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From the Editors

As the year draws to a close, welcome to the latest edition of the Radyr Chain. Once again, we have been delighted to receive so many updates from local groups, schools, clubs and organisations. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their news with us.

Inside, you'll find a mix of community news, local history, sporting achievements and reports from groups across Radyr and Morganstown. There's also a look ahead to the 40th Radyr and Morganstown Festival in 2027, and an invitation to anyone who would like to help make it a success.

Christmas is just around the corner, and there's plenty to look forward to. The festive programme includes the Christmas lights and street market, Santa's annual tour and the community pantomime. You'll find more information inside, so do have a look and make a note of the events you'd like to enjoy.

New to this edition is our weekly calendar. We've tried to bring together some of the regular activities that take place throughout the week in Radyr and Morganstown. We hope it helps you discover something new, whether you're looking for a group to join, an activity to try or simply a chance to meet others in the community.

If an event catches your eye and you'd like to know more, email us (chain@radyr.org.uk) and we'll pass on your details. If you run a regular activity and would like it included, please email the editorial team.

Thank you, as always, to our contributors, advertisers and volunteers, and to everyone who helps bring the Chain to your door. We hope you enjoy this edition and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Weekly events calendar

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	10.30am–12pm Knitting & crochet, Radyr Hub	2–4pm Bridge, Radyr Hub 4.15–5.45pm shine MINI Stars, Radyr Guide Centre (term time) 4.30–5.30pm Neurodivergent Lego Café, Radyr Hub (term time)	6.15–7.15pm Beavers, Radyr Scout Hut (term time) 7.30–9.15pm Scouts, Radyr Scout Hut (term time)
Tuesday	11am–12.30pm Wellbeing Café & Quiz, Radyr Hub	2.30–3.30pm Italian conversation, Radyr Hub 2.30–4pm Art group (15+), Radyr Hub 3.30–5pm Children's Lego Club, Radyr Hub	5.45–7pm Yoga, Methodist Church 6–8pm Shine Theatre school, Old Church Rooms
Wednesday	9.30am Pilates & fitness (40+), Radyr Guide Centre 9.30–10.45am Yoga, New School Rooms (term time) 10.30am Ladies' strength (40+), Radyr Guide Centre 10.30–11.30am Children's story & rhyme, Radyr Hub 11am–12.15pm Beginners' yoga, New School Rooms	2.30–3.30pm Welsh conversation, Radyr Hub (term time) 2.30–4pm Happy Hands craft, Radyr Hub	7.30–9.15pm Scouts, Radyr Scout Hut (term time)
Thursday			7–8.30pm Cubs, Radyr Scout Hut (term time)
Friday	10am Toddler Talking, Radyr Guide Centre (term time) 11.30am Baby Sign, Radyr Guide Centre (term time)	2–3.30pm Friday with Friends, New School Rooms	
Saturday	9.30am Cicchetti Run Club 10.30am–12.30pm Children's Lego Club, Radyr Hub		
Sunday	9am, 9.45am & 10.30am Mini Athletics (ages 1 - 5+), Radyr Guide Hall		

Upcoming events

Saturday 14th November

10.45am — Cllr Helen Lloyd Jones surgery, at Cicchetti's.

Thursday 19th November

10.30am — Alzheimer's Society coffee morning at Radyr Golf Club.

Saturday 21st November

10.30am — Radyr Methodist Christmas Fair.

6pm — Diwali celebration hosted by R&M CC at Old Church Rooms.

Wednesday 25th November

12pm — Tenovus Cancer Care Donation Drive at Radyr Guide Centre. See p.18 for details.

Thursday 26th November

6.30pm — Christmas Shopping Event at Bryn Deri Primary School.

Saturday 28th November

11am — Christ Church's *Get Ready for Christmas fête* at Christ Church, Radyr.

Thursday 3rd December

10.30am — Probus Club of Cardiff West, Radyr Golf Club. "30 Years of TV Comedy": an illustrated talk with Steve Abbott.

Friday 4th December

6pm — Christmas lights switch-on and street market, on Station Road.

Thursday 10th December

7pm — RCTS South Wales, Old Church Rooms.

Friday 11th December

Santa's tour of Radyr and Morganstown. See p.7 for details.

Saturday 12th December

10am — R&M Litter Pickers. Meet at Morganstown Village Hall. Refreshments afterwards at Radyr Hub, Park Road.

Wednesday 16th December

6pm — Peter Pan pantomime at Morganstown Village Hall. See p.48 for details.

Sunday 27th December

10.30am — Coffee and Carols at Radyr Methodist Church

Thursday 7th January 2027

10.30am — Probus Club of Cardiff West, Radyr Golf Club. "The Newport Medieval Ship": an illustrated talk by Dr Tony Jones.

Saturday 9th January

10am — R&M Litter Pickers. Meet at Radyr Station car park. Refreshments afterwards at Radyr Hub.

Monday 11th January

2pm — Mother's Union meeting at New Schoolrooms, Christ Church, with Rob Evans from Wales Air Ambulance.

Wednesday 13th January

7pm — RCTS South Wales, Old Church Rooms.

Saturday 30th January

7.30pm — Cardiff Arms Park Male Voice Choir concert for Alzheimer's, Christ Church.

Thursday 4th February

10.30am — Probus Club of Cardiff West, Radyr Golf Club. "What happened… at St Donat's Castle": a talk by castle guide Martin Blamey.

Wednesday 10th February

7pm — RCTS South Wales, Old Church Rooms.

Saturday 13th February

10am — R&M Litter Pickers. Meet at Radyr Hub. Refreshments afterwards at the Hub.

Thursday 4th March

10.30am — Probus Club of Cardiff West, Radyr Golf Club. "Coed Cadw & the Woodland Trust": an illustrated talk by Annie Uther.

Wednesday 10th March

7pm — RCTS South Wales, Old Church Rooms.

Saturday 13th March

10am — R&M Litter Pickers. Meet at Morganstown Village Hall. Refreshments afterwards at Radyr Hub.

News from your Community Council

Our Autumn calendar will be very busy over the next few months. As well as our individual celebrations for Halloween and Bonfire night we also have in our communities the following events taking place:

- Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Service
- Friday 4th December – Christmas lighting ceremony Station Road
- Friday 11th December – Santa's Tour
- Wednesday 16th December – Pantomime in Morganstown Village Hall

Our new Council member Radhika Kadaba joined us in September, and is already looking into the planning for a Diwali celebration in November as well. Welcome Radhika.

In September the Chair, Vice Chair and Senior Clerk met with Centregreat at Morganstown Village Hall. The purpose of this was to arrange a plan B if the weather prevented us from having Christmas lighting ceremony in Station Road. The last couple of years this evening has been cancelled due to weather conditions which has caused extreme disappointment to all concerned. It has therefore been arranged that a Christmas tree will be installed near the hall entrance and Christmas lights on the hall itself. If the weather is poor on the evening of the 4th December the event can be moved to the hall instead, so at least some of the planned festivities can continue. It will also add extra Christmas cheer when the pantomime takes place. Watch the social media and websites nearer the time for updates.

In other news, both the Chair and Vice Chair attended the AGM of the Litter Pickers at Radyr Golf Club on the 16th September. It is always great to support this group who do so much for our community. Some interesting statistics were announced in this meeting:

- This was the 5th anniversary celebration meeting
- 41 active members have collected 3,062 bags since the group's formation
- An average of 55 bags collected each month
- Group picks attended on average by 12-15 volunteers.

The Chair also had the pleasure to join the working party of Radyr Woods Wardens for a Saturday morning tidy and clean up in Radyr Woods. The Wardens are volunteers who regularly hold working parties undertaking awesome work to keep our local woods attractive and pleasant.

For any information about becoming a volunteer contact the Community Council clerk at clerk@radyr.wales

A few photos from this lovely morning can be found on our website.

Amazing work and thank you to all of these volunteers around our community.

As a council, we will continue to focus on our Environment, liaising closely with Cardiff Council on the possible upgrade to Station Road and working with the Co-op to improve the old Spar area, whilst also looking at long term development of the OCR. Progress and updates will be on our website.

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Celebrating 40 years of the Radyr & Morganstown Festival

In 2027 we will be celebrating 40 years of the Radyr and Morganstown May Festival. As our community grows, we hope to continue this annual tradition and welcome more people than ever to attend the many events that take place.

The Festival Committee is a bunch of committed volunteers, some of whom have been in it from the beginning. They give up their time to plan, organise and attend the functions to make sure that everything runs smoothly. Each year they make sure that there is a mix of old and new offerings to (hopefully) please all ages and backgrounds. Although a lot of hard work is done, there is always time for some good-natured banter and a laugh.

Many hands make light work as the saying goes and the committee is always on the look-out for people to lend a hand. Would you be prepared to offer some assistance?

Volunteering is fun and good for you

It is a proven fact that volunteering is good for your mental and physical health. Doing something to help others releases endorphins that raise self-esteem and happiness. Regular contact with people and working towards a shared goal reduces social isolation, stress and anxiety. Active roles encourage movement that can increase overall fitness and reduce chronic pain.

Volunteers gain practical training, the experience of working in a team and problem-solving abilities. Building a social network can also open doors to new career possibilities and job prospects.

Why should I volunteer?

People volunteer for all sorts of reasons; for example, you may be new to the area and want to get to know some of your neighbours. Perhaps your children have left home and you now feel less in touch with those around you. Or you may have retired recently and be looking for something worthwhile to contribute to. Alternatively, you may just love being busy, making friends, and helping with events and projects which benefit the local community.

What we can offer

We would very much appreciate your help at any of the events taking place at the May Festival and indeed for other events taking place throughout the year such as the Christmas Fair.

The opportunities where you could help include planning, event delivery, catering, regulation support (e.g. obtaining licences), marketing, creative arts and lifting and shifting. You can give as much or as little of your time as you wish. Whatever your age, interest and skill set, we can use your help!

For more information please email: info@RMFestival.org.uk



Christmas in Radyr and Morganstown

As always there is plenty happening across Radyr and Morganstown over Christmas and the festive period. The full diary of events is on Page 3.

Christmas lights & market

The annual street market and Christmas lights switch-on will take place on Friday 4th December from 6pm, with the market in Station Road including burgers, mulled wine, soft drinks, stalls, and carol singing around the tree.

Santa will light the tree in Windsor Gardens at 7 p.m.

The trees in the Sidings and the Granny Park in Morganstown will also be lit with carol singing.

For the last two years, this event had to be cancelled because of bad weather. This year the organisers are not going to be put off. If the weather is unfavourable, the event will be held in Morganstown Village Hall.

An announcement as to the location will be made on the radyr.org.uk website and Hub on the evening of Thursday 3rd December.

Pantomime

The annual professional pantomime organised by the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council is PETER PAN.

It will take place on at 6pm on Wednesday 16th December at Morganstown Village Hall.

Tickets cost £2 and can be bought at MGY, Station Road, or online at https://rmfestival.org.uk/Panto2026



Santa's sleigh ride tour

Santa will once again be visiting Radyr and Morganstown in his sleigh on Friday 11th December 2026.

He will start at Ravensbrook at around 5.30pm, travelling through Morganstown and Bryn Derwen before heading along Windsor Road to Station Road at approximately 6.45pm.

He will then visit De Clare Drive and Kings Road, continue along Heol Isaf and Llantrisant Road, and make his way through Parc Radur, finishing in Drovers Way.



Timings

All times are approximate

5.30pm

Ravensbrook, Heol Syr Lewis

5.45pm

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

6.10pm

Ty Nant Inn, Bryn Derwen, Cae'r Graig, Pentwyn, Cae'r Graig, Bryn Derwen, Hazel Tree Close, Bryn Derwen

6.30pm

Dan y Bryn Avenue, Windsor Avenue, Windsor Road

6.45pm

Station Road

7pm

De Clare Drive, Kings Road

7.20pm

War Memorial, Heol Isaf

7.30pm

Llantrisant Road, St John's Ave, Clos Harri Corner, Heol Roald Dahl, Heol Rufus, Clos Parc Radur

8pm

Coedlan Radur, Ffordd Penrhys, Chwe Erw, Coedlan Radur, Clos Parc Radur, Plas y Mynach, Llantarnam Drive, Drovers Way

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Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones



It's September as I write, and autumn is on its way. One thing on my bucket list is to see the Severn Bore. It's been there for years, but I'm telling you now because, when I trained as a life coach, I learned that sharing an ambition can help turn it into reality.

That certainly helped when I ran the virtual London Marathon during Covid. I'd entered the London ballot for years, but this was my chance to earn the T-shirt.

I planned my route and times, laid out my kit and persuaded my friend Sally to come to the house at 5am. She ran the first two loops with me so I wouldn't be alone in the dark. Thank you, Sally!

We headed down Llantrisant Road and around Danescourt, then back through Tangmere Drive and up the steep climb on Waterhill Road. By the end of our second loop, the sun was out and Sally was confident I could carry on alone.

I completed a third loop, then headed for the Taff Trail, the old toll house at Tongwynlais and the Glamorgan Canal. By the time I reached Forest Farm, I'd covered half the distance. I felt smug. Always a mistake.

On my next loop, the rain came down in sheets. I decided to return home, but the steps under the railway bridge had disappeared beneath a lake of water. Would I find them? Would I trip? Who would help me? No sensible person was out in that weather.

I made it home, changed my shoes and headgear, dried my hair — yes, really — and set off again in my bobble hat. Drivers splashed me through puddles as I made my way back to the Taff Trail.

I'd hoped Bute Park would be full of people cheering me on. Instead, the rain bounced off the puddles and I saw just one other runner in a London Marathon bib. As my phone played Édith Piaf singing Je ne regrette rien, I was definitely regretting things.

Then my grandson called. I can't remember what we said, but I felt re-energised. He believed in his grandma; I couldn't give up now.

When I saw Llandaff Cathedral, I knew I was on the way home. The climb back to Heol Isaf felt very long, but I finished. I can wear that T-shirt with pride. If I hadn't told so many people my plan, I think I'd have stopped at 14 miles.

What have you always wanted to do? Write it down, tell someone and perhaps make this the year you do it. After all, if Nick Holmes can play golf at the Belfry, we have high standards to keep!

I hope the coming year brings you joy, fun and an adventure or two.

Improvements to Radyr

For several years, Radyr and Morganstown Community Council have wanted to improve the feeling of place when you enter Radyr village. Drawings have been made of how it could look, planters and gates to give a sense of arrival, a pedestrian only area, the ideas have been amazing.

One of our Community Councillors, Iona Sassoon has lobbied Cardiff Council hard to try and get them to engage with us and the good news is that this year things are beginning to happen.

Anyway when the Community Council knows what funding Cardiff Council is able to offer us and what it can be spent on, the Community Council will be sharing more details so that you will get a chance to share your thoughts with us.

Councillor Calum Davies



Like everyone reading this, I made the most of the good weather this summer, spending as much time outdoors as I can before being burnt to a crisp. However, whilst I was preoccupied with getting a tan, others deliberately used the opportunity to make a nuisance of themselves.

It will not have escaped the notice of many in our community that there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour. Whilst the summer naturally brings an uptick, I have been particularly disappointed this year as it seems to have been at its worst level for a while.

This is not isolated to Radyr & Morganstown either, where the Taff Trail has been most affected. It is a city-wide problem. When party colleagues and I brought a debate motion to Cardiff Council to discuss the matter, I recounted my own experience with anti-social behaviour in the city centre – exemplified best with brazen drug abuse and dealing in broad daylight – which is making the heart of our own city a trial of endurance that we should not have to bear.

I was surprised how many other councillors were in denial about this at the time, but hopefully they have a better understanding over the summer as the sheer volume of incidents has gone up. There is a reason Radio Wales covered the topic. I was invited on to discuss our motion and the solutions we proposed. Sadly, those ideas were not accepted but nothing new was forthcoming from other quarters.

Ironically, a cross-party group looking at the city centre – led by someone who spoke against our solution of deploying Public Space Protection Orders – has included that very tool among the recommendations of its report. Whilst this was a conversation about what the Council can do, it is the police who chiefly deal with illegality. Unfortunately, our small but dedicated local law enforcement team cannot be everywhere at once – and, this summer, they needed to be.

I also worry that there is a general decline of community spirit in our country, with too many willing to make life unpleasant for others.

How else do we explain that Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers – whose fifth anniversary I was honoured to attend recently – collected 3,000 bags of rubbish since the pandemic?

However, I do take heart from the strength of our civic groups in this community – all those who volunteer for the RMA, sports clubs, the Community Council, churches, youth groups, and more like the litter pickers. Hopefully, this rubs off on young people in the right way and sets them on a path to self-responsibility and community-mindedness.

The record of Radyr Comp shows that we have a bright and diligent generation growing up here, so it is important that we do not let a few bad apples spoil the batch.

I hope that in going forward, us policymakers can grasp the mettle and stamp out anti-social behaviour. I truly believe that the youngest generation have a bright future – but they do say it takes a village to raise a child. Let's teach them the way.

County Councillor updates

Regular updates from our County Councillors are made available every month on the community website at radyr.org.uk

Alex Barros-Curtis MP



I am pleased to have received a further update from the Post Office regarding the future of Post Office services in Radyr.

Since the closure of the Station Road branch, I have been pressing the Post Office to explore every possible option to restore a Post Office within the community.

Following the public meeting in Radyr, I raised residents' concerns directly with the then Post Office Minister, Blair McDougall MP. I also wrote to the Post Office seeking greater clarity about what would happen next.

I have now been informed that the Post Office has received several expressions of interest from people looking to operate a Post Office in Radyr.

Three applicants were shortlisted to take the process forward. One has since withdrawn because they were unable to secure suitable premises, while the remaining two are currently in discussions with their landlords about potential locations.

The Post Office has told me that its preferred solution is to retain services in the existing Station Road premises, subject to the landlord agreeing that one of the shortlisted applicants can use the site.

I very much hope this can be achieved. Keeping a Post Office in its existing location would provide continuity for residents and would be the most straightforward way of restoring this important community service.

However, if the current premises cannot be retained, I will encourage the Post Office to explore alternative options.

I have heard reports from within the community that the neighbouring Co-op may be considering expanding into the former Morrisons premises, where the Post Office was previously located.

At this stage, I cannot confirm whether those reports are accurate. That is why I have written to the Co-op seeking a meeting to discuss the matter further.

If an expansion is being considered, I have encouraged the Co-op to work with the Post Office to explore whether services could be restored as part of any future plans. I have also asked to meet with the Co-op.

What I find particularly encouraging is the clear evidence that there is both strong demand from residents and genuine interest from potential operators in restoring a Post Office in Radyr.

The response from residents has been remarkable. From the public meeting to the petition signed by local people, the community has made clear just how important a Post Office is to Radyr.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to make their voices heard. Their efforts have demonstrated to the Post Office both the strength of local feeling and the ongoing demand for Post Office services within Radyr.

While there is still a lot of work to do, I am encouraged that applications are being actively considered and that options remain on the table. For many residents, particularly older people, those with mobility challenges and those without access to a car, access to local Post Office services is about far more than convenience.

The message from residents has been clear: Radyr wants and needs a Post Office, and I will continue doing everything I can to help secure one for our community.

I have also written again to the Post Office seeking further discussions and a meeting so that I can receive a detailed progress update and press for support to be made available to any individual wishing to run a Post Office in Radyr. It is important that those who have come forward are given every opportunity to help restore this valued service.

I will, of course, keep residents updated as discussions progress.

Christmas services in the community

Christ Church, Radyr

Sunday 20th December

6pm — Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24th December

5pm — Crib Service

11pm — First Eucharist of Christmas

Friday 25th December

8am — Christmas morning service

11am — Christmas morning service

Radyr Methodist Church

Sunday 20th December

5pm — Empty Chair service

Monday 21st December

7pm — One Voice Gospel Choir

Thursday 24th December

5pm — Christingle Children's service

Friday 25th December

10.30am — Family service





3,000 Bags of Litter in Five Years



Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers celebrated their fifth anniversary on 16th September in Radyr Golf Club. The Chair and Vice Chair of R & M Community Council, Julia Charles and Allan Cook were joined by County Councillors Calum Davies and Helen Lloyd Jones and 25 members who heard that 3,062 bags of litter had been collected since 2021 and more than 75 cases of fly tipping had been successfully reported to Cardiff Council. Jeanette Cadogan, Secretary of the Group is seen above addressing the meeting.

The group has more than 40 active members and, as well as meeting monthly as a group - when an average of 15 volunteers take part - members go out picking on their own. We pick an average of 55 bags per month and the hot spots continue to be Heol Isaf, Station Road and Bryn Derwen, with take-away food and drink packaging the main items discarded - although single use vapes are becoming an increasing problem.

Gareth Davies of Keep Wales Tidy, which helped to launch the group, was unable to attend but in his message of apologies he said “a huge thank you to all of you that so generously give your time to making your community a cleaner and greener place to live and work. Please know that you are all making a huge difference.”

Helen Lloyd Jones also added her own thanks to the members on behalf of the Community.

We have been supported over the five years by Radyr & Morganstown Community Council, Cardiff County Council through their Love Where You Live programme, Keep Wales Tidy, MGY Estate Agents and Radyr Golf Club which kindly let us have our room for the AGM free of charge.

Dates for our group picks are included in the diary elsewhere in The Chain. If you would like more information please get in touch rmlitterpickers@gmail.com

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Open Gardens Appeal for 2027

by Gill Evans



After another long, hot Summer, followed by a pleasantly warm Autumn, gardeners are already turning their thoughts to Spring and the return of sunny days spent in the garden.

Preparations are already underway for the Radyr and Morganstown May Festival 2027, and hopefully, next year we'll see the return of The Open Gardens and Plant Stall, an event that was sadly missed from this year's Festival. It has always been one of the most popular events and certainly raises a considerable amount of money for the Festival's chosen charity, which next year will be for Tenovus.

We are hoping, with this appeal, that there are gardeners in the local communities who can be persuaded and encouraged to join us for just one day for this very sociable occasion. We are asking you to share the pleasures and sometimes the catastrophes that you have in your garden with some very appreciative visitors.



A new garden, with fresh ideas, is one's own special creation and totally unique to its owner, thus making our event more sustainable. We might add, a garden is always 'work in progress' and sometimes can be even more interesting. We don't expect perfection.

We would be delighted if you could join us and add you to our event on Sunday 9th May 2027 between 10.30am and 4pm.

Refreshments and our popular Plant Stall will be at the Old Church Rooms as usual. Just pick up the phone and call me on 07881 206745.

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Radyr & Morganstown History Society

by Paul Davies, Chairman

The History Society winter talks will be held on Thursday 18th March and Thursday April 15th 2027 in the Methodist Church, starting at 7.30pm.

Two fascinating talks are scheduled, the first by Keith Moger describing the building and operation of Heath Hospital, followed by a special performance by Debra John, an actor and storyteller, re-enacting the terrible events of the Swansea Blitz.

The Society recently enjoyed a splendid day out at Hereford Cathedral and Museum. The guided tours were both entertaining and informative, as were the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library exhibitions.

A similar day out, again by coach , is planned for next summer. Gloucester and Bath have been mooted. Any other suggestions welcomed.

Come along and discover something new, listen to an expert's perspective, and above all else be entertained.

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Christine Curry



by Allan Cook

It was with great sadness that members of the History Society heard of the death of Christine Curry. Christine had been a founder member of the Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society and was its first Secretary.

Christine was a great organiser and helped to organise the Society's extensive collection of photographs. Her other great interest was oral history and she contributed several interesting pieces to the volume on oral history, "Memories of Radyr and Morganstown".

At the beginning of the new millennium the Community Council asked the History Society to produce a book of memories of the Second World War. "Wartime Memories of Radyr and Morganstown People" was a fascinating mix, and one of the most interesting was Christine's.

Christine's father had been a senior policeman in Singapore at the outbreak of the war in the Far East and the family had escaped through Sumatra to Java. It was memories of this calibre that made the book such an interesting read. She often talked of the war in the Far East as the "forgotten war".

Some ten years ago Christine and her husband Cliff decided to downsize from their house in Dan y Bryn Ave and moved to Thomas Court in Roath. She maintained another of her great passions, gardening, at Thomas Court.

She is survived by her husband Cliff and two sons.

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Radyr Bellringers

by Meriel and Andrew Gainsbury

We, the Radyr bellringers, sometimes feel that we would like to make ourselves better known to the people of the village. We assemble usually twice a week in the belltower and are under the impression that most of you do not know who we are or what exactly we are doing. So we thought we would make an effort to change that.

Bellringing is a traditional activity, originally set up to call people to church. We practise on a Thursday evening and ring before the 11am Sunday service. We are all from the local area and we cover a good age range, the youngest being currently ten and most are considerably older.

Christ Church Radyr has eight bells which make a full octave. We can ring them in order down the scale, from the lightest to the heaviest or change the order of the bells using set patterns that we learn. This gives us what is known as change ringing and that is what you will generally recognise if you ever happen to hear us. The heaviest bell in the church is 12cwt or 616kg, but ringing a bell does not mean you have to be particularly strong, though a reasonable level of fitness helps. Bellringing can also be good for general exercise, burning calories and toning muscles.

Bellringing is a very social activity and several of the regular Radyr ringers tend to ring at other towers nearby on other nights of the week, for example at Llandaff Cathedral or Peterston-super-Ely and Whitchurch. Some ring with their family members and others come to meet new people.

It is a very flexible hobby, with bells available for ringing at several thousand different churches around Britain. We are all part of an association which makes this possible. There are 230 churches with bells in Wales alone. Although bellringing was originally a very British affair, there are now churches in different countries around the world which have bells rung the same way as we do. These are mainly in former colonies such as USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



As well as ringing for church services and practice nights, we often arrange other events, such as competitions against other towers, and we have bellringing outings and even holidays to other areas and have social events such as barbecues, quizzes and meals out. Sometimes we ring quarter peals which are special achievements and involve ringing for about 45 minutes without stopping. Bellringers who move house can often find that there is another local band nearby that they will be welcome at. This is also the case with students who go to a university town where there is a band of bellringers. It is a good opportunity to meet new friends and be a part of a team. Some sixth formers have found that learning to ring can count towards the Duke of Edinburgh skill. After bellringing some of you will have seen us relaxing in the Radyr Tap or Cicchetti's for a drink. We hold our open day in the summer to give people the chance to see what we do and give bellringing a go. That really is the only way to really find out what it is all about!

We're always on the lookout for new members to keep the bells ringing into the future and are very happy to teach any prospective learners. If you are interested in finding out more, please do contact us (andrewgainsbury@hotmail.com) and we'll arrange for you to come along and see bell ringing first hand!

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Probus Club of Cardiff West

by Barry Clarke



We have a good time at our Probus meetings. Whether it's chatting or listening or laughing or doing, it's what we enjoy. We normally only meet once a month, so it's always good to see each other again, as well as new people who come along too.

Our members have had the chance to go away on some great trips this year, and there are even more to come too in this year and next.

According to the newspapers, the legal minimum unit price of drinks such as beer, cider, wine and spirits was put up recently by 30% throughout Wales. Some of our members have come to the conclusion that some people are likely to go to get their supply of at-home Christmas bottles of drinks by going in a car or coach over the border to England, as the cost of those same drinks can now be 25% less than in Wales.
That reminds me, by coincidence, our pre-Christmas Probus club coach outing is going across to Bristol to see some of the sights.

We've again had some lovely informative talks given to us by expert speakers, as well as chuckling at humorous talks given by funny raconteurs.

While some of us are quite tech-savvy, not all of us are. So, it was good for us to hear the talk by Lucy Walsh from Ability Net, about how to avoid some of the techy pitfalls that exist. Lucy has also offered to arrange some expert IT tuition at no cost for those members who would like that.

Our men's Radyr Probus club (which is formally called the "Probus Club of Cardiff West") welcomes new people and meets at 10.30 on the first Thursday morning of each month at Radyr Golf Club to hear entertaining speakers (tea, coffee, lunch, etc. are available too), as well as other times when we go away on trips (including those open to wives and family).

If you know of someone you think would like to join our men's club, they are very welcome to come along and find out more about what we do.

Further details can also be had by phoning Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847, or email geoffoot@gmail.com.

Radyr Friends of Tenovus

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Christ Church Radyr and St John's Danescourt

by Revd Mary Evans

In the Anglican Church this time of year is known as the 'Kingdom Season', when we approach the end of the church year – which sounds a bit odd, unless you know that the beginning of the following year is Advent Sunday, four weeks before Christmas, when we start again with our organised Sunday readings as we look forward to Jesus' coming.

Kingdom season has a sense of healing and reconciliation before God comes to us. It packs a lot into one month – All Saints, when we remember those who went before us in faith; All Souls, remembering especially those we knew and loved; Remembrance Sunday, and ending with Christ the King. This day is also known as 'Stir-up Sunday' from one of the prayers we always use, reminding us both to 'stir up our hearts' in faith, and of course to use the day to stir up our Christmas puddings so they're fully matured in time!

We're very grateful to all who helped make our Remembrance Sunday parade and service run smoothly: this is an important part of our community's life signifying both our respect and honouring of the past, and continuity towards the future.

As we look forward to our services and events, we begin with our fete: 'Get Ready for Christmas' on 28th Nov, 11am – 2pm in the New School Rooms with seasonal stalls and refreshments, stories with Mother Christmas, children's games and activities and a raffle.

On Advent Sunday, 29th Nov, in addition to our morning services, we will have a candle-lit service, 'Darkness to Light' at 7pm to mark the beginning of Advent, with friends from the churches across our ministry area. In December we'll look forward to welcoming Radyr Primary School Year 4 for their Christmas service in the church.

On Monday 14th Dec at 7pm, we will hold 'Quiet Christmas' – a calm and reflective service of gentle music and readings, as a quiet space apart from much of the excitement that comes with the time of year.

In St John's Danescourt, the family Nativity or Crib Service is on Friday 18th Dec at 6pm, and in Christ Church, the Crib Service is on Christmas Eve at 5pm. For both, please come dressed up! These are always very popular so do come in good time. The service of Lessons and Carols is at Christ Church on Sunday 20th Dec at 6pm, hearing the Christmas story through familiar readings, and carols and anthems led by our choir.

Our traditional First Eucharist of Christmas follows on Christmas Eve at 9pm in St John's and 11pm in Christ Church. On Christmas morning, services in Christ Church are at 8am and 11am, and in St John's at 9.15am. A leaflet listing all the services across the Garth Ministry Area, of which we are part, will soon be available in both churches.



Our usual Sunday services are 8am and 11am in Christ Church, and 9.15am in St John's. We look forward to seeing you!

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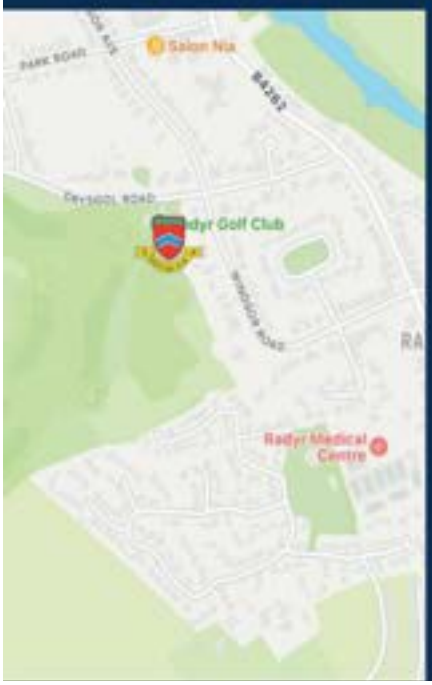
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Since the new Group started in April this year, we've been pleased to welcome several newcomers to our membership and have had a busy few months. Along with our usual monthly talks, which amongst other things included Paper Conservation (far more interesting than it sounds) and Plague & Pestilence (less gruesome than it sounds), we also had a quiz on chocolate bars. Our members did exceptionally well at this quiz although I have every confidence they would do equally well with a geography or history quiz!

For our next meetings we are looking forward to talks on Reflexology and Weird Wills of the Rich & Famous. We will end the year with our usual Christmas Party which includes Christmas Flower Arranging and a Christmas Craft Instructional. The lazier amongst us will sit back with a glass of fizz and watch the lovely items being made.



Visits

We had a trip to Brecon to visit Penderyn Whisky which was enjoyed by all. Luckily this was a coach trip so no worries about driving home after much sampling of the product.

This was followed a few weeks later by a coach trip to Shrewsbury. A member's partner, Mike, guided us on an excellent walking tour of the town, after which we descended on a few of the many lovely pubs in the town for lunch. A long wet day but many wish to return.

Charity support

As a group we are keen to support local charities and from our Bric-a-Brac stall at the summer fete we donated our takings of £110 to the Radyr & Morganstown Association for this year's charity, The City Hospice. We are planning to hold a Fashion Show in the 2027 May Festival in aid of



next year's charity, TENOVUS.

Following an inspiring and poignant talk from its founder Hilary Johnson, Cwtch Baby Bank in Taffs Well has become one of our favourite charities.

At our monthly meetings we have started a collection of baby items & new mum toiletries which one of our members, a volunteer for Cwtch, delivers to them.

Our Craft Group members keep very busy - baby clothes are knitted & crocheted and get delivered to Cwtch, but we are also very proud of the literally hundreds of baby hats that we make for the premature babies' unit at the Grange Hospital in Cwmbran.

We intend running a children's stall at the R & M Christmas Lighting Event in December and are hoping the weather will be kinder this year.

2027

We are in the process of preparing our programme for next year and for our 2027 European adventure; in the Spring we are off to the Tulip Fields in the Netherlands. Lots more to look forward to as well.

If you would like to join us, please pop along to one of our main meetings which are held at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month in Morganstown Village Hall. Alternatively for more information please contact Anne: secretary@treforganladiesgroup.org.uk

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Saturday morning at parkrun

by Martin Jeeves

You may have heard of parkrun, the free weekly event that began in London and has since spread around the world. Cardiff's event is only about a 15-minute drive from Radyr, and everyone is welcome, whatever their age or ability. You can run, jog or walk the 5km course.

The event starts at 9am on Saturdays, beside the River Taff. Many participants park at Tesco Extra on Western Avenue and make their way over to the start. Volunteer marshals help keep the event safe and cheerful.

It is very popular: there can be 1,000 participants, so the start can feel a little cramped. But a bit of care and consideration helps everyone get away smoothly. Some people bring dogs on short leads or children in pushchairs—even twins! There are also parkrun tourists, who visit different events around the UK and beyond. You might even spot a local councillor or a national weather forecaster.

The Cardiff course is flat, tarmacked and attractive. It follows the river past the weir, loops around Bute Park and returns along the same path. Those of us pottering out often meet the leaders already on their way back. When events in Bute Park make the usual route unavailable, an alternative course is used on the west side of the Taff.

"Run" is something of a misnomer in my case: I have recently been beaten by a six-year-old and a three-legged dog. Even so, 5km is a substantial distance, so it is sensible to consider your own fitness before setting off. The online Couch to 5K programme is a useful guide if you're starting out.

You can take part without registering, but if you register online and bring your barcode, you'll receive a result afterwards. This includes your time and position, along with a breakdown by age group and gender.

I once showed my grandson my age-group position: fourth.

"That's great, Grandad," he said.

I paused before admitting there had only been four of us in the group that day.



Bryn Deri Primary School Celebrates 50 Years



This is a truly special year for Bryn Deri Primary School as we celebrate our 50th birthday. On 1st November 2026, the school reaches a remarkable milestone, marking 50 years since it first opened its doors in 1976. Throughout the year, pupils, staff, families and the wider community will come together to celebrate this golden anniversary with a range of exciting events, including a commemorative school mural, special celebrations and, of course, some birthday parties.

Last month, we were delighted to welcome members of the Bryn Deri community, both past and present, back to the school. Visitors enjoyed performances by our talented pupils, explored historical photographs, documents and newspaper articles, and had the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates and members of staff. The day was filled with laughter, memories and stories, celebrating the school's rich history and the generations of people who have been part of the Bryn Deri family.

One of the most heartwarming aspects of the event was hearing how the school has touched so many lives over the past five decades. While Bryn Deri has grown and evolved since 1976, it was inspiring to hear that the values which make the school so special remain as strong as ever. The sense of community, belonging, care and ambition that has characterised the school throughout its history continues to flourish today. Looking back over the school's first 50 years, it is a wonderful reminder that from little acorns mighty oaks grow. What began as a new school serving a developing community has grown into a thriving learning environment that has helped shape the lives of thousands of children, families and staff.



No celebration of Bryn Deri's history would be complete without mentioning one of the school's best loved stories. When the new sloped roof was officially opened in 1994, the ceremony was marked by Welsh rugby legend and British & Irish Lions fly-half Neil Jenkins. As the story goes, Neil celebrated the occasion by kicking a rugby ball from the roof. Rumour has it that the ball still hasn't landed yet!

While we celebrate our past, we are equally excited about the future. Our pupils are researching the history of the school and look forward to sharing their discoveries with the community throughout 2027. One particularly exciting project will see children recreate Bryn Deri Primary School in Minecraft, building the entire site to scale as a digital tribute to the school's first 50 years.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we are also hoping the community can help us solve one of Bryn Deri's greatest mysteries. It is believed that at least one time capsule was buried somewhere on the school site over the years, but its exact location has long since been forgotten. If you are a former pupil, member of staff, parent or community member and

have any information about a buried time capsule, we would love to hear from you. An exact location would be especially appreciated, although any memories, photographs or clues could help us uncover this hidden piece of Bryn Deri history.

The school is also proud to be holding two Open Days as part of its anniversary celebrations, with one taking place in November and another in January. Staff are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents and pupils and sharing what makes Bryn Deri such a special place to learn, grow and thrive.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we would like to thank everyone who has been part of the Bryn Deri story over the past 50 years. From former pupils and staff to current families and friends of the school, each generation has helped shape the thriving community we are proud of today.

Here's to 50 years of learning, laughter, friendship and success, and to many more years to come. If you can help us solve the mystery of the missing time capsule, or would like to discover what makes Bryn Deri such a special place, we would be delighted to hear from you and welcome you to one of our upcoming Open Days. The best chapters of the Bryn Deri story are still to be written.







Techniquest at 40: The Radyr connections

The Techniquest Science Discovery Centre in Cardiff is celebrating 40 years since its first opening on 13 November 1986. There have been a number of Radyr connections over the years. Here they are described by Colin Johnson, a long-time Radyr resident, who was Techniquest's CEO from 1997-2004.



Here in St John St, opposite the Castle, is where Techniquest started – formerly the Wales Gas showroom, now Burger King. An early visitor from Radyr was Rosanne Holmes and her pupils from Trelai Primary School. She says "I remember it like it was yesterday and this was the first of many visits especially to the Bay."

The move to Cardiff Bay took place in 1988, and for seven years Techniquest operated in these premises.

Bailey's "heavy engineering workshop" from the 1890s provided the framework for a more permanent Techniquest, which opened in May 1995.



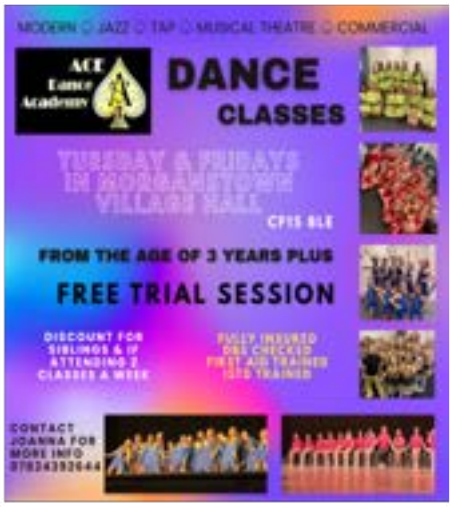
The design was by Paul Koralek of the London partnership ABK, and in addition to the exhibition space it features a lecture theatre, a laboratory, and a planetarium. At first the open terrace at the west end was used for Mathemagic in the summer months – a perennial favourite for maths classes from Radyr Comprehensive School.

Three other Radyr residents should be mentioned in



connection with Techniquest's past and present. Sir Martin Evans, winner of the 2007 Nobel Prize for 'Physiology or Medicine' has been the honorary President of Techniquest for a number of years. Dr Brian Delf became Techniquest's Education Director when it moved to the Bay, and was the first to lead the Master's degree programme in Communicating Science which Techniquest ran for ten years in conjunction with the (then) University of Glamorgan. Finally, Radyr Comprehensive School pupil Rob Wix, having worked for Techniquest in Cardiff became an education manager at Techniquest's centre in Wrexham which opened in 2003.

Today the building is entered from the east end. There is a nice coffee shop next to the dock, and the extension on the front provides extra exhibition space and new exhibits. Forty years on, and having received more than 7 million visitors, Techniquest is still looking good! If you are thinking of visiting, it's advisable to book in advance: www.techniquest.org.





Radyr Methodist Church

by Rev. Judith Holliman

Remembrance Day Mandala

As the sister-in-law of a former soldier and a minister in the Methodist Church I have often found Remembrance to be a challenging day. A few years ago during covid I decided to ask whether anyone would like to gather with me on the edge of Radyr Woods and create a remembrance mandala. I was delighted to be joined by a few others. This event has now grown somewhat and we tend to meet as quite a large group now, we all collect red leaves over the weeks before remembrance and then we gather, I say a few words and we create our mandala. You may have seen it if you walk that way.

We have found it to be a very



uplifting and yet spiritual way of remembering. We will meet this year on Remembrance Sunday at 3.30pm on the Sidings side of Radyr Woods you would be most welcome to join us, bring some red leaves (and a brolly if necessary) it would be lovely to see you there.

Empty Chair Service

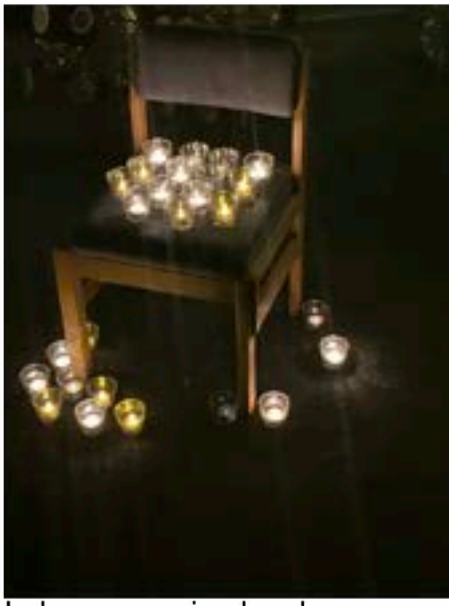
Some of you may well have noticed from our posters or cards that we hold an empty chair service each year.

This service actually started because of a family who I was caring for when I was stationed in North Wales. Their beloved son, Stephen, died and they said how will we cope with his empty chair at our table this Christmas.

I mean it was horrendous every day for them but Christmas was very acute and so we took Stephen's chair to church and held an Empty Chair Service. I found that it helped many more people than this one family to provide a space where folk could go to remember those loved and lost whether recently or in the distant past who would no longer pull up a chair at Christmas dinner.

The service lasts for about 45 minutes. We sing or listen to two hymns. I share a few thoughts and a piece of music and we read out the name of every person that is remembered and missed for those present in our service.

Everyone is given a candle as they enter the service and towards the end we all take those candles and place them around the empty chair that is at the front of church. People are then welcome to leave in their own time.



I always receive lovely feedback from those attending both church and non-church people and for that short time we form a tight bond of shared loss.

All are welcome. The service this year is on Sunday December 20th at 5pm at Radyr Methodist Church, Windsor Road, CF15 8BP.



Ysgol Groes-wen

Ysgol Groes-wen continues to go from strength to strength. Since opening its doors in September 2023, the school has grown rapidly and now proudly serves 218 pupils. This remarkable growth reflects the strong demand for Welsh-medium and Dual language education within the local community and the warm, welcoming environment that has become synonymous with the school. For families looking ahead, we are pleased to share that there are still places available in our Rising 3s provision, and we warmly welcome enquiries from prospective parents.

One of the highlights of this term was the tremendous success of Gŵyl Plasdŵr, which brought together pupils, families and members of the wider community for a day of celebration, entertainment and fun. A particular favourite was the visit from the Police Riot Van, which proved to be a massive hit with children and adults alike. Visitors enjoyed the unique opportunity to explore the vehicle and try on police protective equipment and uniforms, creating plenty of memorable moments and smiles throughout the day.

The Fire Engine was, as always, a fantastic attraction and remained popular from start to finish. Its presence once again demonstrated the strong support of local emergency services and their commitment to engaging with the community.

The event also showcased an abundance of local musical talent. Pupils from Radyr Comprehensive School impressed the audience with a range of songs that captivated and inspired younger children. Adding a touch of rock and roll to the festivities was Bollt, a talented Year 8 band from Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr, whose energetic performance was met with great enthusiasm.

The celebrations concluded with a wonderful performance from a local choir that rehearses at the school. Their repertoire included a selection of well-loved songs, featuring music by ABBA, before bringing the event to a fitting close with a stirring rendition of the Welsh National Anthem.

Events such as Gŵyl Plasdŵr demonstrate the strength and spirit of our growing community. It was truly inspiring to see so many people come together in harmony to celebrate local culture, talent and friendship. The school came alive with energy and excitement, and everyone left feeling that they are part of something very special. As Ysgol Groes-wen continues to grow, it remains at the heart of a thriving community where every individual is valued and where lasting memories are created together.



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WONDERFUL MOMENTS AT THE LAURELS NURSERY !!

What a wonderful and busy Summer we have had at The Laurels Nursery! The children have been enjoying so many exciting experiences over the past few months, with lots of opportunities to explore, create, discover and, most importantly, have fun!

Sensory and creative play are always a firm favourite, encouraging curiosity, imagination and independent exploration. It has been lovely to see the children getting involved and discovering new things together. Our amazing team have come up with so many different ideas, giving the children opportunities to explore a range of textures, colours, materials and experiences through their senses.

Our Chickens!

We have also welcomed some very special feathered friends to the setting — our chickens!

The children have enjoyed preparing vegetables and snacks for the chickens to enjoy. These experiences have provided some wonderful opportunities for the children to learn about caring for animals, responsibility and the natural world.

One of the things we love at nursery is being able to follow the children's interests and use them to inspire new learning experiences. Following the arrival of the chickens, our older children have shown a particular interest in birds.

They have created their very own birds out of loose parts and used creative skills to help feed the bird.

Radyr Chain Spring 2027

The next edition of the Radyr Chain will be published in March 2027.

If you would like to contribute an article, letter, event or photograph, our deadline for new submissions will be Wednesday 24th February.

You can send all submissions and enquiries to chain@radyr.org.uk

Friends of Radyr Comprehensive



The new school year has begun with a bang for the Friends of Radyr! We attended 5 information evenings for parents, selling snacks, drinks and pre-loved uniform. Thank you to all the fantastic 6th formers who helped at these events. There was a Halloween disco, held for the younger pupils with an abundance of ghoulish treats and music (and some pretty scary dancing!). We also held our first AGM. Not only did we welcome 6 new parents to the fold of tireless volunteers, but the meeting was attended by the new Head teacher at Radyr, Mrs Richards. We were very excited to present our constitution and showcase the fantastic contribution that the embryonic PTA has made to the school community so far. She came full of practical ideas and we enjoyed discussing plans for future long-term fundraising with her.

The fruits of our fundraising efforts last year have enabled us to provide a £500 grant for the drama department, fund a photo booth at the Y11 prom and we eagerly await the delivery of a new Ski Erg for the gym!

We hope to be able to support other departments this year, having already received requests from teachers for a sewing machine, recycling equipment and gardening equipment.

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Elementary, my dear Watson!

Although nothing is ever quite that simple when Professor Moriarty is involved…

Radyr Drama Society brings mystery, mischief and mayhem to Morganstown Village Hall with Ken Ludwig's Moriarty: A New Sherlock Holmes Adventure, from 11–13 November 2026.

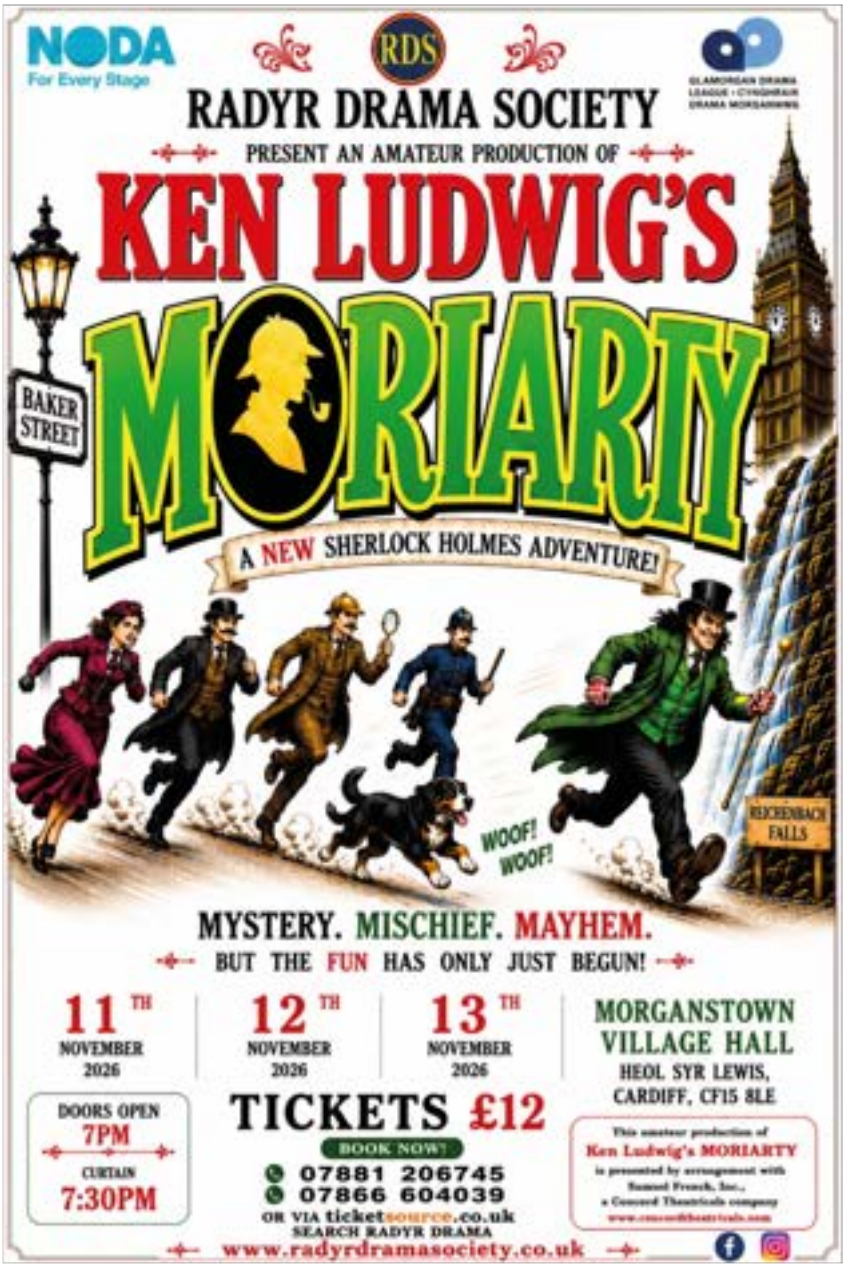
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curtain at 7.30pm. Tickets £12.

Book at ticketsource.co.uk, searching "Radyr Drama", visit radyrdramasociety.co.uk, or telephone 07881 206745 or 07866 604039.

Bring your friends. A magnifying glass is entirely optional.





Alzheimer's Society

By the time you read this, our autumn coffee morning may have taken place. It is due to be held at 10.30 on Thursday 19th November at Radyr Golf Club, if not we hope to see you there. You can pay at the door. We have also been busy making festive goods ready for our stalls at various Christmas Fayres including the Christmas Tree lighting event in the village.

Tickets are now available for the Cardiff Arms Park Male Voice Choir concert to be held in Christ Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 30th January 2027. This event usually sells out, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

New polling published by Alzheimer's Society shows strong public support for urgent government action on dementia. In a survey of more than 1,000 adults across England, 81% said dementia should be a national healthcare priority, while only 15% felt the government was doing enough to prepare for the growing number of people affected.

Alzheimer's Society has set out five priorities for Andy Burnham's government. These include a maximum 18-week wait from referral to diagnosis, a national dementia plan through the Modern Service Framework for Dementia and Frailty, a dedicated Dementia Tsar, and early engagement with the UK's leading dementia charities.

We are encouraged that Andy Burnham has spoken publicly about his father's Alzheimer's disease and his commitment to social care reform. We hope improvements in dementia diagnosis and care will become a key part of future policy development.







Celts Explorer Scouts Win National Film Competition

The Celts Explorer Scout Unit won the Every Child a Filmmaker competition, delivered in partnership with Into Film.

The competition encourages young people to develop their creativity by creating original film ideas and learning more about the filmmaking process. Explorer Scouts from the unit worked together to develop and pitch their concept, impressing the judges with their imagination, teamwork and storytelling skills.

As winners, the Explorers received a fantastic prize: the opportunity to have their idea turned into a professional film. They are now working with the team at Bulldozer Films, who are helping bring their vision to life. Over recent weeks, the Explorers have been involved in discussions about the project and have gained valuable insight into how a film is produced, from the early planning stages through to filming and post-production.

The experience has given the young people a unique opportunity to work alongside industry professionals and see first-hand how their creative ideas can be developed for the screen. It has also helped them build confidence, communication skills and an understanding of the collaborative nature of filmmaking.

The project is due to have been completed in September, when the finished film will be revealed, so keep an eye on the "Cardiff and Vale Scouts" Facebook page. Everyone involved is excited to see the final result and celebrate what promises to be a fantastic achievement.

This success is a wonderful reflection of the enthusiasm, creativity and commitment shown by our Explorers. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and look forward to sharing more news about the film in the coming months.



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Cawsom sgwrs hynod o ddifyr gan Llio James yng nghyfarfod mis Hydref. Roedd ei brwdfrydedd am ei gwaith fel gwehydd yn heintus, a dangosodd sut mae'r grefft yn cyplysu diwydiant a diwylliant.

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Radyr Comprehensive School

by Natalie Richards, Headteacher

Since joining Radyr Comprehensive School, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I have received. Whether from governors, parents and carers, community partners, former pupils, or simply members of the local community I have met while out and about, so many people have taken the time to wish me well and share their pride in the school. It has been a wonderful reminder that Radyr is much more than a school; it is a community institution that people care deeply about and want to see continue to flourish.

As this is my first contribution to The Chain, it is perhaps also an opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I have worked in education for over 20 years and spent more than a decade in senior leadership, holding leadership positions at Mary Immaculate High School and Cardiff West Community High School before becoming Headteacher of a secondary school in Torfaen.

Returning to North Cardiff feels particularly special. This is the area where I grew up, and when the opportunity arose to lead Radyr Comprehensive School, I simply could not ignore it. Here was a thriving and successful school, with a strong sixth form, talented staff, ambitious young people and a fantastically supportive community. It was an opportunity that immediately resonated with me and one I felt privileged to pursue.

Outside of school, I am passionate about sport, particularly endurance events. I am a triathlete, have completed a number of Ironman races, marathons, ultra marathons and have had the privilege of representing Team GB Age Group internationally. While these are personal achievements, they reflect a belief that sits at the heart of my educational philosophy: that ambition, resilience and hard work can

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take us much further than we often imagine.

It is a message I regularly share with pupils. Education is about far more than qualifications alone. It is about building character, developing confidence and creating learners for life. Every challenge we overcome helps us grow, and every opportunity we embrace helps us discover our potential. I hope our pupils leave Radyr not only with excellent outcomes, but with the confidence to believe that anything is possible if they are prepared to work for it.

One of the questions I have been asked most frequently since taking up post is, "What are your priorities for Radyr?"

The starting point is recognising that we have a strong foundation on which to build. Radyr is already a successful school with much to celebrate, and my focus is on strengthening and developing what is already working so well. I want every learner to benefit from the highest standards of education while ensuring that our culture of care, ambition and belonging continues to thrive.

Looking ahead, I have a clear aspiration for Radyr to be a pillar of our community. Schools have a unique role in bringing people together, supporting families and helping communities flourish. I want Radyr to be a school that is deeply connected to the community it serves and one that people look to with pride and confidence.

I am equally ambitious about the contribution our school can make beyond our local area. I believe Radyr has the potential not only to influence educational practice but to help drive positive change across Wales. By continuing to champion excellence, innovation and opportunity, I want us to be recognised as a leading school: one that others learn from and one that helps shape educational thinking and practice across the nation.

As Headteacher, I represent the education your child receives every day. Parents deserve to understand the journey their school is on, to celebrate its successes and to hear openly about its priorities and challenges. Whether through my vlogs, newsletters, parent forums or community events, I want families to feel informed, involved and valued.

Schools and families achieve the very best outcomes when they work together, and strengthening that partnership will remain a key priority for me.

I am also keen to strengthen our links with the business community. Careers education and raising aspirations are areas that I value enormously, and I want our young people to benefit from meaningful experiences that help them understand the opportunities available to them beyond school. To support this, we will be establishing a Radyr School Business Forum.

The forum will meet three times each year and will bring together local businesses and school leaders to collaborate on creating authentic learning experiences, developing careers-related opportunities and opening doors for our young people. Through mentoring, workplace visits, guest speakers, work experience placements and curriculum projects, local businesses can play a powerful role in helping pupils see what is possible. If you or your organisation would be interested in supporting this initiative, please contact Anna Knight at KnightA45@hwbcymru.net

I will be working closely with my site team and Cardiff Council to address a number of longstanding issues, including those relating to our swimming pool, and to ensure that we create the very best environment for teaching and learning. Our pupils and staff deserve facilities that reflect the quality of education taking place within them, and I am committed to working collaboratively to achieve that.

Throughout all of this, my overriding aim is simple: to build upon the school's many strengths while working with our community to realise its full potential. Radyr is a special school with talented staff, ambitious young people and a community that cares deeply about its success.

It is a privilege to lead this school. I am excited about the future, grateful for the support I have already received, and look forward to working together as we write the next chapter in Radyr's story.

RNID drop-in sessions offer free hearing checks

RNID, the national charity supporting people who are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus, provide free 'RNID Near You' drop-in clinics across Cardiff and the Vale.

In Radyr, the clinic takes place at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, CF15 8DF, on the second Monday of every month, from 10am until 12 noon.

After finding it difficult to arrange a GP appointment to discuss her hearing, a recent supporter of the service was delighted when, following her hearing check, the team at Radyr were able to directly refer her to Cardiff and Vale Health Board's audiology department for further assessment. She was able to move forward without needing to arrange a GP appointment first.

The supporter said afterwards, "The service from the team at Radyr was exceptional. They took me through my hearing check efficiently and explained everything along the way. Then we discussed next steps and how they can help. I cannot recommend the service enough!"

At RNID Near You clinics, hearing checks can help identify signs of possible hearing loss. Where appropriate, users of the service can then be referred directly to audiology, providing



a practical route towards ongoing hearing care for local residents.

As well as hearing checks and referrals, trained RNID volunteers offer free hearing aid maintenance, including replacement batteries and tubing. Visitors can also access information and advice about living with hearing loss and find out more about the support available.

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A continued walk around industrial Radyr

by Allan Cook

In the last edition I left you standing at the bar of the Ty Nant Inn looking up at an older facade of the building. It's worth walking a little way along the road towards the Ynys Bridge to see a whole array of buildings associated with the Quarry. The first building you come to is a lime kiln. Lime - for building and for agricultural use - was burned here. A story goes that in the Victorian period, an old tramp used to sleep near the kiln for warmth. He is said to have disappeared suddenly and all they ever found of him were the metal horse shoes with which he soled his boots.

Before the second world war the quarry was on the outside of the Lesser Garth. A slide was built across the road to transport the rock to waiting railway wagons on the Pugh's side. It was so low that they couldn't bring double decker buses to Morganstown. There are more lime kilns and various quarry buildings along the road.

Retrace your steps to the traffic lights and turn right into Ffordd y Berllan. At the back of the Ty Nant car park turn right along a footpath then after two hundred yards turn left and follow the path uphill towards Pentyrch. Once again you will find some buildings to do with the quarry. You are now in the most westerly beech woods in the British Isles and they are particularly lovely in April and May when the leaves are a vivid light green and the ground is carpeted with wild garlic.

About half way up this path you will cross a footbridge, originally over a railway line called "the Barry Batter". By the end of the 19th century David Davies of Llandinam, also known as Davies the Ocean after the collieries of that name - grandfather to the two Davies sisters who gave so many important paintings to the National Museum, had become fed up with the confusion on the Taff Vale Railway and in Cardiff Docks. He built his own railway line from the Rhymney Valley, which crossed the Taff Valley on a Viaduct at Taffs Well. The Viaduct was demolished in the 1960's to make way for the A470 but two of the brick supports still stand.



David Davies also built the port of Barry. The Barry line was never a passenger line, although we have anecdotal evidence of the line being used by Sunday School outings to Barry Island. From the footbridge you look down at the sealed off tunnel entrance on the western side.

Carry on uphill to a finger post. At this point you have a choice of routes. The path to your right takes a rough track between the two quarries. If you go straight ahead and follow the path around to the right, you go past a second quarry. You come out onto a country lane from Pentyrch. Follow the lane uphill and to the right until you get to some gates. It is at this point that the two tracks rejoin. Go into the woods to the left of the gates. There are numerous pathways through this section of wood. Keep going to the right until you reach a main path which is fenced off as it is the top edge of the main quarry. Follow this path slightly downhill until you get to a metal viewing platform. From this viewing platform you get incredible views into the main quarry, over Cardiff, Flat Holm and Steep Holm and to the Somerset and Devon coast.

Either retrace your path or you can follow the path until it brings you out in Gwaelod y Garth.

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Shine Theatre Group

by Hannah Williams and selected members of Shine



This term has started with a bang across all groups “MINI Stars”, “Sunshines” and “Diamonds”. We have 2 excellent Musical Theatre productions being prepared for the stage at Savoy Theatre in 2027, Aladdin jr and Legally Blonde jr. In addition, Shine has extended tuition for LAMDA Musical Theatre exams this term into peripatetic provision of 1 on 1 lessons at Radyr comprehensive so that young people can attend sessions at school. Thanks to the Drama department at Radyr comprehensive for enabling this.

Instead of detailing our session times and show details, all of which can be found on our social media - instagram @shine_theatre_cardiff we thought it would be best to hear from the real stars of Shine, our members. Here is a selection of contributions in our performers’ own words from our oldest to our youngest…

Seren. Age 18, Diamond from St David’s college

Being part of Shine has given me so many lovely experiences and memories, and it’s somewhere I’ve been able to grow in confidence and challenge myself. I have met the most amazing people at Shine who are always so supportive and caring, no matter what. I love being able to perform, work with everyone and be part of something we all put so much effort into. Over the last year, I’ve had the opportunity to play some amazing roles, and I have just been cast as Elle Woods in Legally Blonde, which I am so excited to start rehearsing for! I’m so grateful for all the support, opportunities and friendships Shine has given me, and I can’t wait to make more memories with the best people.

Levi. Age 15, Diamond from Radyr Comprehensive

My experience in Shine so far has been the best journey, the environment is so amazing and the people are even better. In Shine I have been given opportunities like never before and have been able to really find out how much I love acting. Shine has helped me find myself, with all the amazing people around and amazing teachers. I always look forward to going. The effort that is put into the shows is amazing and all the teachers are amazing, we wouldn't have been able to do an amazing show just last year if it weren't for all of them. Last year I played Shrek, I got so much support if I got stressed or worried that I wouldn't sound good but they reassured me every time that I am not. So I just want to thank Shine for all it has brought me.

Nylah. Age 12, Diamond from Radyr Comprehensive

Shine is an amazing performing arts school and a brilliant experience. As I love Shine so much, I am doing LAMDA exams with Shine, too. I’ve met lots of new friends and played lots of different roles including Officer Ward in Annie, a Storyteller in Shrek and will be Pilar in Legally Blonde our upcoming show. We have fun each and every week. In Shine, we do shows twice a year but we do get time to relax, grow as performers and always support each other every step of the way. Shine is somewhere you don’t have to hide behind a curtain, it’s where you can be who you are without hiding.

Lola. Age 12, Diamond from Radyr Comprehensive

Shine has been such a fun part of my week since I joined in 2024. I have so much fun every time with all of my friends and seeing everyone with all of the talent they have. The teachers are amazing. They help if you're scared by being so kind and caring. They are such a big part of Shine - they make the shows the best they can be every time. When Shine ends I can't wait till I go back again. I'm always so excited for Shine every day and I am so grateful for all of the opportunities I have got from Shine. It's an amazing and welcoming place to everyone. I've got way more confident since I joined.

Mila. Age 11, Diamond from Radyr Comprehensive

I think joining Shine was a great choice, having been to other groups before. It's built my confidence - everyone has been so supportive! I'd definitely recommend getting involved! The standard of the shows is amazing! The sets are so great and everyone gets the chance to be involved! I especially loved playing Dragon in Shrek Jr. but have enjoyed every show we've done.

Lucy. Age 11, Sunshine from Bishop of Llandaff High school

I love being a part of a very creative team. I'm really looking forward to doing my first musical theatre show. I've already made lots of friends, Shine is such a welcoming place.

Ruby. Age 10, Sunshine from Radyr primary school

What I like about Shine is the variety of shows that we do and roles that we get to play. Being in Annie Jr was my first experience on stage in a role in a full show. I love learning how a show comes together and tips like blocking. I have good friends that go to Shine and I have made many new ones from different schools and years there too. Shrek Jr was fun. I was Pinocchio and I liked playing a fun character as I got to do a squeaky voice and wear a long nose! I like the summer shows too, we learn songs and dances from different shows and they all get pulled together into one. We are now doing Aladdin Jr in January. I have been cast as the Genie. I can't wait to have fun on the stage. Shine has boosted my confidence and it makes me excited for every Tuesday evening!

Alfie. Age 8, Sunshine from Pentyrch primary school.

I've been in lots of shows with Shine and loved all of them. I particularly liked being Fred in the Sound of Music! Doing Shine every week is really enjoyable, especially when we play musical statues. When we do the shows, I love being backstage and watching all the other performances. I'm looking forward to Aladdin Jr as I get to play the spooky voice, which will be really fun!

Calla. Age 8, Sunshine from Bryn Deri Primary school

I've been going to Shine since September 2024 when I was in year 2. My first show with Shine was Annie Jr and I got to play Usherette in NYC which was really cool! I am so excited with our next show Aladdin Jr. and looking forward to playing the role Rajah. I moved from being a MINI Star to Sunshine group this year and I made lots of new friends from other schools which is really nice. Everyone in Shine is so lovely and always make me feel really welcome. I love playing the Drama game Splat, this makes everyone really happy, we have so much fun. I love going to Shine, it's given me so much confidence and makes me really happy. I think Shine is amazing!

George. Age 6, MINI Star from Pentyrch primary school

I enjoyed doing my solo in Oliver and being a little pig in Shrek Jr. I liked it when we did a dance to K-Pop demon hunters' Golden. I'm looking forward to some more dancing and singing in Aladdin Jr.

Freddie. Age 5, MINI Star from Bryn Deri Primary school

We do the best shows at Shine! I love show weekends they're just so much fun! We get to sit and watch the older groups, too, they're great! We play really fun games to develop our skills that are themed with shows. My favourite is "Shrek, Shrek can we cross your swamp?!"

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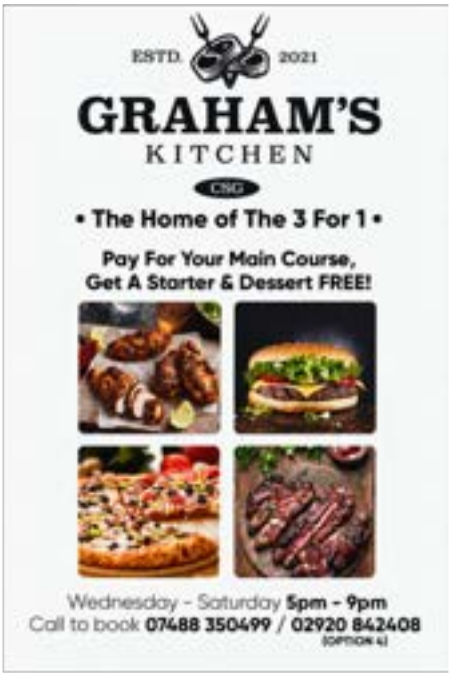
What a strange photo, you are saying!

Well it's our President Tina Moss and she is introducing some very lifelike cakes . Yes they are all edible! Please note our King Charles in the centre. We had a wonderful speaker who designed and made all these amazing cakes and has travelled the world exhibiting her creative talent.



Our WI has speakers every 2nd Monday of the month at The Old Church Rooms at 7:30. We have 2 book groups and a thriving garden group. We enjoy trips away and visits to local restaurants/ pubs . We also like to get involved with campaigns to raise awareness of issues that affect our country. For instance No More Violence Against Women which we will highlight again in November. (White Ribbon Day) .

If you are interested in visiting / joining us please contact our Facebook page or contact our secretary Linda Turner on lturner4@btinternet.com.





Parkinson's for Sport

On Tuesday September 29th, 50 Parkinson sufferers teed off for a Five Nations competition at The Belfry PGA Golf Course.

These golfers represented Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland and France. One of the golfers representing Wales was Nick Holmes from Radyr. At the end of day one Wales were lying second to Ireland.

On Wednesday September 30th, they teed off again, this time on the Brabazon Course, but they were not alone. This time they were joined by 50 celebrities and sponsors. The Welsh were ably supported by Dean Saunders, Lloyd Williams, Aled Brew and Rhys Priestland. The English had



Mike Tindall in their team.

At the Gala Dinner that evening, it was announced that Wales had won, to great celebration, taking the trophy for the third time.

Well done all the golfers and also the organisers who made it a wonderful event. Also all the people who gave their support to the players.





A view from the boundary

by Chris Hitchings



As I look out at slate-coloured skies and rain, this summer's heat already feels like a distant memory. For some of our cricketers, playing in black kit, it was almost too hot. A few sides decided to wear whites instead, prompting a scramble through attics and old kit bags. Younger players had never owned any; some of the older ones may still be waiting for their borrowed garments to be returned.

It got me thinking about how the club has changed since I first saw the ground in the 1960s. The original wooden clubhouse, provided by the Earl of Plymouth in 1905, burned down in the early 1970s. Sadly, many of the club's records, left there for safekeeping, were lost with it.

Today, returning members are often amazed by the two adjoining grounds, electronic scoreboards, covers, sightscreens and permanent nets. I wonder what the club will look like when it celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2045?

This year we have sadly lost three people whose names will be added to the clubhouse's In Memoriam board.

John Hedges played for the club in the 1960s and 1970s before moving to Newtown for work. He was my neighbour in Heol Syr Lewis and the person who first enthused me about cricket, taking me to games long before I played. Our condolences go to his wife Liz and family.

The second was a good friend from my time in London. Although he never played for Radyr, my stories about the club inspired him to visit when he could, and he became a vice-president. His sudden death was a great shock. Our condolences go to his sister Ruth and nephew Richard.

We also lost the much-loved Bernie Axel, a mainstay of the grounds team and a larger-than-life character. I'll never forget him driving the tractor at ridiculous speed, cutting the outfield without a shirt in sight. Bernie could repair almost anything and kept machinery going that would otherwise have reached the tip years earlier. He will be sorely missed, and we send our condolences to his family.

There has also been plenty to celebrate. A week after the final league games, the Women's XI, led by Lydia Clements, won the Welsh Cup for the first time. Lydia later captained MCC Women on their tour to Hong Kong.

Beth Gammon has earned a contract to play for Glamorgan Women in 2027. She has scored stacks of runs, and I'm sure bowling attacks across the country will tremble when she comes to the crease. Another of our talented youngsters, Lydia Bell, appeared at Lord's in a junior Hub final. Congratulations to all the girls and women who have brought such pride to the club.

Our end-of-season awards day was brilliantly compèred by chairman Jon Wilson and president Rhys Lloyd. It was particularly heartening to see young players among the winners: Bobby Burnell received the Midweek Cricket award and Lydia Bell the Young Player award. Lydia's father, Andy, added to the family celebrations by winning the Third XI award.

On behalf of Radyr Cricket Club, I wish everyone the compliments of the season, and here's to a wonderful cricketing 2027.

Cicchetti's new run club

A new community run club is getting Radyr moving on Saturday mornings. Paolo Florimonte, who runs Cicchetti on Station Road, has teamed up with local runner Harry Pearce to start the club, with Harry leading the weekly runs.

The club run starts outside Cicchetti at 9.30am every Saturday and welcomes all ages, with a walking option for those who would rather join in at a gentler pace.



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Radyr Comprehensive Sports

It has been an exceptionally energetic and action-packed start to the academic year for the PE department and our local sporting superstars.

The competitive calendar has been bustling. Students have proudly represented the school at 2 cross-country events, 8 football matches, 5 rugby matches and 4 senior netball matches, alongside offering inclusive sessions in basketball, mountain biking, badminton, gymnastics and touch rugby.

Cup Glory on the Horizon

The dedication of both staff and students is already paying off on a national scale. It has been wonderful to see so many of our squads successfully reach the next stages of the Welsh Cup in both football and rugby.

Our teams have also earned exciting qualifications for the Urdd 7s and Rosslyn Park 7s.

Individual student success



Erin Arthur (Y8) and Renayah Bailey- Lewis- Roe (Y7) have been recently selected to play football for Cardiff City U13s.

At the recent South East Championships, Ava Joseph and Alais Thomas (Y10) competed in the Silver gymnastics category, where Ava earned the title of South East Champion and Alais secured a silver medal. In the Bronze category, Anya McShane (Y10) and Lyla Whiffin (Y9) both delivered stellar performances, topping the competition to become joint South East Champions.

Freya Thomas (Y11) has been selected for the U15 Wales



Netball team.

Lydia Bell (Y11) has been selected as captain for the U15 South Wales MCC squad.

Olivia Ling (Y12) represented Wales in Triathlon at the National School Games.

Tristan Wilson (Y10) has just completed a year playing football for Wales Schools at U14.

Griff Gibbs, Selwyn Jones, Sonny De Maid, Zac Daly and Zac Roberts (Y11) have successfully secured places in the Dewar Shield squad.

Seren Thomas (Y11) has just returned from the U17s Wales camp in Portugal, and she has also just signed to play for Cardiff City Women's team.

Carys Hughes (Y12) is an endurance cyclist for the Avia Rudyco Cycling Team. Carys had an incredibly successful summer securing the U17 general classification and a stage win at the European Junior Cycling Tour in Assen, Netherlands.

We are exceptionally proud of the dedication, teamwork, and resilience our students



consistently show through their achievements in sport outside of school.

A Community Effort

None of this would be possible without the unwavering backing of our school community. The PE department would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents and guardians for their incredible commitment—whether that means cheering



from the sidelines on chilly afternoons or providing crucial lifts to away fixtures.

Can You Help Us Go the Extra Mile?

With the rising costs of fuel and coach hire for away fixtures—alongside an urgent need for brand-new kits for several expanding teams—we are actively looking for local businesses and community partners to sponsor our squads. We are currently seeking dedicated sponsors for the following specific team kits:

- Girls' Football Shirts
- Boys' Football Shirts
- Boys' Rugby Shirts

This extensive regional and national exposure offers sponsors a fantastic opportunity to reach a wide and engaged audience.

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