

Radyr Chain



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From the Editors

Croeso / Welcome to the first edition of the Chain “under new management”

In the last Chain Number 273 we read that quite a few of the amazing group of people, including printers, designers, and many other volunteers from all over Radyr and Morganstown who have edited, produced and delivered the Chain for many years were retiring. The work that goes into the production of the Chain is considerable and a huge vote of thanks is due to lots of people and in particular Jeff and Hildy Davison, Linda Turner, Chris Wills, David Cargill and Allan Cook.

There is also a great team of Distributors who in turn liaise with the Delivery Volunteers who walk the length and breadth of Radyr and Morganstown to ensure every house gets a copy of the Chain.

If you are able to keep an eye on the Radyr.org.uk website you will have read about the transition to try and ensure a future for the Chain.

A meeting was held in early September to see if anyone else in the community might be able to take on the tasks required to ensure that the printed Chain continues.

A few people volunteered to form a new Editorial Board and others kindly offered finance, governance and organisational support. The new team thought it would be good to introduce themselves so here goes:



Alex – Hi, I’m Alex and I live in Morganstown with my husband Ed, our dog and two cats - one of whom is the famous Lily who some of you may know and cross the road to greet as you pass by.

I work in the energy and renewables industry as an analyst I also have a part time floristry business that I run from home, and I really enjoy this creative outlet to balance out my more technical day job.

Why do I think The Chain is important? Since we moved to the area in early 2022 we’ve enjoyed getting The Chain, and especially in a physical hard copy – as someone who spends far too many hours in front of a computer, sometimes it’s really nice to read something that isn’t on a screen and to get useful information on what’s going on in our local area. I hope to bring some new ideas to build on the success of the Chain that others have developed, and I’m so glad we’ve had the opportunity to keep The Chain going – hopefully for years to come!



Angharad – Hello I’m Angharad and I live in the trees with my husband Ian. We have lived here for 3 months moving all the way from Morganstown and I am currently enjoying decorating our new house.

I’m a civil servant and also Chair of Governors at Bryn Deri Primary School.

Why do I think the Chain is important? I think the Chain is a great way to connect people of all ages across Radyr and Morganstown. As a Welsh speaker I am keen to see items in Welsh and English and have ideas about links with existing groups and am keen to reach out to as many new contributors as possible.



Ed – Hello, I’m Ed and I live in the Radyr Gardens estate in Morganstown with my wife Alex, our dog Lando and two cats, Zoe and Lily.

I work for a print-on-demand company that specialises in fine art printing across the UK, EU and US. I’m very fortunate to be able to work from home, but I’m then very keen to get outside as often as I can, and our local area has so much to offer for that.

When we first moved to the area at the beginning of 2022, the Chain was a very welcome surprise. It is a great way to know what is going on locally, as this is a very active and welcoming community with a lot happening for its residents. I’m proud to be able to help to continue its production and look forward to seeing it continue to be a valuable resource for many years.



Ian – Hello I’m Ian and I live in the trees, with my wife Angharad. Whilst we have lived in this house for only a couple of months, we have only moved a short way from 8 years in Morganstown. I work as an ICT Systems Manager supporting committees of the Welsh Parliament and I am also involved with the Radyr and Morganstown Association (RMA), the Garth Ministry Area and Diabetes UK.

Why do I think the Chain is important? From my various volunteer roles with different groups and activities across Radyr and Morganstown, I know how so many people value the printed copy deliv-

ered by the group of volunteer distributors. I am really interested in making links with online communications that already exist like the community website run by the RMA www.radyr.org.uk and their social media accounts



Ruth – Hello I’m Ruth and I live in Radyr with my husband Terry and our two cats. We have lived here for nearly nine years. I have recently retired from the charity sector and am really keen to support local community activities.

Why do I think the Chain is important? Having a printed magazine / newsletter with a mix of articles and adverts and shared information is a great way to stay connected. I hope that The Chain will continue to develop links and be inclusive across age groups and all parts of our community.

Support for the Editorial Board

Supporting the Editorial Board are our Finance/Adverts Team and our Distribution/Delivery Team. A quick word from the Team Leaders of each of these:

Peter - I have lived in Radyr for 40 years. I am a recently fully retired Chartered Accountant and have been involved with many charitable and voluntary organisations throughout my entire work-

ing life in treasurer, oversight and governance roles.

The Radyr Chain has always played an important part of community life in Radyr and Morganstown. It helps organisations promote themselves and encourages residents to participate and attend community events. Most importantly at this time it informs new residents and continues to give adults who may be alone the chance to link with others.

I am pleased to be able to provide ongoing financial and governance oversight as the organisation brings new volunteers on board and continues to thrive.



Sue - I have lived in Radyr for many years, am involved in various charity groups and organisations and really enjoy being an active member of our community. I am grateful to the previous volunteer organisers who have done such amazing work for so long and I hope to support the distribution and delivery volunteers to make sure everyone gets their copy of The Radyr Chain.

I’ve always felt passionate for the Radyr Chain having been a deliverer for over 40 years. We have a wonderful new team and I’m pleased to be part of it co-ordinating our distribution.

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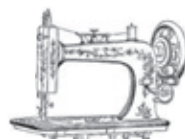
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Kathryn - I lived in Radyr as a girl and returned to raise my own family here after more than a decade living in London, as I think it's a fabulous place to live, with a special village feel. I remember the excitement of seeing school activities being reported in the Chain as a little girl, and believe it still offers a unique way of telling the stories of life in Radyr & Morganstown.

I'll be helping with the invoicing of the advertisers.

Feedback welcome

We hope you enjoy reading this edition, in full colour and available online at <https://radyr.org.uk/chain>

Our aim was to keep some things the same and introduce some new material. We are really pleased to have items written by and aimed at younger people as well as useful information and updates for the whole community. We are grateful to all our advertisers, most of whom were keen to support the ongoing Chain.

Any feedback about this edition would be welcome - please email chain@radyr.org.uk

Some key information Paper

The Chain is produced on 130gsm silk finish paper which is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified stock and is fully recyclable once you have finished reading it...or pass it on if you find someone who would like it.

Access

We aim to make the Chain accessible to all. This starts with following the RNIB Clear Print guidance. For us this includes a minimum 12pt font size for all editorial content, leading of at least 2pt giving more white space on the page and Accessible fonts, we've chosen Plantin and Aileron which are both released under an Open Source licence. The Chain will also be available as a digital edition on the website at the same time as the Print edition comes out to allow those with access needs to view it on their accessible devices from <https://radyr.org.uk/chain> without delay.

If you require a particular format or are struggling to read the new-look Chain as we are publishing it then please get in touch to discuss your needs.

Disclaimer

Whilst the Editorial Board are currently developing new Editorial Guidelines which we intend to publish in due course, we hope that all information provided is accurate and appropriately attributed.

Whilst we welcome all submissions, the Editorial Board withholds the right to select the most suitable content for each edition and to edit for accuracy and length where required.

Whilst seeking authoritative sources for all content, the Board cannot be held liable for any errors or omissions.

If you spot any errors or omissions, please do email Chain@radyr.org.uk so that we can look to improve our sources for future editions and/or look to provide updates to our online or future print editions where appropriate.



Cyfarchion y tymor i bawb a dymuniadau gorau ar gyfer y Flwyddyn newydd.

Wishing everyone a good festive season and a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

From the Chain Editorial Board

Upcoming events

This diary is populated with events found on the community website at: <https://radyr.org.uk/events>

If you would like your event to feature in a future edition of the Chain please ensure it is listed before the publication deadline.

Saturday 16 November, 10:00

Eco Fair at Radyr Methodist Church

Radyr Methodist Church invite you to join us for our Charities and Eco Fair, 10am-1pm.

Buy your Christmas gifts, bring empty bottles to be filled with Eco laundry liquid / washing up liquid etc; enjoy refreshments and bring the children to enjoy the puppets.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist>

Tuesday 19 November

Reception Open Evening at Ysgol Gwaelod y Garth

An informal opportunity to see the school, ask questions and meet staff and other families.

No need to arrange in advance <https://gwaelodygarth.co.uk>

Wednesday 27 November

Open Day at Radyr Primary School

For new Nursery and Reception Parents.
Full details on page 20

Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 November

Radyr Drama Society presents "A Bunch of Amateurs"

See full details on Page 33

Saturday 30 November

Cardiff Foodbank Collection

See full details on page 42

Saturday 30 November, 10:30

Councillor Helen's surgery @ Cicchetti's

If you would like to come and talk to our Councillor, just come along to Cicchetti's and have a chat with her.

Please let her know if you want to discuss something confidentially.

Saturday 30 November, 10:30

Bryn Deri Family Reindeer Fun Run

See full details on Page 25

Saturday 30 November, 11:00

Get Ready for Christmas

The annual fair returns to Christ Church and the New Schoolrooms in Radyr from 11am – 2pm, with the usual variety of entertainment and stalls. Something for all the family.

<https://GarthMA.wales/ChristChurch120>

Saturday 30 November, 19:30

19:30 Beetle Drive for Alzheimer's Society

A Beetle Drive is a fun game for all the family, involving good old-fashioned pencil, paper, dice, teams and a little bit of artistic flair! Fundraising event for Radyr and Morganstown

Alzheimer's Group. Tickets cost £12 including a light supper. Available from Gaynor - please call 029 2084 3069. Cash bar and raffle. Old Church Rooms.

Sunday 1 December, 18:30

Advent Service at Christ Church, Radyr

A service of Darkness to Light led by Rev'd Mary Evans to celebrate the start of the Advent season and preparing for Christmas to come.

<https://GarthMA.wales/Advent>

Thursday 5 December, 10:30

Probus Club of Cardiff West

SONGS OF THE ISLANDS. An illustrated talk by speaker Taylor Swift (subject to confirmation) at the Radyr Golf Club. Member's wives & partners invited too. For info please 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.

<https://radyr.org.uk/directory/probus-club-of-cardiff-west/>

Friday 06 December, 14:00

Christmas Singalong with Goldies

Join the team from Goldies at the New School Rooms on Friday 6 December from 2pm until 3pm for an hour of sing along to Christmas hits from the 70s to the present day. Enjoy the singing, a cuppa and a chat.

Christmas jumpers etc. encouraged.

Friday 06 December, 18:30

Christmas Lights across

Radyr & Morganstown

Join the seasonal celebrations with carols in Windsor Gardens from 18.30 and lights turned on at 19.00 in Station Road.

<https://radyr.org.uk/christmas>

Saturday 7 December, 17:00

Quizmass

Quiz with food.

Join the Quiz-mass fun before Christmas with Radyr Methodist Church. Get in touch with Rev. Judith to book your place in advance to ensure we have enough food.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist>

Friday 13 December, 17:30

Santa's tour of Radyr & Morganstown

Santa will be visiting Radyr and Morganstown in his sleigh once again. This year he will start on Ravensbrook in Morganstown heading around Radyr Gardens before going to Castle View, Lougher Gardens, the Trees, the Sidings and finally Parc Radur.

Full details, including approximate timings, will be published on the Christmas post as soon as they are available.

<https://radyr.org.uk/Christmas>

Sunday 15 December, 16:00

Empty Chair Service

Radyr Methodist Church invites anyone bereaved who wants a quiet space to think about a loved one to come along and light a candle and remember them.

Open to all who will have an empty chair in their home this Christmas.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist>

Sunday 22 December, 10:30

Christingle - Radyr Methodist Church

Join Radyr Methodist Church for this pre-Christmas act of worship. Its fun for all the family.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist>

Sunday 22 December, 18:30

Service of Lessons and Carols at Christ Church, Radyr

Join us for a traditional service of Lessons and Carols

<https://GarthMA.wales/Christmas>

Sunday 22 December, 19:30

One Voice Gospel Choir Christmas Concert

Join the One Voice Gospel Choir for their Christmas Concert at Radyr Methodist Church.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist/groups/one-voice-gospel-choir/>

Tuesday 24 December, 23:00

First Eucharist of Christmas

Celebrate the first Eucharist of Christmas at Christ Church, Radyr

<https://GarthMA.wales/Christmas>

Wednesday 25 December, 10:30

Christmas Morning Worship (Radyr Methodist Church)

Come and join in the celebration of Christ's Birth at Radyr Methodist Church.

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist>

Wednesday 25 December, 11:00

Family Eucharist for Christmas morning at Christ Church, Radyr

Celebrate Christ's birth at Christ Church in Radyr

<https://GarthMA.wales/Christmas>

Future Dates 2025



The Chain Gang have been made aware of the following dates of interest in 2025.

28 February 2025

Tree Planting at Fisher Hill Way Playground followed by Morganstown Park organised by Coed Caerdydd

30 April to 1 May 2025

Radyr Drama Society Spring Production at Morganstown Village Hall

3 May to 18 May 2025

Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2025

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WWI - Forgotten Black heroes of Britain

By Megan O'Neill

The First World War: forgotten black heroes of Britain

The soldiers of the First World War are undeniably venerated across the globe and, naturally, given every ounce of the respect they deserve here in Radyr. However, in recognition of Black History Month having passed in October, paired with our community's honouring of Remembrance Day this month, it's vital to draw attention to the truly diverse nature of the soldiers who fought in WW1 amidst the colonialism of the time. These are the profiles of just a select few black WW1 soldiers of Britain who contributed so vitally to the war's victory, as part of an effort to widen our perspectives on British history and ensure that no minority group is excluded from the stories we tell at this special time of remembrance.

Private Eustace Rhone



Eustace Rhone was born in Jamaica, later living in Tiger Bay, Cardiff. Tiger Bay drew residents from a range of countries due to work available on the docks, and thus remains to this day a bustling, multicultural community: one of the best examples of our country's wonderful diversity. During the prejudiced time at which he volunteered to fight, however, the then - British empire had a problem; if they allowed black citizens to enlist, would they demand equality upon their return, dismantling the white supremacy of the era? The War Office created the Welch Battalion in 1915, which did allow black citizens to enter, but previously the Glamorgan recruiting headquarters in Cardiff denied them entry for a whole year of the war. Rhone's enlistment was thus a brave decision in a heavily racist period, and although officially black citizens were granted entry into the army from 1914, they were not accepted in aviation until later, highlighting the hostile atmosphere in Britain at the time.

Eustace Rhone became a Private in the 2nd battalion of the Welch regiment, volunteering in 1915, and was subsequently deployed to France, where he fought and came to be injured from chemicals which blew back on his cohort in the wind. Eustace died on the 27th of September of that year, two days after his injury from a later gas attack, and was posthumously awarded the

1914/1915 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

This hero of WW1 was awarded after he died, but in modern times this does not always guarantee that the memory of black servicemen lives on. There is still a prevalent narrative which excludes the non - white soldiers of the first world war, which I encountered via the scarcity of sources available on the subject whilst researching this article, resulting in the brevity of a profile on such a key individual of WW1.

Private Joseph Edwards

(No photo available)

Joseph Edwards was born in Barbados, 1894, and before the first world war he worked as a seaman in Barry docks. Barry at the time had a truly diverse population, with its fast - growing trade from the beginning of the 20th century encouraging settlement from a vast range of countries - the 1901 census recorded residents from Tobago, Barbados, Jamaica, Greece, Africa and more. The area was a multicultural hub, much like Cardiff, due to its multitude of economic opportunities. However, this period was still plagued with much discrimination, appearing in the form of the later 1919 race riots, including attacks on black citizen's property. Enlisting to defend a country

(then a colonial Empire) which at this time was rife with blatant racism was, therefore, a particularly brave act for a man originating from Barbados.

Joseph enlisted in the Welsh Regiment on the 11th of March 1915, serving in both the 12th and the 8th battalions, and later fighting in the Northumberland Fusiliers in the Second Garrison Battalion in the 1916 Battle of Gallipoli. This is often described as one of the first world war's fiercest battles and the first major amphibious operation in modern warfare, truly displaying the gravity of Joseph's service there. Joseph survived the war after contributing to the victory in Mesopotamia (now Iraq), and upon honourable discharge in 1919, he received the Silver War Badge, alongside his others including the 1914/15 Star, the British War medal and the Victory medal, much like Private Rhone.

Joseph Edwards is another clear example of a demographic whose role in the first world war is often forgotten in the historical narrative, and the fact that no photograph could be identified when composing this profile emphasizes this feeling. The sheer volume of medals that he received demonstrates the incredible bravery of so many black ww1 soldiers which we should be focusing on more in 2024 and beyond.

Sergeant William 'Robbie' Clarke

As Britain's first black pilot,



Robbie Clarke is a prime example of Britain's rich historical diversity. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, he joined the Royal Flying Corps on the 26th of July 1915, and at the time there was a common feeling amongst Black Caribbean volunteers that they may gain increased respect and acceptance in a colonial, prejudiced nation if they proved themselves to 'King and country'.

After working as an air mechanic and being posted to France as a driver for an air balloon company, he was selected for aviation training in England in 1916 and qualified on the 26th of April, 1917. Robbie was subsequently promoted to sergeant the same year, joining the No.4 squadron in Belgium with the task of artillery observation and reconnaissance. This was to escalate when, flying over the Western Front shortly before the Battle of Messines, he and observer 2nd Lieutenant FP Blencowe were attacked by enemy aircraft on their photography mission: Robbie took a bullet to the spine, still miraculously being able to manoeuvre his plane to the ground before being hospital-

ized, and stoically returning to duty in November 1917 where he served in the RFC Reserve Depot and a mechanic in the No.254 Squadron in Devon.

After the war, the Sergeant returned to Jamaica and the building trade, later achieving even more prestige as Life President of the Jamaican branch of the RAF association. William Clarke passed away in April of 1981, and is buried in the Military Cemetery at Up Park Camp, Kingston. His story may be better documented online than many other black soldiers of the great war, but it is still a testament to how overlooked ethnic minorities of ww1 remain in the 21st century in the fact that his extraordinary story was only uncovered by chance during a volunteer project. Such a ground-breaking first for the military and for Britain in our first black pilot should surely have been taught for years now in our schools.

It is our duty as members of a modern, more enlightened age to recognise our country's deeply flawed history, and to include black stories and voices in our narrative of the first world war to grant the heroes often forgotten the honour they deserve for their sacrifices. Stories like these are not rare, and I can only afford to do justice to a few in detail here; over 16,000 black soldiers served in ww1, and despite this impressive figure, researching the subject and combing military records is a task which yielded few fruits, and points to a larger problem with our current historical interpretation on the first world war. We must adapt our perspective

of the great war to fit a modern Britain, in which can educate ourselves on the British Empire and the heroes of the first world war it often ignored so as to fully appreciate all the brave souls who gave their efforts and their lives for their country.

Delay to updated Local Development Plan

By Peter Fortune, R&M Local Development Group (RMLDG)



A meeting with Cardiff Council in August were informed that their current timetable for the above is for the draft final plan to be approved by the full Council in December for consultation in January and February. This is much later than their original timetable as they are ensuring that they are fully prepared for the Public Examination later in 2025. We are informed that the plan will still make no provision for any more green field development over and above Plas Dŵr but we will have to wait and see. Once the consultation proposals become clear we will contact you via the RMA and the Community Council to ensure that your all have a say.

Keeping Rayr & Morganstown Litter Free!

By Peter Fortune, Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers



Since the Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers was formed in June 2001, we have collected over 2,500 bags of litter from the streets and parks of our communities. Our 35 active volunteers have provided over 1,725 hours of volunteer labour.

We organise Group Litter Picks at 10.00 am on the second Saturday of every month starting from the Hub, Station Car Park or Morganstown Village Hall (shown below) and we meet up afterwards at the Hub for tea and coffee. We provide litter pickers and hoops for the pink bags which we fill up and which we hope you will have noticed around the village. In addition our volunteers go out on their own as they can and collect litter.

We also support the communi-



ty by collecting litter after the events organised by the Radyr and Morganstown Association, including the Festival in May and the Lighting the Christmas Tree in December.

We are funded by the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council and sponsored by MGY Estate Agents in Station Road. Trying to keep Station Road as clean as possible is a continual challenge.

We would love you to come and join us - although our community has less litter than before we still need as many hands as we can get. Please contact us on rmlitterpickers@gmail.com or just turn up.

Our next Group Picks are as follows:

7 December: Park Road, Clean up after Lighting the Tree

14 December: Radyr Hub in Park Road

11 January 2025: Morganstown Village Hall

8 February: Radyr Station Car Park

8 March: Radyr Hub, Park Road

Refreshments afterwards in the Hub.

Shine magic is back

By Hannah Williams

Shine Theatre school is thrilled to be back in Radyr and preparing our next Musical Theatre production, Annie jr.

Shine Theatre school was established in Radyr in 2012 and saw hundreds of young people join to be inspired and encouraged to act, dance and sing - building confidence, increasing skills and creating high quality Musical Theatre performances including Aladdin, Legally Blonde, Oliver and The Little Mermaid at the Dance House WMC. Unfortunately we faced an enforced hiatus due to covid but we are excited to be back with a bang following our summer workshops that received rave reviews! A selection of testimonials, together with amazing stories from old members who have now grown up - some pursuing their talents in performing arts at college, University and beyond - can be found on our social media: instagram @shinecreativearts and Facebook page shine Theatre school, Radyr.

Annie jr will be performed in April 2026 by shine Theatre school, who rehearse on Tuesday evenings at the Old Church Rooms, together with the MINI Stars age 5—7 who rehearse meet on Thursdays at Bryn Deri primary school. Our MINI Stars have been enjoying all sorts of drama games, singing exercises including vocal warm ups with their magic wands and already have learnt so many wonderful dances, songs and scenes from Annie jr. They truly are

our MINI stars of the show!

The principal roles in Annie jr have now been cast amongst our fantastic members aged 8 to 18 years old including children and young people representing over 10 different local schools from primary to comprehensives!

We will perform at Bishop of



Llandaff High School - a fantastic versatile and large stage that Shine Theatre school have used many times before to present shows with children from age 4 and adults.

The shine team consists of Hannah Williams, who established shine in 2009 and has also worked in TV and Film in

addition to tutoring pupils in LAMDA examination for over 20 years since being trained herself by the Chief Examiner of LAMDA, Linda Macrow. Hannah is joined by Amy Perry, a trained teacher who herself attended shine Theatre school from age 13-18 plus Freya Morris who was also a shine member for 6 years and Abbie Prothero who performed several times with shine Performance Group before studying Drama at University. The original team members of Dr Alicia Stark and Rachel Hassan are now Patrons of shine Theatre school, supporting our members and cheering them on for show weekends. We truly are #teamshine and have an ethos of encouragement.

There are still some spaces available in shine MINI Stars and ensemble roles in Annie jr, if your child would like to join (they do not need to be a pupil at Bryn Deri primary to attend the MINI Stars group there). Or perhaps your child would like to join us after the



Easter holidays for our summer showcase, which we are thrilled to be announcing for the first time in the Radyr Chain - "Pure Imagination" - a celebration of some of the best and most whimsical Musical Theatre for families.

Do come and find us on our website www.shinetheatreschoolcardiff.co.uk to see some of our favourite photo memories from previous shows, find out more about sessions and see what shine magic your young person can be inspired by.

"shine magic is back" is the review by a shine parent.

Deliverers required

The Chain Gang are looking for additional deliverers to share the work of delivering a newspaper to every home in Radyr and Morganstown.

Could you collect from the Old Church Rooms and then deliver papers to up to 40 houses within a few days of the next issue being published?

E-mail chain@radyr.org.uk to volunteer and our distribution team will be in touch about available delivery areas.

Tree Planting with Coed Caerdydd

Coed Caerdydd will be holding a pair of community tree planting event in Radyr & Morgnastown as part of Coed Caerdydd.

Coed Caerdydd is an ambitious 10-year programme of tree canopy expansion in Cardiff, linked to the city's One Planet climate change strategy.

This is a great opportunity for the whole family to create beautiful environments for people and nature and contribute towards Cardiff's climate emergency response.

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Booking is essential, please follow the QR code to find both events via the Community Website.

Friday 28 February 2025

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12:30 to 14:30 in Morganstown Park (accessed off Orchard Grove, CF15 8LS)



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Happy and healthy ageing news

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Did you know that Age Cymru has a project all over Wales to promote regular physical activity in later life. I may have some issue with their criteria of 'later life' as it is over 50! The reasoning is sound - evidence shows that if people start moving younger they are more likely to maintain it as they get older. And the good news is that this means that anyone over 50 is welcome at all exercise classes run by Age Cymru - totally free of charge.

These classes are run by local volunteers within communities and tend to be small friendly groups, where connecting with each other is as much part of it as the exercise.

The project includes LIFT - Low Impact Functional Training (chair based exercise), Tai Chi, Nordic Walking (full training and poles given (free)), Walking Groups and Walk and Talk (a one to one



service to help gain confidence to go out for a walk).

Radyr already has 2 Age



Cymru Tai Chi groups (generously housed by Radyr & Morganstown Community Council) and the Hubs regular walking group. All the other activity groups can be found in Cardiff somewhere (if you can travel to them)

So if you or anyone you know who would enjoy regular exercise locally - contact Age Cymru on their website agecymru.com or e mail physicalactivity@agecymru.org.uk or telephone 029 2043 1555

Better still if you fancy being trained to run any of these groups contact the above.

How cool would it be if we



were the first village with all 5 courses available - i.e. we

just need volunteers to run LIFT, Nordic Walking or Walk and Talk. If you want to chat this over with Radyr's Age Cymru Tai Chi teacher - she can tell you all about the process - contact Jo on jo-soldangray@hotmail.com

Some wise health related information from Age Cymru

Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth campaign is urging you to protect yourself with vaccinations now for this coming winter. Immunisation is as important in later life as it is in early childhood as we continue to benefit from getting routine vaccinations, especially in early autumn. Some of you will need additional immunisations as you may be at an increased risk due to your age, or you may have a certain health condition. This year if you're aged 75 or over, then you can expect to be offered a new vaccination called the Respiratory Syncytial Virus or (RSV) vaccination.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

- RSV infections can occur all year round, but just like most viruses, cases rise in autumn and winter. You can help protect yourself against serious illness from RSV by having the RSV vaccination when it is offered to you. The RSV vaccine won't be given at the same time as the COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. The vaccine will need to be given at a separate appointment.

Influenza (flu) and Covid-19 booster - The rollout of the Autumn/Winter 2024-25 influenza (flu) and covid-19 booster started from 1 October 2024. For those of you at an increased risk to complications of influenza, the annual flu vaccine is recommended.

With all vaccinations, it's recommended that you get your vaccination as soon as it becomes available and is offered to you. The sooner you are vaccinated the sooner you will have immunity against the relevant circulating virus.

However, if you are already feeling unwell or have a fever, then tell the person giving the vaccination before you are vaccinated.

Also seek advice from a health professional about the different routine vaccinations that are available to you as an adult in your later years.

This information is available as part of Age Cymru's Spread the Warmth campaign which highlights the various ways you can keep yourself warm, safe, and well this winter. For more information about our campaign call Angharad Phillips on 029 2043 1555, email angharad.phillips@agecymru.org.uk, or visit www.agecymru.org.uk/spreadthewarmth.

When one door closes another one opens – or even two

The Trustees of the Radyr & Morganstown Good Neighbours scheme made the dif-

ficult decision to close at the end of July 2024. The scheme, sponsored by the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council, was set up to offer services to those in need of help and support, to help people connect with their community by telling them what is available and by providing opportunities for people to meet and help with transport.

In practice we found the need for additional support was not as great as was envisaged, and the recruitment of volunteers proved difficult. We also realised that other Charities provide assistance locally. We did, though, establish a regular 'Friday with Friends' Group meeting in the New Schoolrooms (see below).

We had some money left in the bank on closure of the charity. Some has gone to the Garth Ministry Area to pay for the hire of the New Schoolrooms for 'Friday with Friends' and 'Goldies' in perpetuity. The balance has been passed to the Charity 'Age Connects Cardiff & the Vale' (Charity No 1137821), with the request that the money is used to promote services in R&M.

We hereby pass on our thanks



to Louise Beesley, who has now stood down as the GN Coordinator. She has done sterling work in developing the brand and in setting up 'Friday with Friends'.

Friday with Friends

As mentioned above, 'Friday with Friends' will continue meeting in the New Schoolrooms (next to Christ Church in Heol Isaf, Radyr) every Friday from 2.00-4.00 pm. Just pop along for a cuppa, cake and a chat. All are welcome and it will be great to see you. There is no charge.

Contact Sue Baskerville, SBaskerville@cardiff.gov.uk, for more information.

Photo: A typical Friday afternoon at the New School Rooms, just having a chat and a cuppa. An opportunity to meet with old friends – and make new ones. Come along and join us.

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- For those who live alone and are housebound.

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Information Provision, Practical Support & Problem Solving:

- Help to find answers to any queries you have.
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- Research and problem solving.
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- Cardiff Hubs** provide all sorts of support. Our local Hub is in Park Road, Radyr. <https://cardiffhubs.co.uk/hub/radyr-hub/>. They provide:

- A Wellbeing Support Service** – One to one mentoring to help you manage your own wellbeing; Activities based on your personal interests and needs; and Events and training.

- Follow: <https://cardiffhubs.co.uk/wellbeing-support-service/>
- Over the colder months our hubs and libraries will be providing **Warm Welcome spaces**. If you're worried about the cost of heating your home, please come along to your local hub or library for a warm welcome. <https://orlo.uk/2W58K>

Call for Volunteers:



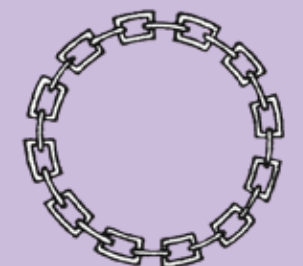
If you are interested in helping, Age Connects Cardiff would love to hear from you. We are especially interested in hearing from former volunteers of Radyr Good Neighbours.

Contact Information:

Phone: 029 2068 3600

Email: volunteer@age-connectscardiff.org.uk

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Community Council News

*Report from Allan Cook,
Chair of the Community Council*

Welcome back. We are extremely happy to see the Chain in print once again under a new younger Editorial Board and the Community Council wishes them a long and successful future.

Christmas is just around the corner and we are deep into preparations for the Christmas Market and Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday 6th December. Christmas Trees will be lit in the Granny Park Morganstown, The Sidings, Pentwyn Park and Windsor Gardens. The tree in Windsor Gardens will be lit by Santa himself at 7 p.m.

Children from the local schools will sing carols around the trees in the various locations from 6 p.m. onwards. The Street Market in Station Road will also commence at 6 p.m. Station Road from Heol Isaf to Windsor Crescent will be closed to traffic from 4.30 p.m. to facilitate the setting up of stalls. There will be the usual great selection of stalls, mulled wine, burgers and hot dogs, with many of the shops in Station Road remaining open. It is usually a well-attended evening and a chance to buy a few unusual presents.

The following Friday evening, 13th December, Santa will make his traditional tour of the two villages. This year he will start in Morganstown at 5.30 p.m. and finish his journey some three hours later on Llantrisant Road. A schedule

and map of the route is printed in the middle of this edition.

The Alzheimers Society remains our official charity over the Christmas period, and they will be collecting at both the street market and along Santa's route. It is a worthy charity so please give generously if you can.

We had an unfortunate incident in Radyr Woods in September. A resident of Danescourt was walking his dog in Radyr Woods when the dog entered the Kingfisher pond and became stuck in the thick mud. The resident went into the pond to retrieve the dog but got stuck in the mud himself. Luckily, he had his phone available so he phoned for help and three firefighters attended to successfully get him out of the water. The Community Council is planning to increase the fencing around the Kingfisher pond and to put up warning signs. If you visit Radyr Woods, please be careful of the thick mud in the two ponds.

We have agreed to install a lift in the Old Church Rooms, which will be an asset to those who find the stairs difficult. The work is scheduled to start early in the New Year, but the exact timing has not yet been confirmed and will be arranged to cause the least inconvenience possible to Old Church Room users.

Elsewhere our new Clerk, Julie Thomas, is settling in well and is a ray of sunshine to us all. The two clerks keep the Coun-



cillors on their toes and on the straight and narrow. However, we are still one Community Councillor short. In these circumstances we can co-opt new members. If you think that you might be interested in joining the Council, please contact the Clerk on 029 2084 2213 or e-mail: clerk@radyr.wales

Finally can I wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful 2025.

Chain Nesaf Mawrth 2025

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What do you really want for Christmas?

By Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones

Guess I must have been three, but I remember hearing bells ringing and waking about 10 o'clock on Christmas Eve. And my brother, nearly seven years older telling me excitedly to put my dressing gown on and come downstairs because Father Christmas had come.

And there in the dining room was a Christmas Tree and it had lights on it. They were like bells; each bell had a different set of Characters. I can remember Old King Cole was one and his red robes showed up against a creamy white background, another was Cinderella, and her blonde hair and glass slipper showed up against a blue background. I was entranced.

I can't remember what presents I had but that was the moment I fell in love with Light.

Recently I attended a celebration for the birth of Krishna. He is one of the Hindu gods, a

god of protection, compassion, tenderness and love. Their little baby Krishna had a cradle that was gently rocked, and candles were lit to surround him.

Light and Love. They go together. Jesus tells us that "I am the Light of the World" We learn in the Bible that light is the symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope and of God.

I love the way our festival of lights brings so many of us together. In Morganstown, at the Granny Park, the children from Gwaelod y Garth and Groeswen sing before the Christmas Tree is turned on. Last year, there was one very enthusiastic rocker of baby Jesus. It was just as well, it was only an imaginary baby!

Radyr Comp's choir sing Christmas Carols at the Sidings. Each year more and more adults are coming along and joining in. Everyone is very welcome. It is a great feeling singing together. And

as one who just can't sing in tune, it is so wonderful to have so many people singing around me that I too can join in without been shown up as tone deaf. And the Sidings' Christmas Tree lights up.

There is just time for both groups to make their way to Windsor Gardens. Children from Radyr and Bryn Deri Primary have been singing Christmas Carols in the Methodist Church. They too are eager to join everyone around the Christmas Tree in Windsor Gardens and help Santa count down the turn on moment.

Back to Station Road to enjoy the stalls and take advantage of extremely reasonably priced burgers and hot dogs and maybe get a high five from Santa.

Christmas is definitely coming to Radyr and Morganstown. I wish you a Blessed Christmas, full of Light and Love. And may 2025 be kind to us all. Pob bendith, Nadolig Llawen.

Diwali

There was a celebration of Diwali in Windsor Gardens on 31 October.

The Festival of Lights is an annual event and the date is determined by the lunar calendar. This year Diwali and Halloween fell on the same day.

It was a lovely event and good to be able to say Happy Diwali and Happy Halloween to everyone who walked by.



From Councillor Calum Davies

Cardiff County Council meetings returned in September after the Summer break. However, it was very sad that this meeting began without the Lord Mayor, Jane Henshaw, who passed away a few days earlier. Jane was a dedicated public servant and her presence at Council will be sorely missed.

Despite being in place for months now, I find that the so-called "teething problems" with the new recycling regime persist. Waste separated by residents sometimes continues to be mixed in the same compartments in the collection trucks, and rubbish still gets accidentally strewn across streets as bags and boxes are emptied. I continue to raise this with the Council leadership as we need strong consumer confidence in our waste collection, and we all want to prevent litter in our communities.

I am also regularly informed of cars parking on double yellow lines and dangerously close to junctions near to Radyr Primary School, particularly where Park Road meets Windsor Avenue. This will usually be at drop-off and collection times.

I also have reports of a significant increase in dangerous parking between the bridge leading to the Sidings and Radyr Station car park. Parking here creates blind spots in an area where there has already been a car accident in recent months, so I politely urge that people consider where they leave their car with this in mind.

It has been alarming to hear

more stories from residents about negative experiences with local buses in recent weeks. I encourage residents to send these to me so that I can then demonstrate to bus operators how people in the ward are not being delivered a sufficiently reliable or frequent service.

Ahead of every Council meeting, I have the chance to table five written questions to the Cabinet. I will aim to use up

find out information useful to myself as a representative of Radyr & Morganstown but also in my other roles on the Council, including the Conservatives' education spokesperson.

If you have a concern that you would like to discuss with me, please do get in touch.

Regular updates from your County Councillors can be found on the community website at: <https://radyr.org.uk/county-councillor/>

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Santa's Tour of Radyr & Morganstown

Santa will be making his way through Radyr and Morganstown on the evening of Friday 13 December 2024 in his brightly coloured sleigh.

This year he will start in Morganstown at 17:30 and travel through Radyr Gardens, Castle View, Loughor Gardens, Dan-y-Bryn Ave, to the War Memorial at 19:15. He will then travel down via De Clare Drive to the Sidings, retracing his steps to the War Memorial. Finally he will go along Heol Isaf to the Llantisant Road aiming to end on Drovers Way around 20:30.

Whilst all timings are approximate a full list of streets he is visiting and an inter-



active map can be seen on the community website at:

<https://radyr.org.uk/Christmas>

Thank you to the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council for arranging Santa's visit and the Lewis Richards Community Sleigh for helping Santa travel safely around our streets.

Donations

As Santa travels around his elves will be collecting money for the RMAs chosen charity for 2024, Alzheimer's Society Cymru. Please give generously either in their buckets or online.





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Merry Christmas Radyr & Morganstown



Santa and his sleigh will soon be visiting Radyr and Morganstown, colour in your own picture of Santa on his sleigh before he visits your street! (Details of his route on page 21)

Christmas Wordsearch

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| Turkey | Decorations | Advent |
| Tinsel | Carols | Radyr |
| Wreath | Merry | Santa |

Bryn Deri Primary School

The new term has started wonderfully at Bryn Deri Primary school, welcoming new families joining us for the first time. September has started with a whole host of exciting learning experiences for the children from Roald Dahl Delicious Dress Up Day including visits to Ty Mynedd to see the real Golden Ticket and find out all about our local author Roald Dahl.

This year European Day of Languages saw the launch of our International Languages aspect of the curriculum with a dress up day! There was lots of cooking involved this year with the mouth watering smells of Pizza and pain au chocolat.

On 17th October, Year 6 visited Brecon Regimental Museum dressing up as evacuees for the day.

There has been plenty of performing arts celebrated in the school with pupils commencing Violin workshops, tasters from shine Theatre school, a wonderful Harvest Assembly by Year 1 and beautiful singing performances by Years 2 and 3 at the Macmillan Coffee afternoon, raising approximately £300 for Macmillan Cancer.

It is exciting to report that Year

4 have enjoyed their first ever residential and the first since lockdown! It was a fun packed few days of challenging activities and Welsh. We are super proud of their positive attitudes in overcoming challenges!

Year 2 pupils have begun their 10 week whole class violin lessons with Cardiff and Vale Music Education. Year 4 have also begun music performance lessons as part of a funded cluster choir.

We are delighted to say that the school library renovation is now complete and looking wonderful. This process has taken quite a few years but we are finally finished including a new floor, bookcases and wonderful mural painted by staff with the Forest theme chosen by pupils. The PTA has contributed £12,000 in total for this refurbishment. The next long term goal regarding much needed renovation is to transform the school's IT Suite.

At the PTA's AGM in October, a new Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurers were elected to the PTA and exciting plans for the future including an adults only special event in 2026. We would like to thank the previous committee



for everything that they have achieved including the first Saturday Summer Fayre last term which proved to be a real highlight, alongside the ever popular PTA Sports Day BBQ. A huge thank you to our PTA and Community Council for the purchasing and installation of our community defibrillator. Also special thanks to the Brown family for offering their services and time freely in installing this. This will be a real benefit to our school and the wider community.

The PTA is essential to assist Bryn Deri primary school provide the full range of activities and support to our children. The PTA is funding many elements:

- £100 per class for the teachers to spend on supplies such as art, cookery ingredients and scientific experiments.
- Additional funding due to the expense of the school Christmas pantomime trip to the Riverfront Theatre.
- Whole class music lessons and drama/dance workshops.
- Part funding the new Defibrillator and ongoing costs.



Bryn Deri Family Reindeer Fun Run

Join us for a fantastic community event on Saturday 30th November!

We're excited to invite all of the community to our Family Reindeer Fun Run! Whether you choose to run or walk, you can pick between a fun 1km or 2km route to help raise vital funds for Bryn Deri primary school.

This event is open to everyone, from the littlest runners to adults of all ages. If you have a child age 7 or younger, please ensure they're accompanied by an adult.

We encourage fancy dress – imagine Santa, his playful elves, and maybe even a snowman dashing through the streets of Radyr!

Just a quick reminder: since this event is on school grounds, we kindly ask that dogs stay at home. Thank you for your understanding.

Let's come together for a day of fun, laughter, and community spirit while supporting our school! We can't wait to see you there!

Entry details

There is a £1 entry fee and sponsorship is required.

To register to take part: <https://forms.gle/3WU-WtP7xWFhgjyCX8>

Registration fee and sponsorship: <https://go-fund.me/f32ab507>

On the day registration is available from 9.30am – anyone can register to run up until cut off time of 10:30am

On the day

- Meet in school playground any time from 10am on Saturday 30 November
- 10:30am – pre-run warm up in the school playground - expect some dance fitness inspo and some motivational music!
- Race starts at 11am

Local support

We're excited to invite local businesses to sponsor our upcoming event! If you own a food truck, coffee van, or any food-related business, we'd love for you to join us in celebrating our participants as they cross the finish line. The PTA is eager to connect and discuss sponsorship opportunities!

Can you help?

We're looking for enthusiastic marshals and volunteers to help make this community event a success. Whether it's you, a grandparent, or a neighbor, we'd love to have more hands on deck for a fun-filled day.

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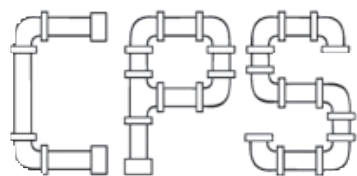
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Radyr Primary School

October Enrichment Day

On 9th October Radyr Primary school held its first Enrichment Day for this academic year. Enrichment Days are held once a term providing pupils with rich and exciting learning experiences. Pupils work in smaller groups, with pupils from other year groups on a range of different activities.

On these days the school engages with local businesses to support them in their activities, Alex Gooch joins a group to teach the children to bake and helps them set up their own cafe for parents, New Directions teach the children vital skills such as basic first aid, CPR and sign language.

Some groups connect with Radyr Community groups such as Dan y Bryn Cheshire Homes, Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers, Age Cymru - fall prevention. These all help build the life long skills in our learners which is our vision as a school to unlock.

Many groups go out and about accessing our local area. For example a group uses map



skills to follow an orienteering course around Forest Farm, another group develops their photography skill taking photos along the Taff and a group of our resilient year five and six pupils cycle from school to Cardiff Bay and back again - over an amazing 25km. They were treated to an ice cream at the half way point as a reward for their persistence!!

Back at school groups enjoy the opportunity to den build, cook over the forest school fire and perform. Pupils are taught about keeping their minds and bodies healthy looking at healthy eating, yoga, mindfulness and making smoothies.

Pupils also get to experience knitting, sewing, embroidery and planting. Nursery learners had a total exploration of clay, experiencing different textures and were really hands-on with their learning, getting very messy! Lots of questions asked by engaged learners.

These days are an amazing team effort and would not be possible without the support from our parents and community. Children go home tired after some amazing experiences but looking forward to the next round of enrichment days when they change activities and experience another enriching opportunity..



Eva Tatum Cup



At the end of the Radyr Primary school year Layth was so happy and proud to receive a trophy donated by Eva Tatum for his love of nature.

Layth has always had a love of nature, he has always enjoyed being outdoors and has a great knowledge of the wild. He is an avid reader about wildlife and watches countless nature programmes. His family refer to him as "little Attenborough"! Layth and his brother were blown by the rainforests and cloud forests and wildlife during a family trip this summer to Costa Rica.

We know that Eva will be proud of Llayth for his commitment to nature.

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40 Years of Radyr Guide Centre

Radyr Friends of Guiding held a 40th Anniversary Afternoon Tea for past Leaders and Committee members one Sunday afternoon in October. We said A BIG THANK YOU to all those who had been instrumental in fundraising and planning the building of Radyr Guide Centre - a permanent home for Guiding in Radyr. Previously meetings were held in a local school hall or the Scout Hall. The THANK YOU was extended to past leaders for giving countless girls the opportunity to experience the fun of being Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Rangers.

An enjoyable afternoon chatting with friends, looking

through photograph albums from the 1980's, reminiscing and recounting memories of 14th June 1984 when Lady Baden-Powell, Granddaughter of Lady Olave Baden-Powell the first Chief Guide, visited to formally open the Guide Centre & the Celebration Lunch that followed, fundraising projects & events including the newspaper collections (when we were handsomely paid for being environmentally friendly) Posh Nosh Evenings, Medieval Banquets, camps & Festival Float Parades. We enjoyed a delicious Afternoon Tea, Anniversary Cake and glass of fizz as we toasted the forthcoming years at Radyr Guide Centre.

The Radyr Friends of Guiding committee members continue to be kept busy maintaining and upgrading the Guide Centre - recent projects have included double glazing, underpinning to correct the effects of subsidence, a new roof & heating system as well as holding regular gardening & spring cleaning days.

If you would like to volunteer with Radyr Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers or just find out more about volunteering with Girlguiding please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/> for further information and to register your interest to volunteer.



We are there, just in case

By Tricia France, Radyr Division,
St John Ambulance Cymru

The Radyr Division of St John Ambulance Cymru (SJAC) has been operational in Radyr since 2016, when it was re-opened after a small advert looking for volunteers appeared in the Radyr Chain.

Since then the division has grown from strength to strength with both adult and Cadet divisions, meeting on Tuesday nights in the Old Church Rooms.

Our members come from all walks of life and on a weekly basis meet to learn new first aid skills based on a modular approach, starting with CPR & how to use an AED (defibrillator)

Current information states that less than 1 in 10 people who suffer a cardiac arrest outside of a hospital environment survive. Our mission is to improve that number and create a community of lifesavers. 'Save a Life September' is a key month which involves us teaching all



ages the basic CPR skills required to keep someone alive until professional help arrives.

We shared these skills with over 100 people at St Mark's in Gabalfa, Deri Stores, the Food Festival at St Fagans and in the OCR over this period.

This followed a busy 3 months over summer, with Radyr Division members on hand to provide first aid cover and CPR training at events all over the area, ranging from Radyr & Morganstown Festival, Creigau Carnival, Pentyrch Hill Race, Cardiff Half Marathon, the National Eisteddfod Genedlae-



thol, football and rugby matches, as well as and concerts at the Principality Stadium.

Being named the RMA's Charity of the Year 2025 is an exciting opportunity and we are currently putting together our plans for the year which include wellness clinics as well



as sessions on falls - how to prevent them and what to do, childhood illnesses and burns.

You too can learn these skills by becoming a volunteer with Radyr Division. You will learn lifelong skills (many of our younger members develop careers in healthcare having gained valuable experience with us), gain new understanding of how the body works, what you can do to look after yourself and your family, as well as enjoy attending the events on offer.

We are the St John Ambulance Cymru's Radyr Division and we are there, just in case.



Forest Church

By Rev'd Judith Holliman



With fresh air, the connection with nature, and space for people to be themselves, outdoor churches are growing in popularity. Judith Holliman explains why forest church has become an essential part of Radyr Methodist Church's life.

As a pioneer minister, always looking for ways to engage with more members of our local community, I feel that I am really fortunate to live near Radyr woods and recognising the opportunities in this beautiful outdoor space, I invited a group of parents and children who didn't at-

tend church on Sunday to join together for a relaxed afternoon in the woods. Forest church was born.



Now, a couple of years on, our forest church congregation has grown, and several parents take turns to lead the monthly sessions. We've held several special events, including a pumpkin party and a Shrove Tuesday Forest Church (which ended up with us back at the manse for pancakes!).

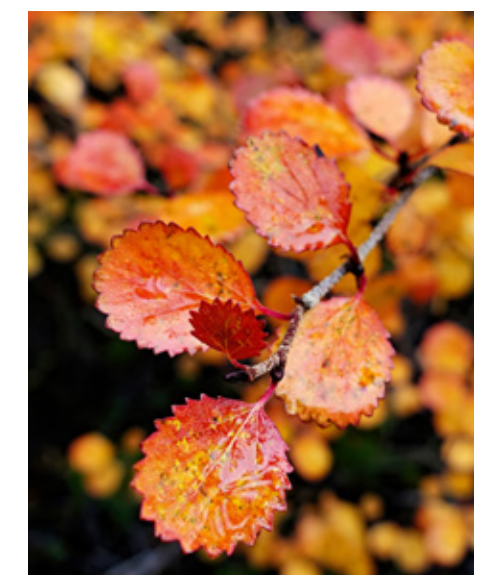
During the winter (when it was getting dark early), we had a star-gazing session. We set up telescopes and one of our church stewards came along to share her knowledge of the planets. There was great excitement (and not just among

the children) when we lit a fire-pit and toasted marshmallows!

Hannah, a regular attender, told me recently: "I love that Forest Church allows children to be their loud, busy, energetic selves - something that can be stifled in a formal church setting. They can learn, first hand, about God and their creation while having the freedom to behave in the way that they were created to."



It's gone so well that we have just launched an adult forest church called, *And... breathe..out..*, where we meet to find God in creation and to enjoy the companionship of being together. We are meeting on Sunday 10th November to create a Remembrance mandala by bringing together red leaves.



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Radyr Drama Society

By Peter Griffiths

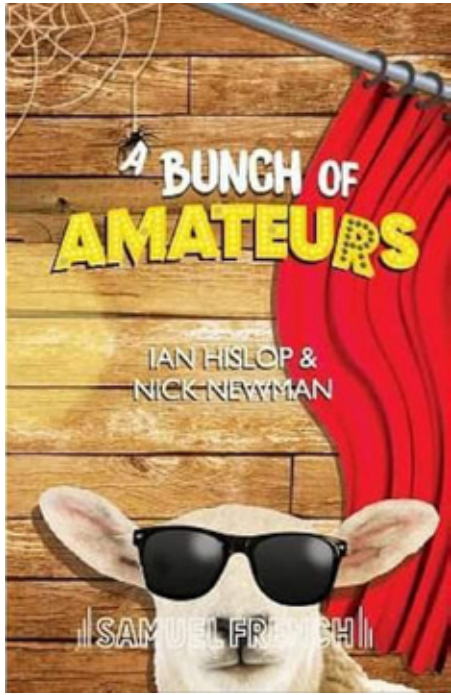
Radyr Drama's next production is "A bunch of Amateurs" by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. A play about an amateur Drama group who are on the verge of folding, but come up with a plan to help save their group and theatre - will it work?

A Bunch of Amateurs, by the long standing comedy writing duo of Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, was originally written for the big screen and premiered in 2008 at that year's Royal Film Performance. It boasted a big name cast that included Burt Reynolds, Derek Jacobi, Imelda Staunton and Samantha Bond and was an immediate hit with H.M. The Queen, so much so that she asked for a further screening at Sandringham that Christmas.

It tells the story of washed-up Hollywood action hero Jefferson Steel, who hopes to reignite his waning career by accepting an invitation to play King Lear at Stratford. But he discovers on his arrival in England that he will not be performing with the RSC, but with the Stratford Players at Stratford St. John in Suffolk, who hope that Steel's presence in their production will help raise money to save the local theatre from being bulldozed for executive homes.

The play has threads of Shakespeares "King Lear" running through it, but the play is clearly character driven. The characters are clearly drawn, and you may recognise some of the characters, but each person does represent the types of people that you can find in some groups - not all I hasten to add!!

The play is directed by Peter Stickler and the cast are



made up of regular faces.

The play will be performed in Morganstown Village Hall 27th, 28th and 29th of November 2024 Curtain up at 7.30pm

Tickets will be available via Ticketsource (search Radyr Drama) or by calling Gill on 07881 206 745 or Nicky on 07866 604 039

Alzheimer's Society

By Tracey Stanley

Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Fundraising Society have now raised a total of £91,800 for the charity. We hope to get close to £100,000 by the end of this year.

Our next event will be a Beetle Drive on 30th November 7.30pm at the Old Church Rooms. Tickets are £12, available from Gaynor (call 02920 843069), and include a light supper. There will be a cash bar and raffle.

We will have a stall at upcoming

Christmas events, including the Methodist Hall on 16th November and the Christmas Lighting event on 6th December. As the Festival Charity for 2024, we are organising the charity bucket collection for Santa's visit on 13th December. Please get in touch if you can help us with this - email Mark: mrichradyr@outlook.com

Advance notice that we will hold a coffee morning on 8th May 2025 at Radyr Golf Club.

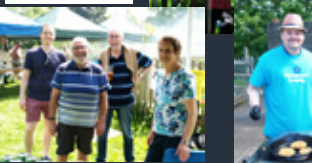


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Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse

By Angela Dart,
Radyr Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union - Rise Up Against Domestic Abuse

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Pray - for an end to domestic abuse in the UK and around the world

The attached photograph shows some of the members of Radyr Mothers' Union with the Bronze Award certificate which was presented to their Branch Leader, Angela Dart, at a service in Llandaff Cathedral on Friday 9th August.

The award was achieved by our group completing various tasks, one of which was to link with a local Women's Aid group. Giselle Warren came

to talk to us about the work of Cardiff Womens' Aid. At that meeting we had a bucket collection which raised £50.81 which would go towards ensuring that women, children and young people in crisis can access vital and life-changing support services. These services include a 24/7 helpline, emergency accommodation, support tailored for children and young people and aftercare and recovery services. Cardiff Womens' Aid allows women, children and young people to live a life free from fear and violence.

We are holding a service in Christ Church, Radyr, on Saturday 23rd November at 11am, which will be a part of the MU



Rise Up campaign. There will be an exhibition called "Behind Closed Doors" which gives examples of different kinds of domestic abuse which people have experienced, with case studies from survivors, reflections and prayers. Please do come, we will be having a collection for the work of Cardiff Womens' Aid.



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Open your Gardens!

By Gill Evans

As Summer slips into Autumn, the days become shorter, the temperatures start dropping but the rain never ceases.

Autumn is a busy time in the in the garden. The leaves begin to fall; the necessary jobs of Winter pruning of deciduous trees and shrubs, the lifting and dividing of herbaceous perennials, the cutting back and dividing of plants to encourage new growth in the Spring and the collection of general garden debris that accumulates at this time of year are ongoing tasks: and still the leaves keep falling and need to be continually cleared from lawns and borders.

I wonder where I am going to dispose of all this waste when, once again, the green bins are no longer being collected and Autumn has hardly started.

However, with our usual optimism, gardeners already turn their thoughts to Spring, to new growth and the glorious array of plants and the riot of colours which are harbingers of a new year in the garden.

Our gardens are our own personal spaces, whatever their

size or shape. They are our creations of what we enjoy.

The pleasure I have from my own garden is enormous. In some ways it is always evolving but I never feel the need to apologise for “work in progress.” However, I always feel apprehensive of opening it to the scrutiny of others who are far more knowledgeable than I could ever hope to be – i.e. they can remember the names of their plants!



I was, therefore, more than delighted when three people from Radyr generously offered to open their gardens. It means that next year, with five gardens already confirmed, I am excited to tell that the Open Gardens and Plant Stall will once again, on Sunday 11th. May, be a part of the May Festival 2025 with our usual refreshments being served in the Old Church Rooms. All



details will be on the Festival website in due course.

<https://RMFestival.org.uk>

There are many lovely gardens in Radyr and Morganstown, most of which we’ve never seen, and worthy of being opened for the pleasure of visitors. Every gardener has something different to say and every garden has a new delight to share. We’d be so pleased if you could join us. Just drop me an e-mail

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Wishing everyone sunny days and green fingers.



Other 2025 Festival Events

The Festival Committee have already been busy preparing the schedule of events for the 2025 Festival.

We are pleased to be supporting St John Ambulance Cymru as the RMA’s chosen charity for 2025 and you will see buckets for this charity across the Festival fortnight which runs from Saturday 3 May to Sunday 18 May 2025.

All dates are currently provisional but we share them now to start holding spaces in your diary.

A full Festival programme will be included in the next (March 2025) edition of the Radyr Chain.

If you have something you would like to add to the programme please get in touch with David Silver, Festival Chair

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Provisional Festival Event Dates

Saturday 3 May 2025	Saturday 10 May 2025
Festival Fete	Concert in the Park
Opening Concert organised by the Rotary Club	Sunday 11 May 2025
Sunday 4 May 2025	Open Gardens
History Society Festival Walk	Tuesday 13 May 2025
Civic Service and Reception	Wellness Clinic by St John Ambulance, Radyr
Monday 5 May 2024	Wednesday 14 May 2025
Tennis Club Event	Guides Event
Tuesday 6 May 2025	Thursday 15 May 2025
Film Night	Poems and a pint at Radyr Tennis Club
Wednesday 7 May 2025	Friday 16 May 2025
Welsh Night	Lunchtime Concert 2
Wine and Cheese Evening	Jazz Night (TBC)
Thursday 8 May 2025	Saturday 17 May 2025
Coffee Morning	Vintage Tea Party
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Mae llawer erbyn hyn yn ymwybodol o'r niwed y mae plastig yn ei wneud i'n moroedd a'n hafonydd trwy ladd neu niweidio bywyd gwyllt y dyfroedd. Ond cafodd Sylvia ysgytwad yn 2003, wrth fynd i roi gwaed, pan gafodd wybod bod ganddi wenwyn yn ei gwaed a bod hwnnw'n effeithio ar ansawdd y llaeth o'r fron i'w baban. Roedd hi'n bwyta'n iach ac yn seiclo'n rheolaidd, ac eto roedd gwenwyn yn ei chorff.

Cawsom ein sobri gan elfen ddifrifol ei neges wrth feddwl am y llygredd sydd yn yr amgylchfyd. Ond, yn gadarnhaol, mae Sylvia'n byw yn ôl yr ethos o ofalu am y pethau sydd gennym yn barod a'u hailddefnyddio. Etifeddodd yr agwedd hon gan ei mam.

Bydd Sylvia naill ai yn casglu deunyddiau o fusnesau gerllaw neu yn eu derbyn oddi wrth y nifer helaeth o ffynonellau sy'n rhannu ei gweledigaeth. Mae hi'n defnyddio tiwbiau aer beiciau; siacedi badau achub; sborion ffatri; baneri digwyddiadau; ymbarelau; pebyll; dillad; cadeiriau gwersylla; gwelyau aer; pecynnau gwastraff; pyl-



lau padlo a lilos. Ac un tro fe ddefnyddiodd gastell neidio.

Gan amlaf, bagiau o bob math yw ei phrif gynnyrch: rhai bach i ddal arian, neu rai mwy i ddal cyfrifiadur neu i fod yn fagiau ysgwydd. Maen nhw i'w gweld



mewn arddangosfeydd, e.e. yng Nghanolfan y Mileniwm a Sain Dunwyd. Fe'u gwelir hefyd ar wefan 'Etoeto'.

Cawsom noson hyfryd iawn gyda Sylvia, ac yn hwb i'r galon daeth pump aelod newydd i'r cyfarfod.

Y mis nesaf, ar 6 Tachwedd, am 7.30pm yn neuadd Eglwys Crist, Radur, daw'r Prifardd Aled Gwyn, un o fechgyn Parc Nest, i'n hannerch. Cewch groeso cynnes i'n plith.

Rhaglen 2024-25

Rhagfyr 4, 2024

Shân Roberts (Siop y Felin)

Ionawr 8, 2025

Arfon Haines Davies

Chwefror 5, 2024

Cat Gardiner (Galeri TEN)

Mawrth 5, 2024

Noson Siaradwyr Newydd - Yuqi 'Morwenna' Tang a Natasha Baker

From the Crease

By Christopher Hitchings, Chairman, Radyr Cricket Club

As the rain tumbled on the first weekend of September, the cricket season at Radyr came to a rather damp end and I wonder how so much was packed into just over four months. The 2024 season was not without incident and as I heard myself constantly saying, "there's never a dull moment at Radyr Cricket Club." But throughout it all the one pervading feeling I got was a love for the club, which means so much to so many people.

The season brought the club so many highs that I have spent the last few days trying to put them in some order. I know that not everyone will agree with my top ten but here goes.

1. Top of the tree has to be the Second XI who won the Third Division of the South East Wales Cricket League, the competition where all six of the Saturday senior sides ply their trade. Led brilliantly by Ben O'Neil, who scored two centuries and finished as the division's top scorer, the side only lost one game early in the year and won their last

eleven games. I can't remember a Radyr side ever being that ruthless or consistent.

2. One of the successes of the last few years in youth development has been the All Stars scheme. This initiative is for the youngest of cricketers, up to and including those who are eleven years of age, and is brilliantly organised for us by Richie Burnell and his rather large band of helpers. Two years ago the club was delighted to have a hundred children signed up to the programme, but this year it was amazing to see the numbers rise almost daily and double that number. I still keep looking at the ECB certificate with a tad of wonder confirming the two hundred.

3. Our awards night on the final Saturday of the season saw a vast array of trophies won by the various players of the year, with the event topped off by a raffle to raise funds for the club. What stuck out for me on the night was the cap I awarded to my dear friend, Peter Sullivan, to signify that he had played at the club for the last fifty years. In that time he has been Club Captain, played as many games as anyone

and been up there with the amount of runs scored. Unfortunately his efforts on this day were a tad more modest and the Sixth XI duck he scored were, according to the skipper, James Hodgkinson, one of the most elegant he'd ever seen!

4. Talking of the Sixth XI skipper brings me to my next highlight: his face after his side won their first game of the season. The look of pure joy confirmed to me, if I ever doubted it, that winning is one of the ultimate feelings a human can experience. If you could have bottled his and the team's expressions you would be onto a winner. All of them stood around the clubhouse after the game, holding their drinks, with the look of sublime contentment, accompanied by the occasional cheeky smile. Unfortunately whilst I don't want to burst the euphoric bubble, that triumph turned out to be their only win of the season. But I have no doubt that 2025 will provide another victory or two and many more smiles.

5. For as long as I can remember playing Llanarth, a team from deepest darkest Monmouthshire, used to bring

Radyr captains out in a mixture of hair loss and boils. Every year the side went on their travels with great confidence only to reappear with their tails firmly between their legs. That is, until this year. Firstly in late June that rarest of triumphs, a victory at Llanarth gave a sense of joy and, if I'm honest, disbelief. Then on the final day of the season, and with talk of the opposition coming fully loaded, the Third XI rose to the ultimate challenge. After Llanarth reached 60-1, Radyr's bowling was inspired. Llanarth were blown away and it was a home victory by eight wickets. The double was achieved and maybe, just maybe, that Llanarth hoodoo has been finally laid to rest.

6. During eight days in May, the Womens First XI played two remarkable league games against the same opposition, Cardiff CC, beating them by 207 runs and 273 runs. On both occasions the captain, Lydia Clements, scored a century and dominated the bowling to such an extent that you felt she could have batted for ever. An amazing week for a talented cricketer and her wonderful team.

7. Since 2015 when the club started playing against the MCC, the world's most famous club, it has always been the policy to pick the First XI. This year it was decided to change that and ask all the members who were available if they wanted to play. As a consequence the side chosen better represented the wider club, with players chosen from the top four sides. It clearly wasn't as competitive a side as it had been in the past, but not going

out to win at all costs made it a much more pleasurable day and meant so much to the team. Radyr made MCC, who came with a very talented side, work hard for their victory and the evening that followed was as convivial as anything we'd witnessed for quite some time.

8. This particular highlight relates not to a single moment but to a season wide feeling of great pride in the two grounds that are where Radyr plays. Over the whole year, from well before the start of the season, a dedicated group of individuals, rolled and cut, marked wickets, laid top soil and fertiliser to produce the two wonderful grounds we are lucky to call home. As a number of people have said, has it ever looked better? That's unlikely, and the membership know how lucky they are. Allied to the two grounds are the fabulous changing facilities which past members would have looked at in awe. With the enclosed feel made by the fences, the grounds and all the facilities certainly take some beating.

9. In this world of increasing statistics it is always nice to find that the results on the page confirm what you have always thought. Well this is very true when it comes to the wicket keepers in the First Division, for this season the top stumper is our own Isaac Gould. With thirteen catches and six stumping he has shown what a brilliant wicket keeper he is. No-one who saw his leg side stumpings against Newport or Llandaff (the batsman certainly didn't) will question that this young lad is a master of his craft and the best in the league.

10. And finally the most important was the resurrection of the First XI over the last four weeks of the season. At the start of August, a heavy defeat at Malpas, who eventually ended the season as champions, meant the side had won only one of the last five league games and had slipped into the relegation positions. The team was determined to avoid the drop, and under stand-in skipper Jon Davies, the next two games were won and probably a third would have followed if the weather hadn't intervened. However, these three wins saw the side sit in fifth place going into the final Saturday where we were due to play Whitchurch Heath at home. As all the games started at 12.30pm, supporters and club members had their eyes and ears on what was going on at Radyr and elsewhere, where strong nerves and a full iPhone battery were a prerequisite. Unfortunately as is the way with technology, Play Cricket (the recreational players BBC) decided to stop working. For an hour we were flying blind, relying on just what we saw and when the latest scores started trickling in it wasn't particularly encouraging. But slowly and surely, in the way that cricket does, the scores, including at Radyr, were forming and slowly the picture changed. We were destined for a comfortable victory and thus the other results didn't really matter in the end. We ended the season in fourth position. A brilliant effort by the team and something to work on for next year.

The club photograph is attached and the seventy individuals shown represent no more than a third of the



total membership. This shows what a huge organisation Radyr Cricket Club has become and is a great place to spend the summer months. Do not hesitate to contact me if you or your children or any member of your family would like to join, in any capacity, this most friendly of clubs.

So that is it for another year and shortly the football will take over until April. For yours truly what I thought was going to be a bit of a relaxing break, as mentioned above, was put on hold somewhat when, rather unexpectedly, my wife and I acquired a beautiful, lively and staggeringly cute eight week old Jack Russell puppy. Her name is Pebbles and I have no doubt she along with me will be watching Radyr in 2025. Neither of us can wait.



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Cardiff Foodbank

By Mark Partridge, Foodbank Collection Coordinator for Radyr Methodist Church

A big thank you to everyone who supported the collection of food and financial donations in October which resulted in 160 kg of food and £90 in donations which were passed to Cardiff Foodbank. The next local collection, in time for Christmas will be on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December.

It's a time of year when household finances can be especially stretched but please consider whether you are able to help those struggling with food poverty and other pressures. Please deliver donations on Saturday 30 November to any of the following addresses between 9am and 5pm.

- 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



Donations will also be accepted at or before the morning service at Radyr Methodist Church at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 1 December. It is an all age nativity service and all are welcome.

Most needed items
(As of 04/11/2024)

- Biscuits and crackers
- Chocolate
- Custard
- Hand soap
- Shampoo
- Sponge puddings
- Sweets
- Washing powder
- Women's Deodorant

They have enough pasta, baked beans, cereal and nappies. Please check on their website before the collection date if you can to see the current list of most needed items

<https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-food>

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.

R&M WI

By Jane Woodward, President, Radyr & Morganstown WI

Why not come along as a guest to see what we get up to. You might be surprised!

We meet every 2nd Monday of the Month at the Old Church Rooms 7:30 where we have speakers on a wide variety of subjects from Yoga, Police, Hedgehogs etc.

We have a thriving Gardening Group meeting once a month who this year have visited Highgrove, Nant y Bydd a RHS partner garden near Abergavenny, and various local open gardens. As well as social activities such as Garden hints and tips and a yearly quiz.

Artists needed!

Our next edition of the Radyr Chain needs a front cover! The theme will be 'Spring' and we invite any young artists to send us a drawing or painting of an image that matches this theme. These will be judged by the Radyr Chain Editorial Board and the winner's artwork will feature on the front cover. Please send a scanned image of your submissions to chain@radyr.org.uk by 15 February and include the artist's name and age.

Next Chain – March 2025.

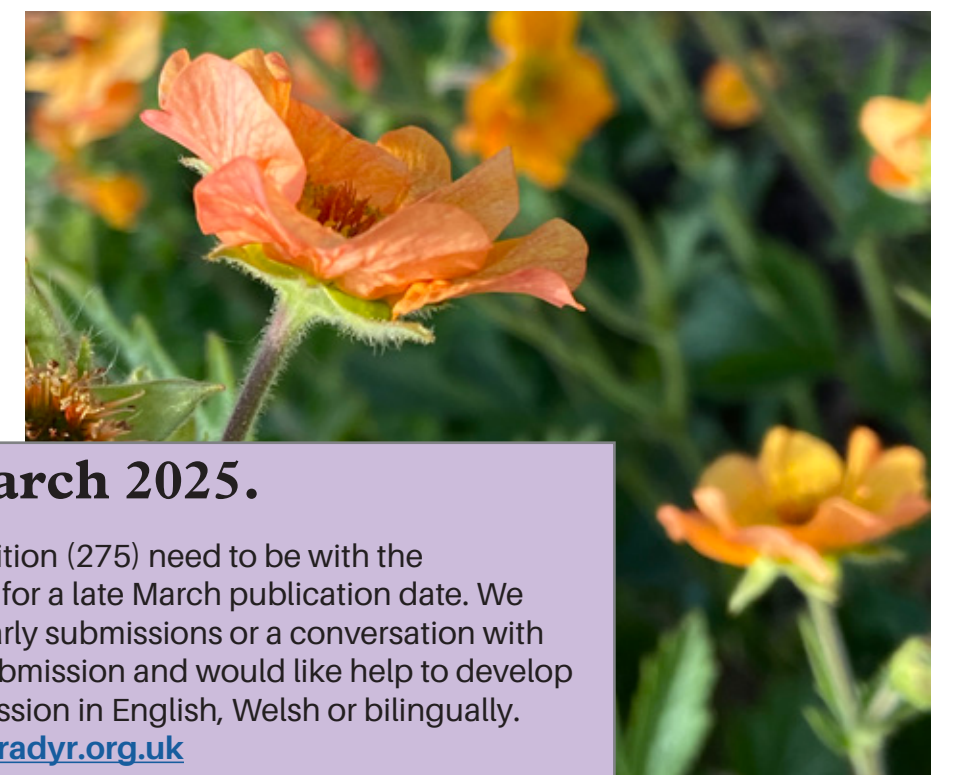
Submissions for the Spring edition (275) need to be with the Editorial Team by 15 February for a late March publication date. We would really appreciate any early submissions or a conversation with anyone who has ideas for a submission and would like help to develop it. We are happy to take submission in English, Welsh or bilingually. Get in touch by email: chain@radyr.org.uk

We have:

- 2 well established book groups.
- A Genealogy Group.
- A Meet Up Monday every 4th Monday of the month in Radyr Golf Club for tea/ coffee and a chat.

This year our Wi has had trips to Bath, BBC studios, Cardiff Archives Building and Many more.

We are also raising awareness of various global concerns and currently plan to attend a Can-



dle Light Vigil in the Senydd on November 18th White Ribbon Day. (No more Violence against Women and Girls)

As you can see there is something for everyone.

Come and join us. You might be surprised.

Contact us via the Radyr Hub.

Supporting BFTA

By Rev'd Judith Holliman

In July 2015, I was offered the opportunity to spend some time in Bethlehem being hosted by a Christian Palestinian family, the Rishmawi's. The family live in Beit Sahour or as we call it Shepherd's Field. They were so very welcoming, and I was taken to meet many of their friends and visited by many others who were intrigued to meet a female minister.

Layali Rishmawi works for Bethlehem Fair Trade Association (BFTA) as an embroiderer. BFTA is an organisation that brings together crafts people who are of Christian and Muslim faith and enable them to

use their gifts to create traditional crafts to sell to the tourists who visit Bethlehem. Unfortunately, at present the tourist industry has dried up and Bethlehem, the city of Christ's birth, stands as a haunting reflection of our current reality. Once a vibrant and bustling hub during this season with pilgrims eagerly waiting in line to enter the Church of the Nativity, the streets now lay silent and empty. The festive atmosphere that should have been building towards Christmas, a time of unity and joy, has been replaced by a sad stillness.

The impact of this crisis particularly affects the skilled artisans whose crafts have long been a symbol of

Bethlehem's rich cultural heritage. The blockade and restrictions have severely compounded the challenges facing the community. The limits on the movement of people and goods and make it increasingly difficult for artisans to access markets or showcase their work.

I have therefore placed an order directly with BFTA and am hoping that it will be shipped in time for our Christmas Charities Fair in Radyr Methodist Church on Saturday 16th November. Please do come if you can and support the stall it would be much appreciated.



Goleuo'r Nadolig ar draws Radur a Threforgan Christmas Lights across Radyr and Morganstown

Dydd Gwener 6 Rhagfyr 2024
Friday 6 December 2024



- Carols around the large tree in Windsor Gardens (opposite Station Road, Radyr) from 18.30
- Arrival of Santa in Station Road at 19.00

The usual selection of stalls, the RMA BBQ for hotdogs and burgers, freshly brewed mulled wine, hot chocolate.

Santa will also be stopping in his sleigh for the little ones (and big ones) to say hello.

<https://radyr.org.uk/Christmas>
for more details

