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Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2024

The weather turned in time to smile on this year's Festival. Both the Fete and the Party in the Park were warm and sunny days and the residents of Radyr and Morganstown made the most of the fine weather. Our picture shows the hundreds enjoying the stalls, bars and BBQ in Radyr Primary School.

Once again these two events were held in Radyr Primary School, which is an ideal venue. The Organisers are grateful to the Headteacher and Governors for opening the school to them. There were a record number of stalls, everything from honey to patchwork and from plants to home made sweets. The plant stall, which had been moved to the Fete following the cancellation of the Open Gardens also did a roaring trade.

As usual one of the highlights was the Maypole dancing on the upper field, performed by pupils of both our primary schools.

The Party in the Park was also a huge success and feasted in the same warm summer sunshine as the Fete had the previous week. Talking of feasting, we noticed that the bar and BBQs were doing a roaring trade at both events.

Unfortunately the weather wasn't evenly kind, the Dog Show on the last Saturday had to be cancelled because of threatened thunder storms and the Festival Walk, this year around Cowbridge, went ahead in steady rain.



Most of the indoor events did well too, the Cheese and Wine, Gilbert and Sullivan evening and the Jazz night were sell outs.

The Two lunch times concerts in the Methodist Church on the two Fridays of the Festival also did well. The first Friday saw an excellent piano recital by Jordan Walters, two pieces by Beethoven and one by Schumann. The following week saw a vocal ensemble, Jane Samuel and Friends. Jane is an old friend of the Festival and had to replace one singer at short notice because of

illness, although you would never have noticed it. Many thought that this was one of the best concerts for some time, some particularly enjoyed the medley of songs by Cardiff's own Ivor Novello.

Finally we must remember the two concerts in Christ Church. The Castell Coch Choral Society on the first Saturday went down particularly well, as did the closing concert on the last Sunday with the Melingriffith, City of Cardiff Brass Band and Radyr's own Sally's Angel's Community Choir.

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 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 **Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers Group Pick Meet** at Radyr Station Car Park at 10.00 - Refreshments at the Hub Park Road at 11.15 - details rmlitterpicjkers@gmail.com

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.

Wed 19 June **RCTS South Wales:** The Deepest Cuts of All - The Beeching Closures of 13 June 1964 - Old Church Rooms, Park Road 7.00 for 7.30 details southwalesrcs@gmail.com

Thur 20 June **09:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West VISIT to BIG PIT NATIONAL COAL MUSEUM.** Booking required in advance. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, please let us know soon - for more info please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
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Thur 4 July **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West MYSTERIES OF THE TURIN SHROUD.** Alan Foster will be giving us answers in this morning's illustrated talk at Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too.
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Sat 6 July **11:00 Family Fun Day** Stalls, games, giant slide and bouncy castle, bar & BBQ, music and entertainment, plus a host of other attractions, the summer fete at Christ Church, Heol Isaf promises a great day out for all the family. Admission free.
<https://GarthMA.wales/ChristChurch120>

Mon 8 July **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown W.I** We are having a social evening tonight. We meet at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Old and new members will be welcomed.

Sat 13 July **Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers Group Pick Meet** at Radyr Hub at 10.00 - Refreshments at the Hub Park Road at 11.15 details rmlitterpicjkers@gmail.com

Thur 18 July **09:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West VISIT to the NATIONAL WATERFRONT MUSEUM, in SWANSEA.** Booking required in advance. If you think you might like to join our

Probus men's club, please let us know soon - for more info please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
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Thur 1 Aug **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West CARDIFF CITY HOSPICE** - This talk will be given by Katie Vaughan 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. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847.
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Sat 10 Aug **Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers Group Pick Meet** at Morgantown Village Hall at 10.00 - Refreshments at the Hub Park Road at 11.15 details rmlitterpicjkers@gmail.com

Radyr Drama Society presented...

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harding as their latest production in April. The film is well known for its all star cast. However, whilst the film is good, the play most certainly is better.

Not only is it a strong ensemble vehicle for 6 women, the play is cleverly written so that each character has their chance to shine within the play, but not distracting from the story that all 6 women are presenting.

Directed by Peter Stickler, the cast moved easily and comfortably

around the set depicting the era of the 1980's. The challenge for the director in this play is to get the actresses to break the fourth wall to make us believe they are talking to each other, using the reflection of the mirror (the fourth wall). This worked well most of the time, and helped us to believe in the setting. Hair and costumes were appropriate - which considering the setting of the play is a blessing! The comedy and pathos within the play were nicely handled, the pace varied at times, to allow us to catch our breath with the goings on of Truveys Hair Salon.

The cast consisted of 6 women, with one returning actress after a number

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WE CANNOT
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ARRIVE AFTER THAT
DATE

Green Fingers at Bryn Deri Primary School

Keep Wales Tidy have awarded Bryn Deri Primary School a grant to develop our outdoor learning provision. Together with the support we have received from our School Champion at ASDA Coryton last year, this has enabled us to develop our garden area to include raised beds and a greenhouse. There is also a new space with seating for pupils, teachers and families to take a moment to enjoy the garden.

This spring the pupils have been busy planting a variety of fruits and vegetables and are looking forward to watching them grow over the coming months. If you are a keen gardener and would like to volunteer to help the children in the Bryn Deri garden, please get in touch with the school to find out more on 02920 843328 and brynderiprm@cardiff.gov.uk.

Don't forget that you can nominate Bryn Deri PTA as your Co-op charity to help support the school



when you do your shopping. The old outdoor classroom which was no longer safe has now been removed and we are fundraising for a new classroom to enable pupils to enjoy more outdoor learning opportunities and enhance their wellbeing. You can read more about our cause at:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/84286> or use the QR code opposite. Thank you very much to



those who have already chosen Bryn Deri as their community cause.



Saturday 29th June, 10.00 - 12.00

COMMUNITY SUMMER FAYRE

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From County Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

Writing this after the last Festival concert of 2024, the sound of The City of Cardiff Brass Band playing the "Little Welsh Suite" by Keith Griffin is in my head. There were several Welsh melodies within the suite including Suo Gân, a lullaby that is known in my family as "Grandma's song to put us to sleep".

And finally, Sally's Angels, the Brass Band and the audience all singing "Mae Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" What a wonderful way to sign off this year's Radyr and Morganstown Festival.

So many of us have supported at least one of the events the RMA (as we affectionately call the Radyr and Morganstown Association) organised. The Fete, the Party in the Park, the Concerts, the Science night, the Cheese and Wine night, I could go on. I couldn't help noticing members of the RMA behind the burger stall at the Cricket Club's evening.

On behalf of us all, I'd like to thank the RMA for all they do for our community and for raising money for very worthwhile charities.

Incidentally there is no magic ritual or money needed to join the RMA. Tell them you are interested by contacting rma@radyr.org.uk

The last two months I have been working with a professional cartographer Alun Rogers from Pentyrch to update our Radyr and Morganstown Community Council map as part of the celebrations for the fiftieth anniversary of its existence.

With all the building going on around us, it has been challenging to produce a map that we hope will be useful to you all. It didn't take long to realise, the next tranche of building beyond Ty Gwyn on Llantrisant Road will bring new streets for us to discover. The map is as up to date as possible.

We've tried to capture some of the knowledge from our oldest residents who were born here and some of the names our children used for land they decorated during COVID.

We've kept the Golf Club Lane but mentioned Roman Road beside it. Elderly residents call it the Old Roman Road. If you follow its route, Ffordd Las, into Pant Tawel, across the motorway and the disused railway bridge and enter Coetgae woods, you are whisked back to another world, Roman or Pre-Roman? Could we possibly have the oldest known road in Britain? Apparently, you date a road by the buildings along it. Our road forks towards the Garth. Does it go all the

way? Could it be Bronze Age? They had to bring their dead to the Burial Chambers somehow. Along this road? Who knows?

We've brought back the name for the 40-acre field. We knew people in their 80s who had always called it that and who remembered the Coronation Celebrations for Queen Elizabeth II taking place on the field. We asked the agent for the Plymouth Estate, and he confirmed it was indeed a 40-acre field. This does not include the land within the Cricket Club.

During COVID the children in Meadowfield Way and the surrounding closes had painted stones and made fairy dwellings to put in their Fairy Wood. Our older maps showed the wood as being Bryn Melin (the Mill's Hill) and our older residents talked about a Bryn Melin farm near today's Pine Tree Close. We couldn't rename the woods the Fairy Woods but we could name the path Llwybr Y Tylwyth Teg, the path of the beautiful folk, which includes fairies and even elves who bring prosperity to those they like. We hope the children will approve.

Interestingly some of the water for the Cwm Farm stream does arise in Bryn Melin woods. It flows alongside Ffordd Treforgan down to the Ty Nant where it crosses the road and turns behind Pughs Garden Centre to become the leat (the water channel) which supplied water to the old corn mill (long gone) on the banks of the Taff.

Following a warm late summer walk over the newly built railway bridge when there were six white butterflies dancing over and around it, we've named it the "Butterfly Bridge", Pont Pili Pala in Welsh. Let's hope it continues to provide a haven for butterflies.

Mysteries remain. Does anyone know the origin of the name "The Granny Park" and also "Teamans Row"?

Finally, after a lot of discussion, we decided not to show all the green areas as the same green like we had in previous maps. We are in the lowest strata for Physical Environment in the Wales Index of Multiple Deprivation. There are several tranches of land, the Golf Course and the Allotment Gardens for example that are not open access to the public. We have used two greens, one for parks and recreational land and one for sports clubs and educational grounds.

We hope the map will be a help to you all and that it will encourage you to use the network of short cuts and footpaths we have in our community.



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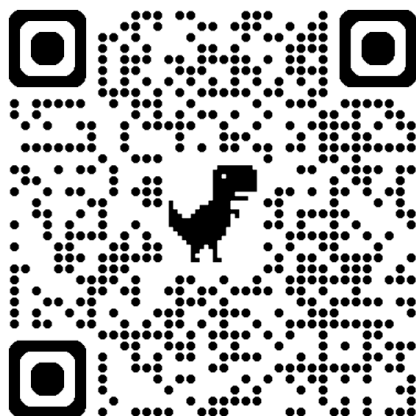
End of Year Stats

More than 3.1 million emergency food parcels were distributed by food banks in the Trussell Trust network in the past 12 months — the most parcels ever distributed by the network in a year and nearly double the number compared to five years ago.

Food banks in the Trussell Trust network saw the highest ever levels of need as more people found their incomes did not cover the cost of essentials like heating and food. Between April 2023 and March 2024, the number of people that used a food bank for the first time was 655,000.

These recently published statistics do not cover the very many independent foodbanks and food aid organisations that also operate throughout the UK. So the need continues to be great, although the Trussell Trust continues to campaign for government changes to remove

the need for foodbanks to exist. For more information see the QR code below



Diolch yn fawr! The local community continues to rise to the challenge and the collection in April raised another wonderful 178.7 kg of food and £50 in financial donations which were passed to Cardiff Foodbank. Thanks as ever to everyone for their continued support.

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 15th June -

30 Pentwyn, Radyr CF15 8RE,
20 Walnut Tree Close,
Radyr CF15 8SX,
17 Cuckoofield Close,
Morganstown CF15 8FR

The foodbank currently needs:

- LONG GRAIN RICE (UP TO 1KG BAGS)
- CONDIMENTS E.G. KETCHUP, MAYONNAISE, SALT, OIL ETC.
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- SAVOURY SNACKS
- SQUASH
- FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE, 1 LITRE)
- JAMS AND SPREADS
- TINNED POTATOES and TINNED MEAT
- SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE

They will always accept good quality carrier bags too. They currently have plenty of pasta, baked beans, tea, cereal, 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 Drama Society

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of years working away and two new faces for us to welcome. Pauline Watson, Mel McLeod and Helen Blundell are familiar faces to us, it was also nice to see Julia Hallinan returning to the stage, which leaves Hayley Wilkins and Ceri Anderson as our two new faces.

It would be unfair to highlight one role within this play as each and every character was excellently portrayed. You may think this is a copout, but as I said, this is an ensemble play, that allows each and every character their "moment" It has to be said that such was the level of each performance, you would not have known that Hayley and Ceri were walking the boards for the first time!



The ending of the play was very well handled, after all the laughter and gossip and friendly rivalry from the group of friends, the last scene was a complete change of pace, first of all it lead you down one path, only to reveal another surprise path, which was very poignantly delivered.

The set, designed and built by Dave Burgess and the group, captured the era with its bright yellow walls and

sleek furniture. The music and sound effects, by Tony Watson, echoed the set with music from that time.

It was great to see an all female play, don't misunderstand me, there are lots of plays out there for women, but this play is pure class. Well done to everybody concerned. We look forward to finding out what your next production will be.

Radyr Cricket Club

Following seven months of almost continual rain the cricket season emerged in early May, and guess what happened: it rained. The early part of the first week was good but on the Friday it poured down, to such an extent that most games the following day around south Wales were cancelled and even a number of grounds failed to recover a week later. At Radyr we were fortunate that our brilliant ground staff had made their preparations early, then covered the wickets and no doubt, said a little prayer. The result being both games went ahead, resulting in two home wins. The first photograph shows James Williamson, RCC opening bat, acknowledging the applause following the first senior half century of the season.



The bizarre thing about the early part of a cricket season is that despite all the indoor practice, coming onto grass is a totally different animal, especially for batters, and the reason why pre season friendlies are so important. Unfortunately the twelve that were arranged were all cancelled, which is the second year running this has happened. This meant that a number of our eleven new signings had never visited the ground, let alone played at Radyr, prior to their league debuts. Luckily as the month progressed the weather became kinder, not perfect, but for those who play the recreational game in this part of the world it was enough. Not surprisingly the club's Welsh Cup first round tie was interrupted by the weather, but thankfully it didn't stop RCC progressing.

The competitive league season for the club was actually kicked off by the Womens First XI in late April, though unfortunately the team, who were undefeated in 2023, succumbed to a very strong Newport side. That defeat however was forgotten two weeks later with a huge win over Cardiff CC, which saw quite a few club records tumble. The score of 415-4, was the second highest league score ever, the fourth wicket partnership of 263 was the largest by some

way and the 207 run winning margin was one of the biggest. From an individual perspective the Captain, Lydia Clements, followed up her 58 against Newport, scoring 152no and was helped in that huge partnership by Alexandra Poole, with a score of 80; her best to date. A great day for the women and the club.

In the last edition of the Chain I explained how a youngster could become part of the fun of the fair at RCC and the response was quite extraordinary. The junior section has seen almost two hundred boys and girls looking forward to playing cricket, with the club this year running more sides and at higher levels than we've done for quite some time. However it is in the All Stars and Dynamos programme (ages five to eleven) where the biggest increase has been seen, with a total of one hundred and eighty seven children signed up by the middle of May. The Friday evenings at RCC are now a thing of wonder, as the youngsters along with their coaches and activators go through their paces, but at all times having fun and enjoying their first try at this most wonderful of sports. If your children, of any age, haven't signed up yet and fancy a go at cricket, there is still time and all the details can be found on the club's website which is www.radyrcc.co.uk or just pop down during the week.

As is often the case when former members re-visit after a long absence, they can't quite believe the changes that have been made to the club's facilities. This progress is not revolution but evolution, as each year, whether by accident or design, the club adds to its overall asset base. This year is no exception, as due to an act of amazing generosity, by one of the club's member's, electricity was run to the small hut on the second ground, enabling wi-fi provision, lighting and an electronic scoreboard to be erected on the front wall. The photograph shows the day when the scoreboard was fitted, which has now been enhanced by a secure metal cover. The club is so lucky to have people who are so kind and who help us to progress every day.

Over the years I have often written about the vandalism that the club has suffered and the cost of dealing with the people who trespass on the ground: in fact they often act in a way they would never do in their own homes. Now I must confess that

the last few years, following the erection of a lot of the fencing, has reduced the problem somewhat. However recently, myself and the ground staff have noticed an uptick in the number of people who seem to think they have an entitlement to enter the club's property, damaging our fences in the process. We have been aware for a while of a few weak entry spots and have now taken steps for these areas to be closed. The fencing, which is very expensive, was donated to the club by Speedy Hire Limited and Redrow Homes Limited, the main developers of the Plasdwr estate and I should like to thank these two companies for their generosity.

Last year a number of residents of Radyr and Morganstown, a lot of whom I've known for as long as I can remember, joined us at the club for an afternoon of reminiscing. The event, organised by my good friend Leighton Jones, was so successful that there will be a repeat performance on Saturday June 1st starting at 2.00pm, where the bar will be open until late. On that day there will be two games of cricket and I suspect it won't be a place for the faint hearted. It should be a great day and I'm looking forward to it already. A second date for your diary is Sunday July 21st when the club will be playing it's biannual fixture against MCC, with a start time of 12.30pm. Two years ago RCC were triumphant and I suspect the world's most famous cricket club will be seeking their revenge. Everybody is welcome to come along and watch what should be a great game of cricket.

Finally all lovers of sport will have been touched by the recent plight of the Wales footballer, Tom Lockyer, who collapsed on two occasions, during games playing for his club Luton Town. Tom was in fact a junior player at RCC and loves the game of cricket. So it was felt appropriate that the club should invite him to become an honorary Vice President and I'm delighted to say that he has accepted, courtesy of a charming email. So hopefully it won't be too long until Tom visits the club and as I said above, marvels at the changes we've made since he was a young playing member.

Christopher Hitchings -
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman



Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2024 - Fete & Party in the Parc



Maypole Dancers - Bryn Deri



Maypole Dancers - Radyr Primary



Some of the Crowd at the Fete



Barbecue Chefs



Barbecue Stall



The Orchestra



RCS Big Band



Crowd at the Party in the Parc



Wolfmoon



School Band



Ice Cream Girls



Ladies Duo



St. John's Ambulance Team



Barbecue Team



Bar Team

Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2024 - Other Events



Mellingriffith Band at Alzheimers Concert



Band with their Leader



RMA Bar



Sally's Angels



Members of R&M Friends of Alzheimers



Jordan Walters



Welsh College Singers



Richard Wales, Chair RMA



Dhean & Mark Richards who opened the Fete



Jazz Night Singers



Some of the Audience



Cube Jazz Band



Guests at the Church Service



Scouts Guard of Honour



Guides Guard of Honour

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

We have had a busy couple of months, our Garden Group have started up again now the weather is slightly better! We visited Highgrove in March, where there was a royal presence as the standard was flying and the security was evident. There was also a visit to Taff's Well Organic no dig garden which was enjoyed by all who went as well as a lively gardening quiz in the Golf Club. There was also a WI trip to Abergavenny where some went to the galleries and others had some retail therapy and a good lunch in "The Church".

We had a good talk in April from Mark Goulding who is a wildlife officer with the Police Force. He gave us a very interesting talk which was sometimes very funny when he told us of the many phone calls they get reporting the spotting of wild animals in strange places. Some have reported seeing hyenas, seals and lions on motorway bridges (the latter turned out to be a Shetland pony!). He also explained how people see something which is different from reality.

At the Festival Fete recently, our WI joined up with Treforgan WI for a bottle tombola stall where £110 was raised for the Alzheimer's Society. We have also continued with our monthly meetings in the Golf Club which continues to be popular with our members.

As well as the Gardening Group, we also 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.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Picnic Loaf

You can use any combination of meat, cheese, vegetables, tinned fish for this mega picnic sandwich.

Ingredients

- 1 ciabatta or French loaf
- 4 tbsp pesto
- 3 red peppers deseeded, grilled and peeled or ready roasted in a jar
- 2 handfuls of baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 red onion sliced thinly
- 1 courgette, thinly sliced and grilled until tender
- 12 sundried tomatoes
- 8 slices of soft cheese such as Perl Wen or sliced ham
- 6 basil leaves

Method

1. Cut the bread in half horizontally and pull out some of the dough inside to hollow it out a bit. Spread both cut sides with the pesto.
2. On the bottom half of the ciabatta, place a layer of half the spinach leaves and pile up layers of the peppers, onions, courgette, soft cheese, basil and sundried tomatoes. Add another layer of spinach. Top with the other half of the loaf.
3. Wrap the loaf tightly like a parcel in greaseproof paper and tie with string in five evenly spaced places. Put in the fridge, with a board on top, weighed down with a couple of heavy tins or weights. Leave overnight.
4. To serve, cut the wrapped loaf in between the string ties. Hand the sandwich, still wrapped and tied, for each to unwrap.

Nerys Howell
ARBENICWR BŴYD FOOD SPECIALIST

Letter to the Editor...



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

Absolutely fabulous festival experiences and encouraging community connections.

There are so many different things going on in Radyr and Morganstown and so many people who are good friends and neighbours.

The annual festival is a great showcase for people of all ages to connect together.

Whether this is via charities like Alzheimer's Cymru, Tenovus, Age Cymru, St John Cymru, Leonard Cheshire.

Via schools or sports or music. Or through the Churches, the Radyr and Morganstown Association, and the amazing Library Hub.

This year a few neighbours in the Windsor Road area were supported by Radyr Primary School, the Library Hub and Age Cymru to have a stand at the fete.

We had some lovely chats with people about things that are going on and how we can be the best neighbours for everyone in the area, whether we have lived here a long time or have recently moved here.

We want to say thank you to all the volunteers and organisers of the festival and would like to encourage people to think about getting involved with the Big Lunch in early June and the Great Get Together in late June.

It's good to talk, it's good to connect and lots of people enjoy chatting over a cuppa or food.

Why not give it a go? If you want to connect with others who are interested please check out information that we hope to share via the Hub, the RMA and of course the invaluable Radyr Chain.

Best wishes Jo, Sue and Ruth



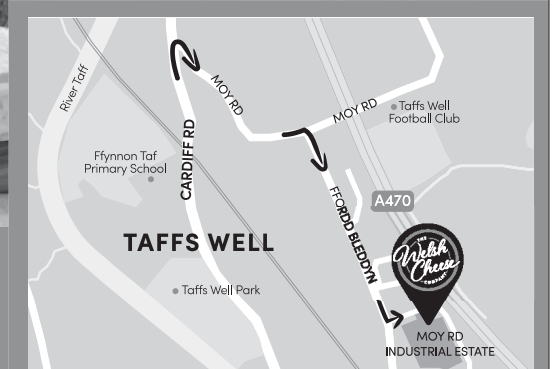
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From County Councillor Calum Davies

April 2024 report

Countering anti-Semitism

Over the last seven months, there has been a concerning increase in racist, particularly anti-Semitic, sentiment expressed in our city. As Shadow Cabinet Member for Supporting Young People, I have used council and committee meetings to advocate that the Council utilise youth services in the city as a means to counter anti-Semitism. I have, therefore, been in touch with national organisations about how to pursue this, with a view to have training sessions in place as soon as possible. I am pleased that the Council are currently considering these proposals.

Radyr Woods Wardens

I was pleased to meet with Friends of Radyr Woods at their AGM in April, a dedicated group of volunteers who take care of the Woods through litter picking and maintenance. If, like me, you're interested in helping them out with

their occasional work programme to keep the Woods clean and accessible, do contact Helena.fox@icloud.com.

Radyr Comprehensive School

The high school recently had their report published by the school inspectorate, Estyn, and it was a delight to read the high praise for its teachers, staff, and pupils, only making two recommendations that I am sure the School will make swift efforts to address. The overview states: "Leaders in Radyr Comprehensive School place improving teaching at the centre of all of their work. This, along with the high priority they place on pupils' well-being and developing their sense of belonging, means that most pupils enjoy being at school, engage effectively during lessons and feel safe and valued as part of the school community. The impact of professional learning on the quality of teaching is a notable strength of the school." I congratulate the school on the progress made.

Trains at Radyr Station

From Sunday 2nd June, current TfW train timetables on the South Wales

Valley lines will change as the next phase of the South Wales Metro is delivered. There'll be an increase in the frequency of services running from Pontypridd to Cardiff, from six trains per hour to eight. These will run between 7am and 7pm, Mondays to Saturdays. Included in the eight trains per hour, there'll be a new service between Pontypridd and Cardiff Bay, running every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday. Passengers on this service will not need to change trains at Cardiff Queen Street to get to Cardiff Bay.

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We include a newly produced up to date street map of Radyr and Morganstown in this edition

Appeal for volunteers to join vital children's counselling service

An appeal has been issued for volunteers to join NSPCC Cymru's Childline base in Cardiff to help support the service's vital work.

NSPCC Cymru is making the call during Volunteers' Week, which runs from June 3-9, in the hope that more people will sign up to the children's counselling service, which is available online and on the phone, anytime for children and young people up to 19-years-old to seek advice and support.

Childline can be life-changing for children, giving them a chance to speak out safely about whatever might be happening to them or worrying them.

The NSPCC is looking for more people of all ages, and from all walks of life to become volunteers and provides comprehensive training backed up by a supportive team of volunteers and supervisors.

Among the Cardiff Childline volunteer counsellors are Afiah Radzi and Chey Gerrard.

Afiah, from Cardiff, started as a volunteer counsellor in March.



She said: "I decided to volunteer because I wanted to make a positive difference in children's lives and provide support to those in need."

"The rewards of volunteering at Childline include the satisfaction and fulfilment of knowing someone in crisis has had opportunity to express their thoughts and emotions in a safe space, personal growth and self-development, acquiring new knowledge and soft skills, as well as the opportunity to be part of an extremely friendly and supportive team."

Chey, also from Cardiff, started volunteering in July 2021.



She said: "Counselling was something completely new to me, and I had no idea what to expect.

"What I found was Childline offers a comprehensive training programme for volunteer counsellors that includes theory and practice, and live observation and mentored shifts.

"I found this really helped me understand what it meant to be a Childline counsellor, and afforded me the opportunity to witness the incredible support available to counsellors on shift - you're not just thrown into the deep end, there is support every step of the way.

"I've developed several skills that have helped me in both my personal and professional life. I've learned how to remain calm under pressure, how to effectively communicate with a range of people from different backgrounds, and the value of allowing someone to feel heard."

Louise Israel, Childline Team Manager at the base in Cardiff, urged anyone interested in volunteering to get in touch.

She said: "As we recognise the dedication of volunteers who give up their time to help others, we would also like to appeal to anyone else who may be interested in volunteering.

"Our volunteers tell me that they get so much out of volunteering, especially the sense that they have really made a difference to the lives of those they speak with. They also say how much they value the support they receive and the opportunities for ongoing learning and development.

"Childline relies heavily on the dedication of volunteers, so I would really encourage anyone who is

interested in making a positive difference to the lives of children and young people to join us."

For more information about volunteering visit nspcc.org.uk/volunteer

Children and young people can contact Childline for free on 0800 1111 or by visiting childline.org.uk.

Anyone with any concerns about the welfare of a child can call the NSPCC Helpline seven days a week on 0808 800 5000, email help@nspcc.org.uk or visit www.nspcc.org.uk for advice.

Volunteering

Volunteering seems to be the new watchword. Volunteering seems to be at the heart of the Governments latest initiative for 18 year olds, which they are calling National Service. In her address to the Civic Service which opened the Festival, the Rev Sandra Birdsall spoke of the importance of volunteering in the community. In his welcome to those who volunteer in our Community at the Civic reception, the new Chair of the Community Council added that he had been a volunteer for about forty years and that it was highly enjoyable. He had got to know so many interesting people in the course of volunteering and had had so much fun.

Radyr Chain

This edition notes the demise of the Twinning Fellowship. It will be hotly followed by the Radyr Chain unless an editor or editorial team is found to continue the work. The present editor thinks that it takes about twelve hours work every two months on his part.

Do you want the August Edition of The Chain to be the last?



I am as surprised as many of you will be to find myself Chair of the Community Council. It was an honour I hadn't expected and will do my best to promote the interests of Radyr and Morganstown during the year.

April 27th saw an event in the Old Church Rooms to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council. Prior to that date Local Government in R&M had been on the Parish Council level, the Parish Council going back many hundreds of years.

Back in 1974 the Community Council did not have a permanent home, Council meetings were held in various buildings including Radyr Primary School. Nor did it have any permanent employees. Today the Community Council owns and runs the Old Church Rooms as a community asset, and has three part time employees, a Clerk, Assistant Clerk and a Handyman, who does many of the repairs around the OCR and the villages.

What is now the Old Church Rooms was then still owned by the Church in Wales. Originally built as a Church School at the end of the 19th century, it was quickly overtaken by the building of Radyr Primary School. For a number of years it was a "Mission Church" until the opening of Christ Church in 1904 withdrew that need. For most of the 20th century the Old Church Rooms was a kind of village hall. I myself remember my children attending a nursery in the building and many societies used it in the evenings.

Soon after the creation of the R&M Community Council the Church in Wales decided to build the New School Rooms alongside Christ Church and to sell off the Old Church Rooms. Many developers were interested in the site, which included some allotments. Happily the Community Council, under the leadership of Councillors David Southers and Sue Philpott succeeded in purchasing the OCR with a loan provided by Cardiff County Council. Otherwise the OCR would have

become housing.

An exhibition in the foyer of the OCR during the Festival, told something of what R&M was like in 1974. What surprises many people is how small the OCR was in the early 1980's. Effectively only the present largest room, the Garth Room and a small kitchen. Since then there has been two extensions giving three meeting rooms of various sizes, improved kitchen and toilet facilities, offices and a large store room.

Plans are afoot to further improve the OCR and we hope to have a lift installed, to make access easier to the upstairs rooms, especially the Castle Room, in the near future.

Another creation of the early Community Council was the Radyr and Morganstown Association. A non political organisation, it was created to manage the OCR and events in the community. It has organised the annual May Festival from the beginning as well as events like the annual lighting of the Christmas trees. I congratulate them on another highly successful Festival. It was a joy to see young families enjoy the early summer sunshine at the Fete and the Concert in the Park, both held in Radyr Primary School. We are grateful to the Head and Governors of Radyr Primary for making the school grounds available.

The Community Council has many other plans in the pipeline. The renovation of Windsor Gardens, it would also like to develop Station Road, but meeting the conflicting needs of the various groups who work and use the area is a major challenge. We are also in discussion, through our County Councillors, with the Coop as to the future of the old Spar which is beginning to look an eyesore. We will continue to support the Youth Club, held on Mondays between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. and Thursdays between 3.15 and 7 p.m. in the Hub, and will look again at provision for the older members of our community.

By the time this Chain reaches you our new Clerk, Julie Thomas, will have started in her new job. We welcome

her to R&M and wish her a long and successful stay in the Community.

This edition of the Chain includes an up to date street map of Radyr and Morganstown, with thanks to Helen Lloyd Jones for all her hard work.

Finally can I congratulate one of our County Councillors, Helen Lloyd Jones, on becoming the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Diolch am eich cefnogaeth.

Allan Cook

Talking Rubbish!

**Radyr & Morganstown
Litter Pickers**

2,000 and Counting

In the 3 years since the Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers was set up by Becca Williams and Peter Fortune, our team of over 25 active volunteers have collected more than 2,000 bags of litter and reported more than 30 cases of fly tipping.

This is over 1,400 hours of volunteer labour for the benefit of our community. I hope you agree that this is a fantastic achievement and a big Diolch yn Fawr to all those who have been, and continue to be involved. I hope you all agree that the streets of our villages look better for their efforts. In particular, we do try quite hard to keep Station Road and the Station Car Park clean: major hot spots.

Unfortunately there is still a need for our work, mainly from waste from fast food being thrown from passing vehicles. One of our team recently found a complete chicken nugget dinner from the well known fast food outlet. Not just litter but a waste of food!!

If you would like to join us, please come along to one of our group picks, which are listed on page 3 of The Chain or email: rmlitterpickers@gmail.com.

We can provide pickers and hoops and we meet afterwards at the Hub for a chat and refreshments.

Looking forward to seeing you!

David, Jeanette, Martin, Peter and Roger - the Committee of the Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers

Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Aled Edwards

Cafodd y Canon Aled Edwards groeso cynnes pan ymwelodd 'r gangen ym mis Ebrill. Brodor o Drawsfynydd ym Meirionnydd yw Aled. Bu'n ficer ym Mhenllŷn cyn symud i Eglwys Dewi Sant yng Nghaerdydd yn y 90au.

Wedi hynny bun Brif Weithredwr Cytun, sef Eglwysi Ynghyd yng Nghymru. Bu parch at gyd-ddyn yn ddolen gyswilt drwy gydol ei yrfa, ac yn sgil datganoli daeth y cyfle, gyda chefnogaeth y Senedd, i greu perthynas rhwng ffydd a gwleidyddiaeth, drwy ddod a chymunedau o wahanol ffydd at ei gilydd.

Mae Aled yn falch iawn bod Cymru yn Genedl Noddfa. Roedd yn flaengar wrth groesawu ffoaduriaid. Enghraifft o hyn oedd hyrwyddo cynllun a oedd yn galluogi meddygon o Syria i ail hyfforddi er mwyn gweithio yn y Gwasanaeth Iechyd. Bun sôn hefyd am y croeso a roddwyd i deuluoedd o Afghanistan wrth iddyn nhw ymgartrefu yng Nghanolfan yr Urdd yn y Bae. Dymar prosiect y mae en fwya balch ohono.

Heulwen Jones

Ar ôl ymdeol, mae Aled wedi ymgymryd 'r gwaith o fod yn Gadeirydd Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog, lle maen hybur Gymraeg. Penderfynwyd defnyddior enw Cymraeg fel enw swyddogol y Parc ac maer logo newydd yn cynnwys coron y Brenin Brychan.

Diolchodd Eirian Dafydd i Aled am ei sgwrs ddiddorol a'n cymhellodd i feddwl sut dylem ofalu am ein gilydd yn y byd cyfoes.



Ian Gwyn Hughes

Fel rhan o ddathliadau Gwyl Flynyddol Radur, ein gwestai oedd Ian Gwyn Hughes sy'n wyneb cyfarwydd ar y teledu. Daeth cynulleidfa dda ynghyd i glywed hanes ei yrfa ym myd y cyfryngau, ac fel y daeth yn swyddog i Gymdeithas Pêl-droed Cymru yn 2011.

Diddorol oedd deall mai gradd mewn Hanes a Gwleidyddiaeth Ryngwladol o Brifysgol Aberystwyth sydd gan Ian, ac iddo benderfynu yn gynnar ddilyn trywydd ym myd chwaraeon. Bu'n sylwebu ar ddarllediadau megis *Match of the Day*, a Sgorio pan ddaeth S4C i fod.

Cyn iddo ymuno â'r Gymdeithas Bêl-droed, roedd cryn apathi tuag at ein tîm cenedlaethol. Roedd angen

cymryd risg os am newid pethau, a gosododd Ian nod iddo'i hun i geisio Cymreigio naws y gêm.

Ar y dechrau cafodd Gary Speed ei benodi'n rheolwr. Yr ail benodiad oedd Chris Colman, ac er y dechrau gwael yn erbyn Serbia, fe lwyddodd Chris i ennill cefnogaeth chwaraewyr a dilynwyd y gêm. Wedi taith y chwaraewyr o amgylch Cymru gyda Chris Colman, cafwyd gêm gyfartal yn erbyn gwlad Belg.

Daeth rhan o'r trobwynt a welsom yn hanes y gêm o ganlyniad i'r penderfyniad i ddefnyddio'r cyfryngau cymdeithasol. Mabwysiadwyd yr arwyddair '*Together Stronger / Gyda'n Gilydd yn Gryfach*', a gwelwyd y canlyniadau'n dechrau newid a'r ymdeimlad o hunaniaeth yn cryfhau.

Rhan o'r strategaeth ydy deffro ymwybyddiaeth y chwaraewyr o'u hanes ac o'r fraint maent yn ei chael i chwarae dros Gymru. Er enghraifft, yn Nhachwedd 2014, adeg Sul y Cofio, ffilmwyd y tîm yn ymweld â mynwent Artillery Wood lle mae bedd Hedd Wyn a beddau'r bechgyn ifanc eraill a laddwyd yn ystod y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf.

Gyda Gemau'r Ewros, daeth trobwynt, a'r iaith Gymraeg yn cael ei chlywed ar gyfandir Ewrop. Cynhyrchwyd crysau T yn cynnwys y gair DIOLCH, a rhoddwyd yr un gair ar y bws oedd yn cludo'r chwaraewyr. Roedd y teimlad o undod yn real a grymus. Yna, er colli yn y gêm gyn-derfynol yn erbyn Portiwgal, cafodd y tîm groeso tywysogaidd pan gyrhaeddodd nhw adre.

Cyn gorffen ei gyflwyniad, soniodd Ian Gwyn Hughes am y Wal Goch, cydweithio hapus gyda'r Urdd a'r twf a gafwyd ym mhoblogrwydd cân Dafydd Iwan, 'Yma o Hyd'. Soniodd hefyd am gyd-weithwyr, e.e. Osian Roberts, a chawsom gip ar y cydweithio effeithiol fu'n gefn i'r llwyddiannau a ddaeth i ran ein tîm cenedlaethol.

Diolchodd ein Llywydd, Eirian Dafydd, am noson ragorol, a doedd dim pall ar y sgwrsio a'r trafod dros baned a theisen.

Gwen Emyr

Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Community Council

Saturday 27th of April saw an event in the Old Church Rooms to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Community Council. Many people who had served the Community over the years, either as Councillors or clerks to the Council, had been invited to attend. The event was hosted by the outgoing chairman of the Community Council, Councillor Tyrone Davies, who is seen cutting the cake which sported the Council's logo. An exhibition in the foyer showed some of the other events that had happened in 1974 and what R&M had been like back then.



Tyrone Davies



Cutting the Cake



The Band playing at the 50th Celebrations

Farewell to the Twinning Fellowship

A packed Old Church Rooms for the Festival Jazz night was a bitter sweet affair. The music was as good as ever, in fact it could be said at a higher level, with Cube's changed line up. Traditionally the Festival Jazz event has been organised by the Twinning Fellowship as a fundraising event.

This year the event was organised by the RMA and the Fellowship distributed its remaining funds equally between R&M charities,

Tenovus and the Alzheimer's Society. Both charities received £560.

A plaque has also been produced to commemorate the 38 years of the

Fellowship and will be installed on the outside wall of the Garth Room in what is still known as Le Jardin de St. Philbert.



A packed Old Church Rooms for the Festival Jazz night featuring Cube.



Four past chairs of the Radyr and Morganstown Twinning Fellowship. From left to right: Raymond Rivron, Ann Smith and Adrian Hughes with (seated) Maggie Roberts the last chair holding a Plaque that commemorates the 38 years of the Fellowship's existence.