

# **The Radyr & Morganstown Association**

## **(A Civic Society affiliated to the Civic Trust of Wales)**

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### **Radyr and Morganstown Association Newsletter to Members**

The summer has come to an end with some successful events in the village – the 2012 Festival, which raised over £4500 for the George Thomas Hospice, a grand Jubilee Celebration organised by the Community Council, the re-opening of Radyr Library, the home international at Radyr Golf Club, the upgrading of the Tennis Club and our local dance group, Dance Angels, performing in Paris. And of course it was Olympic year.

But amongst the good news, we do have some concerns. We note with some alarm the recent imposition of a £1.50 charge for dispensing cash from the machine in Station Road, we deplore the continued closure for two days of NatWest bank, and the loss of the café and green grocers shop is very worrying. All these matters are the subject of discussion on the soapbox on the website. However there is good news on the last item as a contract is about to be signed for these premises. Watch this space!

Preparations are well on for the joint R&MCC and R&MA Christmas event around the village –the lighting of Christmas trees at the Granny Park, Morganstown, Lychgate Gardens and Windsor Gardens on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Additional decorative lights will appear in Station Road, thanks to the R&MCC, and we, of course, will be putting up the trees above the shops. This will be a special evening and we hope that the weather will come to the party! Jason Mohammad of BBC Wales will switch on the lights. The City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Brass Band and Chris Dale will provide all the music, and the two primary schools will perform carols at the three locations. And, naturally, Father Christmas will arrive in his sleigh! There will be stalls, food and a bar and a goodly number of the shopkeepers will be decorating their windows and staying open late for the occasion. A leaflet distribution will take place during the next couple of weeks, if you can help with this please get in touch with David Cargill – 2084 2034 or [d.cargill@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.cargill@ntlworld.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

Consideration is being given by the Association and other bodies to Cardiff Council's new Local Development Plan. It is proposed to develop the area between Pentrebanne and the Llantrisant Road with some 7500 houses, and a further 750 houses in the Creigiau area. This would have a dramatic impact on our village – transport, schools, shops, leisure facilities and loss of green fields around the area. A number of meetings are being held to discuss the Plan and opposition is being countered by local groups.

Although this scale of development is not inevitable, Cardiff Council is being pressured by the Welsh Government to provide another 45000 homes over the next 20 years. Initially Cardiff Council were planning a smaller number of houses on brown field land, but this was not accepted by the Welsh Government who insisted on a more expansive plan. Radyr Golf Club have taken advice as it is more than likely that houses will be built along the perimeter of their land, resulting in having to relocate part of the golf course! The traffic bottleneck through Llandaff will be greatly exacerbated and the “short cut” through Heol Isaf worsened. There are talks of opening the railway line through Creigiau and a link road to the M4, but

this is all speculation. Your views should be communicated to either R&MCC or Cardiff Council who are holding meetings to discuss this urgent matter. The deadline for their response is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Further details can be found on the village website – [www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk).

The planning of events for the 2013 May Festival is now well underway. Tenovus is the chosen charity. The theme for the Parade is “Colours of the World” and we are discussing with the two primary schools how they might use this as a school project with each class taking on a colour. Allan Cook has already started to put together a number of arts events. We are working with the local Tenovus group to make next year’s Festival one to remember!

We have been discussing with the local library staff the idea of having village organisations taking space in the library to meet the community on a Saturday morning. This is to make people more aware of the various organisations and encourage more volunteers for these worthwhile groups.

The Association’s next meeting is being held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November starting at 19:30 in the OCR when Rhys Jones of BBC Wales will be giving a talk on his programmes “Rhys to the Rescue” and “Rhys Jones’ Wildlife Patrol”



Again we remind residents that the Association is looking for new members, especially younger people who are prepared to help organise, assist in events or just sit on committees, are all very welcome. Please get in touch with our Chairman, Cyril Williams, 2084 2250, or our secretary, Nick Hawkins, [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk).