had inspired the Roman Catholics to choose Cardiff as a good place to meet up this year and they linked up with Llandaff Cathedral and Cytun (an organisation that enables different denominations of Christians to share their common ground) to host an ecumenical walk.

But it was here in Radyr in the Old Church Rooms that the first group of people met to discuss the re-creation of the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way. It was Allan Cook's dream. I had walked on the Camino de Santiago and knew how wonderful the experience of walking on a route steeped in history could be. Just walking for the sheer pleasure of walking and being in the fresh air (and usually the rain!) is a joy. And it's free. So, I too was one of that group. We had a vision.

We needed support to start us off because Way markers don't just happen or Information Boards or Websites. They cost money.

And where did we get our very first

grant? Yes, the decision was made in these rooms around these tables at a Radyr and Morganstown Community Council meeting. It was that grant that gave us credibility and enabled us to pull down other funding.

It's Easter time, the message is about the Resurrection It's a celebration. The pagan celebrations years before were about Recreation, Life returning to the Earth after a hard winter.

It is a message of hope. And for me a reminder of how doing the little things as St David asked us, can actually make huge positive differences. Keep smiling.

Helen's next surgery is in Cicchetti's 10:30 to 11:30 on April 27th.

Playworks Childcare at Bryn Deri Primary School

Bryn Deri Primary School has been working in partnership with Playworks Childcare for many years to provide wrap around care for all pupils on the school site. This partnership is now well established and familiar staff are on site to care for your child throughout the day.

This service has recently been extended to provide wrap around care for nursery pupils before and after nursery sessions.

Playworks Breakfast Club for nursery pupils takes place in the Nursery building, and complements perfectly the existing free breakfast club for all other pupils from Reception to Year 6, making it easy for you to drop all your children at school from 8am if an early start to the day is needed!

For people with busy lives and busy children Bryn Deri has the perfect childcare solutions!

We still have a few spaces for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and would welcome you joining the Bryn Deri family. For all enquiries, please contact the school office on brynderiprm@cardiff.gov.uk

A Community Developing Happy Confident Caring Creative Children with a Positive Attitude to Life and Learning

Playworks objective is "to provide a safe place for your children, giving peace of mind and enabling you to find a better balance in life."

Playworks Information

8:00am – 9:10am – Breakfast club for nursery age pupils

11:40am – 3:15pm Wrap around care for nursery pupils

3:25pm – 6:00pm After school club open to all pupils

Contact information

Telephone Number:
029 2086 4780

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enquiries@playworks-childcare.co.uk

www.playworks-childcare.co.uk

History Society

The History Society has announced its first full programme since the pandemic. All evening events take place at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms.

Thursday 11th April at 7.30.
Trade Unionists at War. Dr. Chris Locke.

Sunday 5th May. Festival Walk.
A walk around Cowbridge, looking at its Roman, Medieval and Georgian history.
Meet outside the Town Hall at 2 p.m.

Friday 30th May. 10 a.m. A guided tour of Insole Court.
Thursday 12th September. A visit to Neath Abbey and Ewenny Priory.

Thursday 10th October at 7.30.
The Macabre in Medieval Wales.
A talk for Halloween. Proff. Madeline Gray.

Thursday 14th November at 7.30.
Wales and there Wars of the Roses. Steve David will preview his new book.

Radyr Comprehensive Football

“Congratulations to Radyr Comprehensive School Year 7 Football Team who won the Cardiff and Vale Schools Cup defeating Bro Morgannwg 2-1 in an exciting game. The team represented the school with fantastic respect, commitment and skill. We are massively proud of this group, hard work pays off.

We are immensely proud of our students dedication to achieve such an award.

Our football community is growing year on year in both male and female teams across the school. In the last 2 years we have won the Y7 Cardiff Cup and Y11 Welsh Cup. We are hoping to increase participation and grow football within our amazing community.

Radyr PE Department”



Radyr community choir continues to grow!

The Sally's Angels Community Choir in Radyr has continued to grow and develop and is going from strength to strength!

The picture (right) is from their Christmas concert which was a roaring success, and they're getting ready for a summer full of concerts and performances, including a trip to Glastonbury Abbey and their joint "A Night at the Musicals" concert with their sister choirs in Pontyclun and Bassaleg.

Sally's Angels Radyr impressed all with their Christmas concert, which included a fun and varied programme featuring some festive favourites, as well as "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" and Cindy Lauper's "True Colours", amongst others. The performance showed that the choir has a great sense of community and that their hard work has paid off to deliver a high quality performance! The event sold out and raised money for the Sally's Angels Charity of the year, St. David's Hospice Care. This charity provides comprehensive,



palliative care to patients, their families and carers facing life limiting illnesses, and the choir was proud to help to raise money for this worthy cause.

You can catch Sally's Angels Radyr performing this Spring in the Radyr party in the park on Saturday 11th May at 1.00pm and at the closing concert of the Radyr festival on Sunday 19th May with the City of Cardiff Brass Band in Christ Church Radyr.

The fun community choir is still welcoming new members, and

joining now will give you the opportunity to get involved with an exciting season of events! All are welcome; shower singers, foghorns and angels alike regardless of singing experience, and this choir is a great opportunity to make new friends and to immerse yourself in your local community.

To join this fun, inclusive choir, pop along on term-time Thursdays from 6.15pm in the Old Church Rooms for your free taster, or book your taster session at www.sallysangels.co.

Jazz Event

The Festival Jazz night will be held at the Old Church Rooms on Friday 17th of May. The Group will be the ever popular CUBE, returning to the Festival after a break.

At previous Festivals the event has raised money for the Twinning Fellowship. Unfortunately the Twinning Fellowship decided to close down in January of this year and so the proceeds will go towards the charity, which this year is the Alzheimers Society.

In closing down the Twinning Fellowship was left with spare funds, which, according to its constitution, had to be given to local charities. It was decided to divide the funds between Radyr Friends of Tenovus, and the Alzheimers Society. Cheques to the two charities will be presented in the interval of the Jazz night. A plaque commemorating 38 years of the Twinning Fellowship will also be unveiled in the interval in Le Jardin St Philbert, next to the OCR.



The Grossin Coach prepares to return to St. Philbert. A site we will no longer see in R&M.

Lunchtime Concerts

The first of this year's lunchtime concerts will be in the Methodist Church at 1.15 p.m. on Friday 10th May, will be given by Jordan Walters.

Jordan hails from Weston-super-Mare and attended the Churchill Academy and Sixth Form, winning the Churchill Young Musician of the Year Competition 2019.

Since commencing studies at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, he has won the Geoffrey Buckley Memorial Prize for

Collaborative Piano. Jordan is a keen chamber musician, performing regularly as a member of the Cassiopeia Piano Quintet; their upcoming engagements include a concert in RWCMD's Dora Soutzker Concert Hall. He currently studies under James Kirby, concert pianist and member of the Barbican Piano Trio.

Jordan will be playing
Beethoven Bagatelle Op 119 No
Beethoven Piano Sonata in A Op 101
Schumann Fantasie Op 17



Jordan Walters

From County Councillor Calum Davies

February 2024 report

Bin collections / Recycling Changes

I have been contacted by many residents who were recently moved onto the new recycling regime. I have been consistent in my expressing my concerns with the scheme to the Cabinet Member and Environment Committee chairman ever since it was first piloted in the ward. From flimsy bins to storage problems to unfairness for those with mobility issues, I believe the scheme to be fundamentally flawed and will not meet its objectives. I will continue to make the case for improvements in people's experiences and report any issues on residents' behalf.

Drovers Way Park

I attended a site visit with Cllr Lloyd Jones and council officers to discuss the potential for lighting on the footpath, including on the route to Plymouth Drive, so people can feel safer and more confident when walking in the dark. This is a central route for those who live in Parc Plymouth to access bus stops, the train station, the local high street, and many other amenities, so this is an important part of my agenda going forward.

Youth club

I am delighted that Cardiff Youth Services have re-established a youth club in the ward, working closely with the Community Council. It will cater for 11 to 16-year-olds from the ward with activities ranging from cooking, crafts, gaming, sports activities, as well as educational programmes. The first youth club was held on 5th February and it will run on Mondays from 6pm-8.30pm and Thursdays from 3pm-7pm at Radyr Library on Park Road. Young people have had a torrid few years with the pandemic and the post-Covid world not exactly serving them well, so I really hope we see the necessary popularity at this youth club to keep it going. So, I would urge families who wanted a youth club in the area to use it because, otherwise, we will lose it.

Plasdwr meeting

Cllr Lloyd Jones and I attended a roundtable with developers and residents from the Parc Radur estate to discuss issues on the estate. I was pleased that we managed to secure commitments and timelines for necessary works that will improve the experience of those living in the vicinity.

Radyr Rangers meeting

Alongside Cllr Lloyd Jones, I met with representatives of Radyr Rangers and other parties as we aim to realise a vision for the club, particularly its future facilities at the Mound. I will continue to play whatever part I can to make this a reality.

South Wales Listens

South Wales Police have introduced a new community messaging service called South Wales Listens. This will provide updates via email for information relevant to your area including awareness alerts or information on crime prevention, meetings or events and allow registered users to message us back. The Fairwater Neighbourhood Policing team would like as many residents as possible to register and complete a short survey which gives residents the chance to raise any concerns they may have. Registration and the survey can be found on the following link:
survey.southwaleslistens.co.uk/Survey

Surgery

I held my latest surgery on 15th February and will advertise my next one in the spring.

Cllr / Cyng Calum Davies

Radyr & Morganstown / Radur & Dreforgan

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Welsh Translation

We have been asked by some of our readers to give translation of the Welsh items as they fear they are missing something.

In this edition we only have one item about Merched Y Wawr, the Welsh W.I.

Ifan Roberts from Pentyrch was the speaker on February 7th. His talk was about "Finding Madge." Using photographs and sound we followed Ifan from his birthplace on Anglesey via Covent Garden and Italy, to Cardiff where he worked for S4C as a senior executive.

All the while Ifan played a selection of records that had been an influence on his development.

Helen Lloyd Jones was the speaker on Wednesday 6th March. This was an evening especially for Welsh learners. Helen spoke of how she had led the team that had recreated the Pilgrimage route from the Cathedral in Llandaff to Penrhys in the Rhondda, a distance of 21 miles as the crow flies.

She spoke of how important the Penrhys Pilgrimage had been in the Middle Ages, on a par with Walsingham and Ipswich. She also spoke of how important having a foreign social worker was to the community at Penrhys, especially the children and young people. A community centred on the multi faith church, St Mary's, Penrhys.

The Rev. Cannon Aled Edwards will be guest on April 10th and will speak of his work with the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Merched y Wawr meet at 7.30 p.m. at The New School Rooms, Christ Church.

Joan Webley

In our June 2023 edition we celebrated the 100th birthday of Mrs. Joan Webley.

It is with sadness that we noted the death of Mrs. Webley in March of this year.

REMEMBER

Thursday 2nd May

Voting for the election of

**POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

Radyr Medical Centre News

It is with mixed emotions that the GP Partners and wider team at Radyr Medical Centre can announce that Lesley McDonald will be retiring from the Practice. Her last working day at Radyr Medical Centre will be 27th March 2024.

Lesley has been an integral part of our Practice team and has dedicated more than 25 years' service to the Practice. Her contributions will always be valued and remembered. Her hard work, commitment and dedication are deserving of great admiration. Lesley will be greatly missed and filling her shoes will be an almost impossible task!

Many of you will know her well, and

be familiar with her kind and caring nature, always ready to help and listen.

She is a very well loved and respected member of the team as well as in the local community.

Lesley is setting her sights on a well-deserved retirement and spending more time with her husband Rob McDonald and children and grandchildren.

Please join us in wishing her all the very best in her retirement!

Please feel free to forward any well wishes or memories you have of her working at the Practice to us and we will be sure to pass them on to her.

All of us here at Radyr Medical will miss Lesley greatly and will never forget her contributions to the surgery.



Steel Magnolias

Radyr Drama are thrilled to be bringing "Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling to Morganstown Village Hall from 24th-26th April 2024.

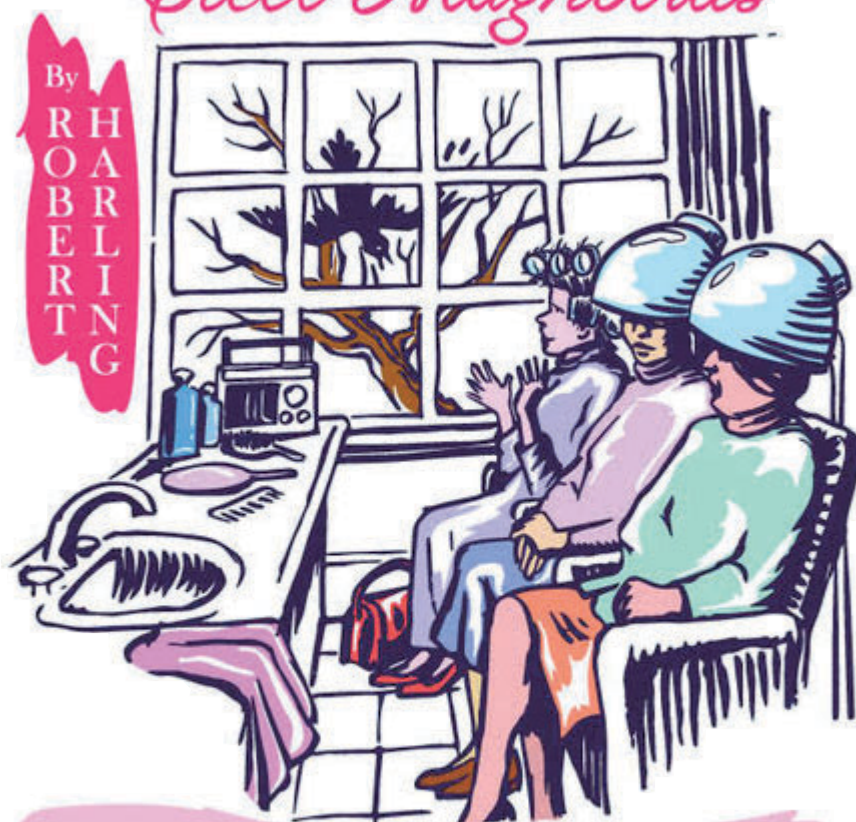
Director Peter Stickler says "I have always wanted to direct Steel Magnolias and when the opportunity presented itself I grabbed it.

I have been blessed with a dream cast and a dedicated crew who are all helping me bring my vision to life. I just love the story of six Southern Women putting the world to rights as they sit and have their hair and nails done.

Why don't you come along and step back to the simpler time of the 80's with us. You will laugh and you will cry, (bring tissues for both) but I know you will have a wonderful evening."

Radyr Drama Society
presents

Steel Magnolias



This amateur production of "Steel Magnolias" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Morganstown Village Hall, 24, 25 and 26 April 2024

Doors open at 7.00pm. Curtain up at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 Available by calling 07881 206745 or 07866 604039

Or book online at Ticketsource - search Radyr Drama

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Festival Plant Sale

The sale of garden plants, which has been a regular feature of the R&M Open Gardens day, will take place this year - with the same team - but at the Festival Fete on Saturday May 4th. This is because it has been necessary to cancel the planned Open Gardens event on May 12th. In part this is due to the unavailability of some previous participants, but it is disappointing that more residents of R&M have been unwilling to offer their lovely gardens for this event, which is usually a major money spinner for the year's charity. In Pentyrch they are able to open as many as 16-20 gardens for a weekend event!