

# Chernobyl...

By Sir Martin Evans.



Martin and Simon

*Martin Evans won the Nobel prize and was knighted for his work on the Physiology of Medicine. He visited Chernobyl, with his son Simon, in the autumn of 2106. He lives in Windsor Road, Radyr.*

**At the end of October, 2016, I was delighted to have the opportunity to visit Chernobyl. This is the site where just over thirty years ago – on 26th April, 1986 – there was a disastrous accident in a Soviet nuclear reactor which spilt huge and dangerous amounts of radioactive materials in a great cloud across Europe. This even spread to North Wales where the nuclear fallout meant that sheep grazing in some areas were, until very recently, too contaminated to be allowed to enter the food chain.**

This is now the focus of an international consortium constructing a massive cover to contain it safely for at least the next hundred years. I was anxious to see this arch – a 36,000-ton mega structure – before it finally slid into place and to get a last glimpse of the destroyed nuclear reactor before it was covered from further view forever.

My son Simon was able to arrange an official visit for me. He is head of the Chernobyl Shelter Fund of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and manages the funding for the project which comes from donations by 45 countries. As Hans Blix, their

Chairman, said – ‘A nuclear accident anywhere is a nuclear accident everywhere’.

This accident released more than 400 times the contamination of the Hiroshima bomb; but it wasn't a nuclear explosion. Runaway heating of the nuclear fuel led to a huge steam explosion blowing the lid off the reactor and spewing the contents into the air. This was followed by a massive fire kept going by the molten nuclear fuel and the graphite in the reactor. Only a few people were killed by the immediate effects of the explosion – mainly the

hazards are both widely exaggerated and also played down but a careful World Health Organisation study suggests that there may be some 4000 premature deaths. What is agreed by everyone is that it is essential to stop further danger from further nuclear spillage from this wrecked reactor.

In the aftermath of the accident the Soviet authorities did a magnificent job of stopping the fire, quenching any possible nuclear reaction, clearing major contamination around the plant and shoring up and enclosing the shattered nuclear



The 36,000 ton steel arch nearing completion. Photo courtesy of EBRD

Below: Dodgem cars set up for the May Day Festival unused and abandoned after the disaster



extremely brave firemen who tackled the blaze, getting lethal doses of radiation. Many others suffered from some immediate effects of the radiation and radioactive contamination. There is now a 1000 square mile exclusion zone where there are still dangerously high levels of radioactive contamination. This includes the showcase modern city of Pripyat which housed the people working in the plant and which was hurriedly evacuated and is now a ghost town.

As it is such an emotive and political subject, the downstream health

power plant in a steel and concrete ‘sarcophagus’ which prevented further debris being released and provided a radiation shield. It is worth remembering that this took the efforts of 480,000 people known as the Liquidators who were drafted in to work on this – often in short rotas because of the highly radioactive conditions.

Now, thirty years on, the protective structure is near to collapse. So it is being enclosed in a huge new stainless steel shield costing \$1.5 billion and funded by an international consortium.

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# RADYR CHAIN



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## A Big Year for Snowsill

With the Women's Rugby World Cup fast approaching, all eyes will be on Dublin in August as the best teams in the world compete to be crowned champions. Wales have been drawn in a formidable group alongside world number one New Zealand and third ranked Canada. Hoping to assist Wales in their challenge is Bristol and Dragons fly half Elinor Snowsill, who already has 34 Welsh caps and two World Cups under her belt.

Growing up in Radyr, Elinor was sports mad and spent a lot of her time both playing and coaching at Radyr Tennis Club. When she wasn't playing tennis, she could be found kicking a ball around in the garden with her brother Aron. After playing football for the majority of her younger years, she made the switch to rugby at the age of 17 and quickly progressed through the ranks to captain Wales U20.



After studying psychology at Loughborough University, Elinor returned to Radyr and set up the health food business, Onest Food. Using her experience of being an



elite athlete, as well as being the daughter of chef Nerys Howell, Elinor educates and up-skills people to eat healthier by providing nutrition workshops. The challenge she and the rest of the Wales women's rugby team face is juggling full time work with training and competing at international level.

Elinor is paving the way for female rugby players in Wales who, unlike their English counterparts, don't receive any financial support. The first Welsh female player to be signed by a management company, Elinor and 17 Management are currently looking for sponsors to support her dream of training full time, with the end goal of reaching the Great Britain squad for Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Before then is the small matter of the Women's Six Nations, with Wales starting their campaign away to Italy at the start of February. With BT Sports Cardiff Arms Park being announced as the new home of Welsh women's rugby, you can now support the girls in two huge games against England (11th Feb) and Ireland (11th March). With three

wins out of three so far under new Head Coach Rowland Phillips, it is set to be a very exciting year for our Welsh women.

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## COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website [www.Radyr.org.uk](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

**Tue 7 Feb** 20.00 - 21.30 YOGA CLASS. Radyr Guide Centre. £7.00 drop in or £30 for 5 classes. Hatha Yoga class to include pranayama, relaxation and meditation. Contact Sarah Tovey for information and to book [sarah.tovey@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.tovey@btinternet.com) Mob: 07593 597425. Also 14/21/28 Feb. 7/21/28 Mar.

**Wed 8 Feb** 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society. Remembering the Withered Arm. OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

**Wed 8 Feb** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "Life of a Tree Surgeon" an illustrated talk by Trevor Coles.. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Details - Richard Gregory 029 20842084

**Thur 9 Feb** 19:30 History Society History Society AGM. Followed at 8 p.m. by a showing of the Imperial War Museum's film on THE SOMME (Dur 1 hr. approx). Old Church Rooms. All are welcome

**Mon 13 Feb** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI Our speaker tonight is Roger Swan, talking about "Cathays Cemetery". Visitors always welcome.

**Wed 15 Feb** 18:15 Festival Auditions will be held at Radyr Guide Hall on the above date. Open to girls of 10 years and over who live in the Radyr & Morganstown Council area and attend school in Cardiff. Must be available to attend functions during the Festival Fortnight from Friday 29th April until Sunday 14th May.

**Wed 22-25 Feb** 19:30 RPMG presents The Gondoliers. Radyr Parish Music Group present Gilbert and Sullivan's The Gondoliers at Bishop of Llandaff High School. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions Weds/Thurs only) from: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg> Maggie on 029 2084 2995 Sue on 07544 289 434

**Thur 2 Mar** 10:00 Probus Club of Cardiff West Radyr Golf Club. An illustrative talk on "Flatholm Island" by Peter Sampson of the Flatholm Society.

New members welcome. Details Mike Thomas 20408056

**Wed 8 Mar** 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society Tenth Anniversary Meeting - David Maidment : Early Days Trainspotting 1949 to early 1960s OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

**Wed 8 Mar** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "Colourful Dahlias for the Garden" an illustrated talk by Robert Evans(Pheasant Acre Plants) New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Details - Richard Gregory 029 20842084

**Thur 9 Mar** 14:00 Spring Concert in Aid of Tenovus Cancer care. Radyr Methodist Church. Concert features Howells School Junior Choir and will be followed by light refreshments. Tickets £10.00 can be purchased from Rosanne Holmes 2040 1872 or Howells School.

**Mon 13 Mar** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI Our speaker tonight is Fran Rushworth with her talk entitled "Dye Plants Gardening". Visitors always welcome.

**Thur 16 Mar** 19:30 History Society. Rosemary Scadden will give a talk WELSH GIRLS IN SERVICE. Old Church Rooms. All are welcome

**Thur 23 Mar** 19:30 R&M Film Club - A Streetcat Named Bob. Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4 Join our Mailing List - Email [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com)

**Sat 25 Mar** 19:30 R & M Twinning. Wine and Wisdom in the Old Church Rooms with cheese supper. Entry £8.00. 8 per table. Quiz delivered by committee members on a variety of subjects. Contact Maggie (secretary) 029 2084 2995

**Thur 30 Mar** 10:30 NSPCC COFFEE MORNING NSPCC coffee morning at Radyr Golf Club - cakes, tombola,jewellery, raffle

**Mon 3 April** 19:30 RMA AGM. Come along to the R&M Association AGM in the Old Church Rooms to hear what happened in the last year and the plans for the future. Election of Committee. Drinks & nibbles served after the meeting. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) for further details.

**Mon 10 April** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI Tonight Christina Crowe will talk about "ITM Alexander Technique". Visitors always welcome.

**Wed 12 April** 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society. An Evening on the Welsh Narrow Gauge in the 1960s OCR - Details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

**Wed 12 April** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. "The National Gardens Scheme" an illustrated talk by Rosamund Davies. Talk will be preceded by a short AGM New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. Meetings are open to all, visitors and new members welcomed. Details - Richard Gregory 029 20842084

**Thur 20 April** 19:30 History Society. Dr. Mark Redknap on THE LESSER GARTH CAVE AND ITS CONTEXT. Over the past few years there has been a major reassessment of the Lesser garth Cave (behind the Ty Nant Inn)Dr Redknap will bring us up to date. Old Church Rooms. All are welcome.

**Sat 6 May** 19:30 RPMG Festival Concert, Radyr Parish Music Group's annual concert as part of the R&M Festival. Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets and further details TBC.

## RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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Membership Fee: £20.00

Lunch: £6.50. Talk only: £2.00

### Winter Programme 2017

#### 7th February

GI Brides in Cardiff - Glenn Baker

#### 14th February

A Stage Manager's nightmare  
John Richardson

#### 21st February Half Term

#### 28th February

The Royal Mint in the 1st World War.  
Chris Barker

#### 7th March Trip

#### 14th March

Gladys Aylward's Story - Ann Rogers

Next Term begins on  
21 March, 2017

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We at RPMG have had a busy pre Christmas season. In addition to preparing for The Goldoliers (more of which later), we were rehearsing and performing 'Tantantara Tzing Boom', an evening of Gilbert & Sullivan music in a joint venture with Cathays Brass, a 15-piece brass ensemble from Cardiff. During that evening we raised the sum of £400. for 'Rubicon in Noah's ark Children's Hospital for Wales' who do wonderful work providing dance and music for children in hospital. The picture shows a cheque being presented to Tracey Brown, Mentoring, Training, Development Leader from Rubicon Dance.



Closer to Christmas we were delighted to be invited to sing carols for the residents of Dan-y-Bryn, an evening that put us all firmly in the Christmas spirit.

Now as the glow from Christmas fades, we are back hard at work rehearsing for 'The Goldoliers'. This typically Gilbertian tale is set in Venice, after 'an unusually wet season' as the Duke of Plaza-Toro remarks when he sees all the streets are flooded! We are having great fun recreating this story under the guidance of Linda Cleak our Producer and Charlie Rennie our Music Director.

We are delighted to welcome several new performers this year and we are all looking forward to creating an entertaining show for our loyal audience. Our production of 'The Gondoliers' is at the Bishop of Llandaff School from the 22nd to 25th February and tickets are now on sale. On the phone from Maggie on 029 2084 2995 or from Sue on 97544 289 434. Alternatively you

## TREFORGAN WI REPORT DECEMBER/JANUARY

December saw those at Treforgan WI fully immersed in all things Christmas. We started at the WI Tree Festival at Margam Park, where two of our members kindly took all of our hard work and displayed our pom pom themed Christmas Tree. Next came the Radyr and Morganstown Tree Lighting Event. Wrapped up warm and insulated with plenty of mulled wine, we ran our toy tombola. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces and we raised a fantastic £125. for St. John Cymru.

Our seasonal activities continued with a magical trip to Abby Cwm Hir. We went on a beautiful clear frosty day, travelling up past the lakes and Christmas card scenes. The house is completely decorated for Christmas, every room, nook and cranny is full o decorations, giving us all a huge source of inspiration (and relief that we were not the ones that had to do the dusting!). After a morning packed full of marvelling,

we enjoyed a lovely lunch in the village hall put on by "forks and fingers", a multitalented group who were also making some lovely rag wreaths. Carol singing in the bus on the way home was of course the only way to finish a day like that.

At our December meeting it was our turn to let our creativity loose. We had a relaxed afternoon creating flower and paper decorations. We also started our charity fundraising efforts. This year we will be raising funds for The Salt Peter Trust, a Radyr linked charity that works with women in Uganda. We got off to a good start selling jams and Christmas crafts.

Treforgan WI meets at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month at Morganstown Village Hall. Visitors welcome. For more information, look us up on Facebook. Our upcoming meetings are : February – "My Life in Hollywood" from dancer Rachel Williams and March – "What does she do in that shed" from Pat Johnson.

# Chernobyl

...from back cover

I flew to Kiev and was driven for two and a half hours mainly through flat, apparently sparsely populated agricultural landscapes then through a birch and pine tree forest until we suddenly arrived in the city of Slavutych where I was to stay.

Slavutych is the new city built thirty miles away outside the radiation exclusion area to house the population evacuated after the accident. In the morning we took the train which commutes the workers to the nuclear power site. I shall probably always remember my first sight of the looming hulk of the old reactor through the grimy window of the shabby rail carriage (reminiscent of some of the old ones on the Valleys Lines!), everything in that misty autumn morning seemed sketched in gloomy greys with the light arc of the arch beyond. I was excitedly looking forward to seeing this epic engineering feat; the greatest movable building ever and a triumph of international cooperation over adversity.

On arrival I was checked in and given a serious and extensive safety briefing, a high vis gilet and a hard hat and face mask and fitted with a personal radiation monitor. We entered the site through security turnstiles with radiation detectors which scan hands, feet and body for possible contamination both on entry and exit.

Once inside the arch towering over its huge concrete base, which could easily accommodate many dozen of tennis courts, you are clearly standing in a very well and neatly organised construction site. At one end stand scaffolding stairways equivalent to six or ten storeys high soar up towards the roof, in the middle a stack of carefully shaped and numbered lead bricks, to the rear the biggest imaginable mobile crane. Groups of co-ordinated boiler suited workers are scattered around busily engaged in various tasks.

All along both sides of the arch there are a series of large red storage chest-sized boxes equipped with hoses and with hydraulic rams. These are the motors which will push this

enormous structure with centimetre accuracy a third of a kilometre to move it over the old reactor sarcophagus. There are laser targets all along to allow the precision monitoring needed. Once when I bent down to look more closely at one of the red boxes my hard hat came in handy to save me from a jutting piece of scaffolding!

Turning to look outside through the end of the arch you can see a contrastingly shabby old industrial site with pylons, wires, bridges and chimneys. Right in front of you 300m away the old grey and rust sarcophagus with flat tin roofs buttressed sides and a tall, red striped chimney. Across the front of it is a newly built wall, which will be sealed onto the back of the new containment. As the arch will pass across the top of the sarcophagus it is shaped to just miss the structure and there are two enormous panels, which are raised to allow this. So we look out through the negative piece of a giant jigsaw puzzle that is just going to fit perfectly over the reactor.

Later we move over to visit the deserted ghost town of the evacuated Pripyat. There are roses, now wild and straggly along the main street which itself is so overgrown as to be more like woodland track. I am told the hospital is the most dangerously radioactive zone because that is where the firemen were treated. Preparations were being made for the May Day Festival but one of the most evocative sights is the never-used dodgems, swings and big wheel under construction. Supermarket, dancehall and swimming pool, apartment blocks and a lakefront resort – it's like a modern archaeology; strangely fascinating and sad.

I am gratified to be an observer here in the swirl of modern history. Monumental engineering, a terrible accident (the result of a flawed design and an attempt at improving safety), Stakhanovite heroic recovery and now a beautiful steel safety cabinet of unimaginably immense proportions.

I find that some places I have visited, a megalithic tomb, Herculaneum, King's College Chapel, Galilee,

Carthage, give me a *frisson* of history; so it is with Chernobyl. As I stand there amid the deserted town and the industrial wasteland, between East and West Europe, between old Soviet planned economy and present day attempts at rational and liberal international cooperation, between an heroically rescued disaster and its new shiny bright carapace, I feel for humanity for our vibrance, energy and courage against our fallibility and mortality.

**N.B.** BBC4 Inside Chernobyl's Mega Tomb was repeated at 8pm on 14th January. May be available on BBC4 I Player.

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## RADYR & MORGANSTOWN SCOUT POST 2016

This year's Christmas Scout post was again a successful fund raiser for the group.

I wish to thank the staff of the following local businesses for their efforts in selling scout post stamps this year:

**Ener-chi, Station Road**  
**Pugh's Garden Centre, Morganstown**  
**Pzazz Hair Designers, Castle Court**  
**Radyr Library, Park Road**  
**Solo Hair & Beauty, Main Road,**  
**Morganstown**

Thanks also to our Leaders, parents and the youngsters who helped sell stamps, sort and deliver post. In particular I would like to thank the volunteers that help sort during the day in scout post week. Without this help, we would not be able to cope with the amount of mail we receive.

Scout Post is organised by the Cardiff and the Vale Scouts for the collection and delivery of Christmas greetings in the Cardiff and Vale area. The collection and delivery of post is organised by local area scouts and voluntary organisations in areas where there is no scout group.

During this year's Scout Post our team handled around 40,000 cards in the scout hall.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Radyr and Morganstown for supporting their local scout group by purchasing stamps locally.

We look forward to your continued support again next Christmas. JBT

# News from Radyr and Morganstown

WI JANUARY 2017

Friday, 2nd December now seems a long time ago but the evening of the tree lighting ceremony was a superb occasion. The weather was cold, clear and dry and Station Road looked quite magical. Our WI's stall did a roaring trade in hot drinks (especially hot chocolate) and mince pies. The stall raised £110., which the committee has decided to donate to the National WI Denman Appeal.

On Monday, 12th December, the last meeting of 2016 was held. It began on a sad note when Enid, our President, reported that three past members, Jean Hooker, Barbara Brunt and Barbara Lewis had passed away since the last meeting. Jean Hooker was part of a group of craftswomen who designed the WI banner which hangs in the Old Church Rooms. Examples of her art work, needlework and calligraphy are still held in WI archives. Barbara Brunt and Barbara Lewis were loyal WI members and Barbara Lewis had served on the committee in her first period of membership. Members stood for a minute's silence.

Our Christmas meeting then moved into the social evening planned and hosted by the Committee. It began with two of our highly talented flower ladies, Anne McLarg and Marion John demonstrating some spectacular Christmas table arrangements which were then won by some lucky members at the end of the evening. I was delighted to be the recipient of one by Marion John.

A delicious selection of food, wine and soft drinks was then served. We followed this by three varied quizzes with a group price for the winning table. The evening ended with a sing-song of Christmas carols accompanied by Ros Bray. Well it wouldn't be Christmas without Ros on the piano! Thanks to her and all the committee for such a pleasant evening and a

special thanks to Anne McLarg and Marion John who had stepped in at short notice.

So here we are in 2017 and our January meeting has already taken place on Monday 9th. After the WI business, the President read out this year's resolutions from WI Life and members were asked to vote for one in order to determine which resolution our Institute wished to carry forward to the Annual General Meeting of the National Federation. The clear winner was the resolution "Equal Access for all who need specialized maternal mental health services".

The voting was followed by the speak for the evening, Mr. Lloyd Lee, who spoke on his varied working life prior to appearing on the London stage in a long-running one man show which he wrote himself entitled "Educating Charlie". Val Convery gave the vote of thanks.

The programme for 2017 is in place as are the programmes of the special interest and activity groups. The monthly meetings of the book clubs, walking, genealogy and craft groups have all resumed after the Christmas break. Social activities for the New Year include :

A visit to the Royal Mint on 17th February

The annual St. David's Day Walk from the Bay to Morganstown Village Hall on 27th March

The Glamorgan Federation Spring Walk from Caerphilly Castle on Friday, 31st March

A members lunch at Miller and Carter on 24th March

A possible trip to Stow on the Wold on Tuesday, 24th April

If you would like to know more, come as a visitor to a meeting. We meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.

Our email address is mail to [radyrandmorganstown@yahoo.com](mailto:radyrandmorganstown@yahoo.com)  
A Happy New Year to your all.  
L.J.H.

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### WAYS WITH VEGETABLES

We are encouraged to eat more vegetables, so I have given you three recipes with a difference which could be used as a starter or side dish.

#### Broccoli with Poppy Seeds & Orange (Serves 4 as side dish)

450g (1lb) purple sprouting broccoli  
25g (1oz) butter  
Grated rind of 1 small orange  
1-2tsp poppy seeds  
2-3 tbs sour cream

Cook the broccoli in boiling salted water until just done but still slightly crisp. Drain well and return to pan. Stir in butter, orange rind + poppy seeds until broccoli is well coated. Place in warm dish, spoon sour cream on top.

#### Sweet Potatoes with Yoghurt and Coriander-chilli sauce (6 as side dish, 4 as starter)

1kg (good 2lb) sweet potatoes, scrubbed and cut into thick wedges  
4 tbs olive oil  
1/2 tbs honey  
Juice 1 lime  
250g Greek yoghurt  
Extra virgin olive oil

#### Sauce :

2 garlic cloves, chopped  
2 green chillies, deseeded and chopped  
20g (3/4oz) blanched almonds  
Leaves from 1 medium bunch coriander  
5 tbs extra virgin olive oil  
Juice 1 lime  
1 tbs white balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 180/Gas 4  
Put potatoes in roasting tin  
Mix together regular oil, honey, lime juice and seasoning  
Toss with potatoes  
Cook 30-35 minutes until tender  
Pulse sauce ingredients in processor until rough puree  
Place potatoes in serving dish  
Spoon over sauce and some yoghurt  
Drizzle with extra virgin oil  
Serve with rest of Yoghurt

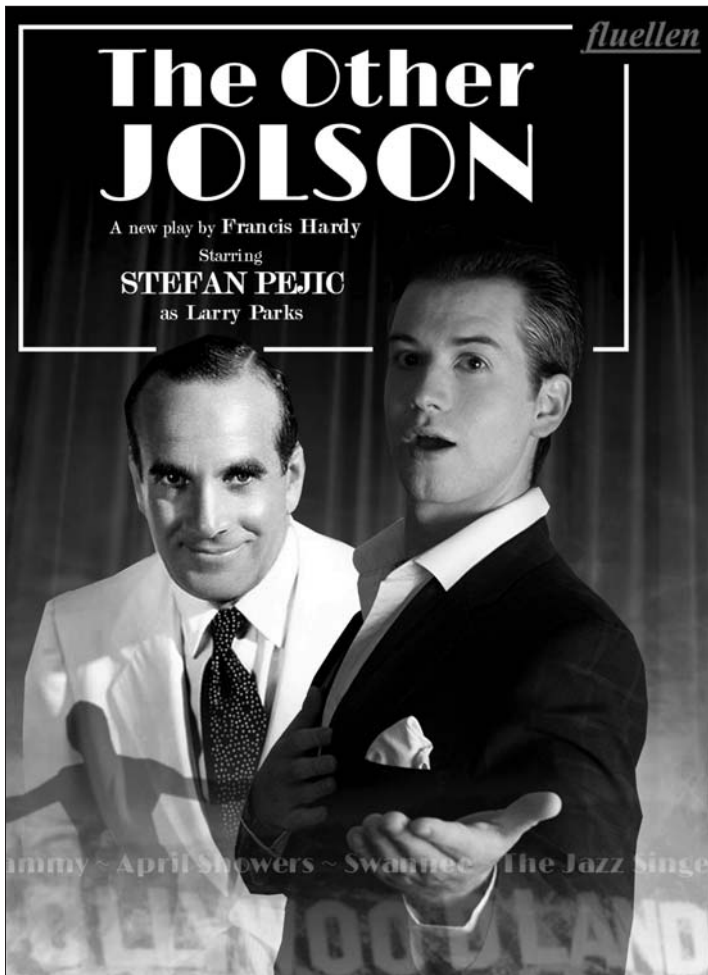
#### Broccoli with bacon (4 as side dish)

450 (1lb) broccoli (purple or green)  
Wash well and cut into florets  
1 medium onion, chopped small  
2 rashers streaky bacon, chopped  
Pinch nutmeg  
50g (2oz) butter

Heat butter in large pan  
Gently fry onion and bacon for a few minutes  
Add broccoli and nutmeg  
Cover and cook gently, shaking frequently, until broccoli is tender

A.M.P.

## Festival Arts



First indications of the Arts events at this year's May Festival are beginning to emerge. This year will be full of special events as the Festival will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. The theme of this year's Festival is "Superheroes".

Music will be well served once again. The two Friday lunchtime concerts will be a Greek Harpsichordist and a visit by the Welsh Academy of Voice.

Fluellen, who have brought us such timeless drama as *The Odd Couple*, *Under Milk Wood* and *The Corn is Green* will bring the world premier of a new musical about Andy Parks who played Al Jolson in two films "The Other Jolson".

For the first time the Festival is linking up with Acapela, that enterprising music studio in Pentyrch village to present Nell Bryden. This delightful New York chanteuse is the darling of BBC Radio 2 and is currently presenting a four-part series. Nell's Kitchen, on that channel. Nell's concert will

follow the ever popular Concert in the Park on the last Saturday of the Festival.

Other musical events feature a Male Voice Choir in the Golf Club on the first Saturday and the closing charity concert organised by St. John's Ambulance – who are incidentally this year's Festival charity – will include BBC radio personality Roy Noble and Only Men Aloud. It's hard to believe that Port Talbot has bred so much talent; Richard Burton and

Anthony Hopkins to name but two.

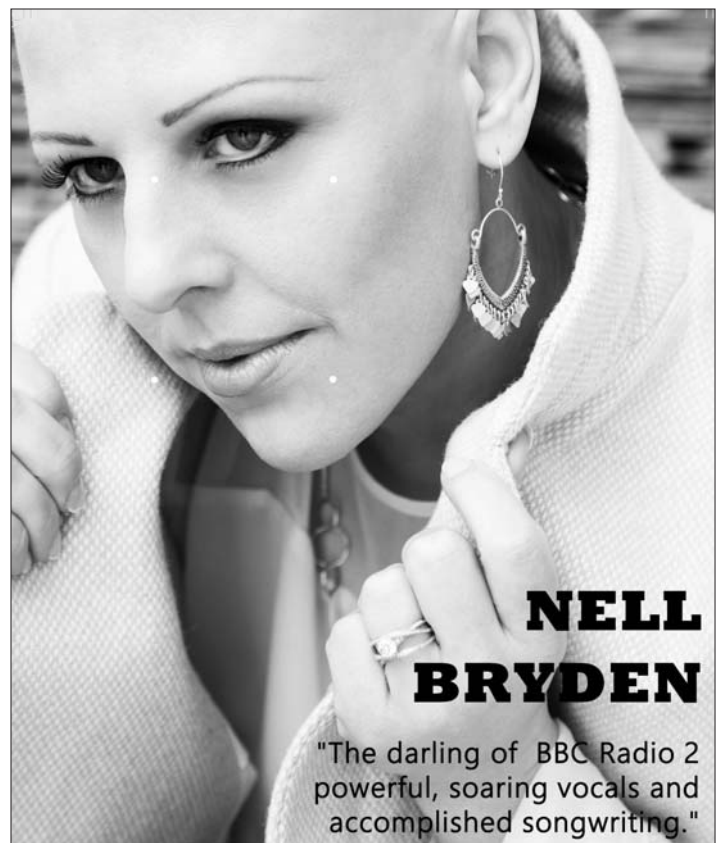
Angela John will give a talk on her book about this strange phenomenon, *The Actors Crucible*. Add in an exciting Welsh evening, a film, yet to be decided, a Jazz night featuring Cube and you have a busy and entertaining fortnight.

It's hard to believe that the next edition of the Chain will contain your Festival brochure. I hope that you are looking forward to the Festival as much as I am

## FILM CLUB

We are building a mailing list with the aim of involving more members of our community in our Club. The programme for the winter season has been chosen by the votes of everyone on our current list. If you would like to be involved please send an email request to [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com) to join the mailing list.

Our new equipment is so good you will feel you are in a cinema when you come to our showings in the Old Church Rooms. Join in the fun and get your tickets from Enerchi, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561 or Allan Cook 2084 3176



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## LOCAL QUARRY EXPLOSION

On the 14th October 1981 the Steetley Minerals Ltd issues a statement. The company intended to expand the size of the Quarry, which would involve the excavation of the southern rim overlooking Morganstown.

The Quarry will be working to the limits allowed under the 1947/1949 planning consents.

The Local Authorities do recognise the environmental impact on Morganstown that will result from the removal of the south ace with increase in noise, ground vibration, air blasts, dust and visual intrusion.

The Quarry Owners have indicated that this excavation is likely to commence during this coming year(1982).



## TEN YEAR PLAN

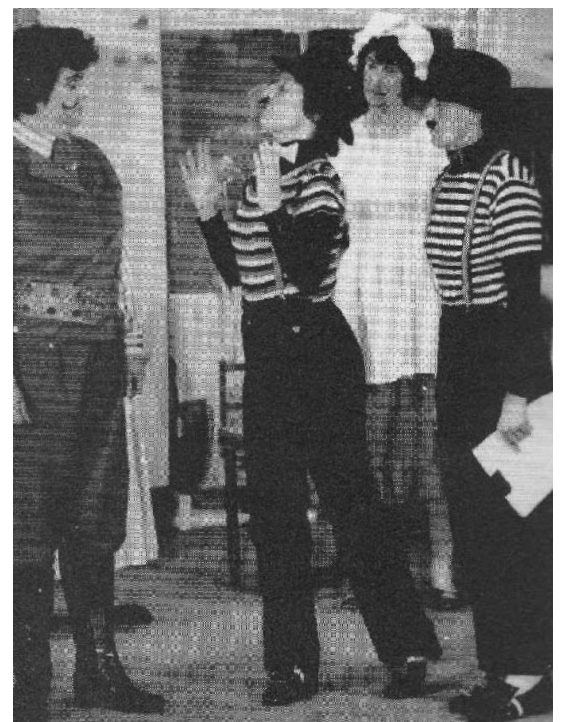
At a public enquiry held at City Hall in October 1981 Cardiff City Council proposed a massive development at Cwm Farm, which if allowed would treble Morganstown. Mr. Norman Saye on behalf of the Community Council argued that there should be no further development until the existing community is served with leisure facilities, recreation areas, shopping provision, consideration of the traffic congestion and the impact of the local quarry proposals.



## W.I. PANTOMIME

The WI performed "Cinderella" in Morganstown Village Hall. The show was stolen by the Ugly Sisters, Mary Pearce and Barbara Leigh, who never overplayed their parts!

The children responded to Connie Griffiths' Buttons and Mary Thatchers' Baron Stonybroke. The show script was written by Elsie Coombs, produced by Pat Jones and directed by Christine Davies. Credits were given to four men Meurig Jones, Richard Jones, Geoff Davies and John Lewis





# Edith in The Dark

NOVEMBER, 2016



Let me be honest. I love a good ghost story, particularly at Christmas. M.R. James, Provost of King's College, Cambridge 1905/18 used to 'entertain' his guests by reading his ghost stories by candlelight on Christmas Eve. And *Edith in the Dark* by the modern author Philip Meeks was almost identically set – on Christmas Eve 1909. There weren't any candles but the grey, almost sepulchral, attic room – Edith Nesbitt's writing room – was disturbingly decorated with dead flowers and lit by a dim gas lamp that provided a satisfactory gloom over the whole proceedings.

This was a brave choice of play by the ever enterprising Radyr Drama Society. With just three characters – Edith Nesbitt herself, played by Julia Hallinan; the enigmatic and decidedly chilly Mr. Guasto, played by Ian Ogden; and the slightly dotty (particularly when filled with spiced punch from the party downstairs) housekeeper Bidy Thricefold, played by Pauline Watson – it must have been a tour de force of learning. In the process of the play all three characters took on the persona of other characters of different ages, different sexes and different backgrounds. Talk about giving yourself hard work! It was a master class of acting.

The play was set in the attic room – wonderfully realised by Raymond Rivron and Allan Cook – as Edith Nesbitt, famous author of children's stories like *The Railway Children*, was getting away from her husband's boring drinks party downstairs. We never met him but we learned a lot about her sad existence, trapped in a loveless marriage and having lost her

only child at a young age. Mr. Guasto (an Italian name which apparently means rotten or corrupted) turns up unannounced having assisted a young lady, Lily Carrick, to a nearby room after she collapsed at the party. We never met Lily but her story was woven into the complex plot. Mr. Guasto says he is a besotted fan and asks Edith to read some of her stories, expecting a nice children's piece, but she responds by bringing out her earlier, much darker work. Each story, enacted by the cast, leads us deeper into the underlying ghoulish tale. "Death is the greatest joke of all", explains Edith, "the intent of my tale is to terrify". Even when she does read an extract from *The Railway Children* she distorts the ending into bloody catastrophe. "Well, it could have ended that way" she said.

And so the ghastly tales unfolded. Mr. Guasto, unless playing one of those characters from the stories, was always stony faced; a constant stare; almost grey himself. Edith thought she was orchestrating the affair with each story almost more terrifying than the one before. The light relief came from Pauline as Bidy. Concerned, scatty, long-suffering and often insulted by Edith, she just carried on – and we heard about her disturbing background as well. But there were jokes, macabre some of them and perhaps we saw humour where it wasn't intended, but we laughed anyway.

It all ended terribly, of course. Without giving the entire plot away, it appeared that it was actually Mr. Guasto and not Edith who was manipulating the circumstances and nearly everyone, including the absent Lily Carrick, was carried off to an early grave. It was a strange tale, interweaving real facts about Edith Nesbitt's background with pure fantasy. She didn't die in 1909 anyway, she lived until 1924.

The play would not have been to everyone's taste, but I enjoyed it. The joint directors, Ian Ogden himself (who, I understand, stepped in to take the part of Mr. Guasto late in the proceedings) and Gill Evans, are to be congratulated. It was a tricky play to set and realise but the action was swift and secure. Praise also for Tony Watson on the sound and Dave Burgess on lights. Tony must have

had a busy time twiddling knobs – with subtle background sounds from the party below to screeching plants and wonderful bloodcurdling screams (or was that the actors?). I tend not to like sudden and inappropriate lighting changes but Dave's setting was perfect for the occasion, highlighting individual characters where necessary and projecting threatening shadows.

I was a bit concerned when I read about the plot before I came, but it was a great play. Well done.

## Santa in Radyr

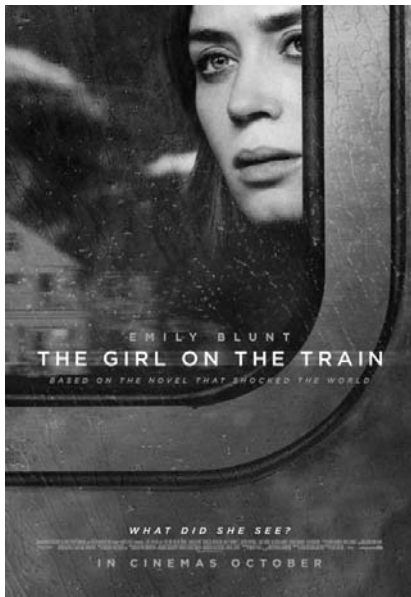


Once again, Santa came to visit Radyr and Morganstown to help switch on the Christmas tree lights and the lights in Station Road. And once again, the R&M Association and Community Council were extremely lucky with the weather. 2nd December turned out to be a pleasant dry evening.

Congratulations to both organisations on a very successful event, which is becoming a regular in Radyr's winter calendar. It is always a pleasure to see an event by two organisations pass off so smoothly. The Community Council organise the three trees around the villages and the lights in Station Road, while the Association organise the small Christmas trees, a sleigh for Santa and book his visit with the elves, while serving burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine. They also organise the numerous stalls, an opportunity for a little, not so, last minute shopping.

Many hundreds of people attended the event and when I left at about 9pm, a crowd of people were enjoying the mild weather outside Cecchetti's.

# FILM CLUB



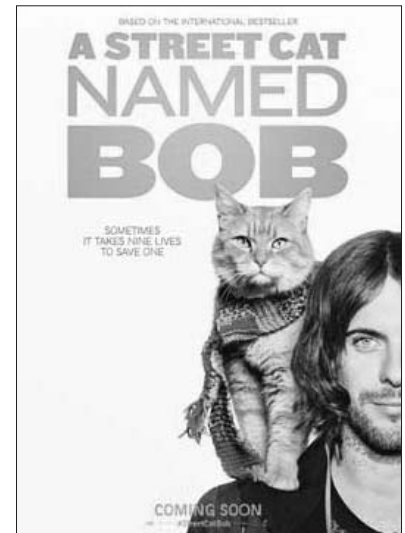
The next two presentations by the Film Club are *The Girl on the Train* on Thursday, 23rd February and *A Streetcat named Bob* on Thursday, 23rd March.

*The Girl on the Train* is a 2016 American mystery thriller directed by

Tate Taylor based on Paula Hawkins' novel of the same name. The film stars Emily Blunt as Rachel, an alcoholic divorcee who becomes involved in a missing persons investigation.

Every day she takes the train in to work in New York and every day the train passes by her old house. The house she lived in with her husband who still lives there, with his new wife and child. She starts watching a couple who live a few houses down – Megan and Scott Hipwell. She creates a wonderful dream life for them in her head, about how they are a perfect happy family. And then one day as the train passes, she sees something shocking. The next day, she wakes up with no memory of the night before. She has only a feeling something bad happened. Then come the TV reports. Megan Hipwell is missing. Rachel becomes involved in the case and trying to find out what happened to Megan, where she is and what exactly she herself was up to that same night Megan went missing.

*A Streetcat named Bob* is based on the international best selling book of the same name. The true feel-good story of how James Bowen, a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life



transformed when he meets a stray ginger cat.

All film nights are open to everyone, although it is called a Film Club. Tickets priced £4.00 can be booked on the door, but as some films sell out it is advisable to book in advance.

Tickets can be bought four weeks before the showing from Enerchi, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/ma](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ma)

All feature films start at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms.



**We NEED you.**  
**Can you HELP?**

**1st Radyr Scout Group** was established in 1962 and has been providing the children of Radyr and Morganstown with opportunities for 55 years.

**Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.**

As Scouts, we are guided by the following values:

**INTEGRITY** – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

**RESPECT** – We have self-respect and respect for others

**CARE** – We support others and take care of the world in which we live

**BELIEF** – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes

**CO-OPERATION** – We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends

All of the Scout Groups in the world would not be able to run if it weren't for the extensive team of people who help out. At Radyr, we have a very dedicated team of volunteers who help out on a regular basis, but we are always looking for more adults to make running the evenings easier and better for all.

If you can't commit to helping out weekly, there are still various other roles that most people don't know about and some of these behind-the-scenes roles require hardly any commitment, often as little as only 3 to 4

meetings a year. Whatever time you can give up, whether it be weekly, monthly or annually, we can find a role suited to you and your skills.

I myself have been through Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. Scouting has provided me with essential skills for the future and has really improved my confidence and I would not have enjoyed it as much as I have if it wasn't for the help of all of the leaders who gave up their time willingly to run the Scouting activities every week.

If you can help out, even just a couple of times a year, it would benefit the Group massively. I now help out as a Young Leader with one of the Beavers Colonies, so if you are interested in any of the roles please don't hesitate to contact my mum who is the local Group Scout Leader, Claudia Currie on 07740465779.

Many thanks, Sarah Currie (aged 15)

These are the current times that each section meet at:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Beavers</b> - 6:15pm-7:15pm Children aged 6 - 8 years old	<b>Cubs</b> - 7:00pm-8:30pm Children aged 8 - 10½	<b>Beavers</b> - 6:15pm-7:15pm	<b>Cubs</b> - 7:00pm-8:30pm	n/a
<b>Scouts</b> - 7:30pm-9:15pm Children aged 10½ - 14	n/a	<b>Scouts</b> - 7:30pm-9:15pm	n/a	n/a

## Remembrance Sunday 2016

Yet again, it was a glorious, late autumn morning, when many of the Radyr & Morganstown community came together to join in the Remembrance Sunday commemoration service and parade at the War Memorial on Sunday, 13th November.

It was especially pleasing to have, among the veterans and ex-services personnel in the parade from Station Road to the War Memorial, a veteran of the Dunkirk allied troop evacuation in 1940. They were joined by a contingent of Cardiff Air Training Corps, as well as members of the local Boy Scout and Girl Guide groups and representatives from the local Primary and Comprehensive schools. The parade's march to the War Memorial was accompanied by music from Cardiff Melingriffith band and followed by the arrival of the church party, including choir and local dignitaries.

### War Memorial and Church services

The outdoor service was led as usual by Canon Jenny Wigley, Rector of Christchurch Church in Wales, Radyr, assisted by ministers from the local Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches.

The traditional laying of wreaths was led by Deputy Lieutenant of the County of South Glamorgan, Wing Commander Gareth Chapman, who laid a wreath on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen. This was followed by the laying of wreaths by representatives of some 32 organisations, including local councils, churches, armed services and related units, as well as other local organisations, associations and schools. Following the sounding of the 'Last Post', the traditional epitaphs were read, before the sounding of 'Reveille' and the return of the church party to Christchurch. The more formal indoor remembrance service was again led by Canon Jenny Wigley with the sermon given by the Reverend Paul Martin of Radyr Methodist Church.

Following the church service, the parade – again accompanied by the Melingriffith band – marched on its return to Station Road, past the War

Memorial, where the salute was taken by the Deputy Lieutenant, Wing Commander Chapman.

### Thanks and appeals

It was gratifying to the organisers to see so many of the local community come to support what has been a traditional annual event in Radyr for many years; to keep alive the memory of those who have made personal sacrifices in the service of their country and in maintaining our own freedom and security. Thanks must go to the many veterans, services personnel, other individuals and local organisation leaders who supported the 2016 commemoration, as well as those who assisted the organisers by manning road closures, erecting and dismantling flagpoles and leading the parade. This important, traditional event is, however, at a potentially critical stage. As might be expected, the November Sunday commemoration event is naturally closely linked to the local area 'Poppy Appeal' collection, on behalf of the Royal British Legion. After, in many cases, many years voluntary service as local collectors and considering their advancing years, a number of collectors have made the decision to retire from this valuable work. As a result, the appeal and commemoration organisers are urgently looking for new recruits.

Local residents in several parts of the Radyr & Morganstown area are needed to join the area team for the start of the new 2017 collection period, starting later this year. Collectors are arranged in teams and will normally engage in door-to-door collection of contributions, usually in an agreed area close to their homes and over a period of two weeks or so, by selling poppies for buyers to wear during the appropriate period of late October/early November.

The Radyr & Morganstown area collection total for 2016 was a record £3,600., due to the hard work of the collecting teams and the generosity of local residents. If you would be willing to become part of our local team engaged in this really worthwhile annual project, please contact **Ian Ogden on 029 2084 8511 or 07711 713 176**. Your help and support in acting as a collector would be invaluable; you could

maybe form your own team among friends and neighbours! Help as road closure marshals on Remembrance Sunday would also be welcomed. So many service men and women have given so much on our behalf over the years. Please help us, through the Royal British Legion, to give them the help and support they need and deserve and to continue our annual commemoration in memory of them all.

## Dahl in Radyr



The Roald Dahl centenary year might be over but he seems to be as popular as ever as seen in the number of Dahl inspired children's shows currently on tour.

Saturday, 8th April at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms sees members of the Llandaff Society under the direction of professional actor, John Prior Morris, bring a programme they presented in Llandaff in the autumn, Roald Dahl, Llandaff Boy.

As well John Prior Morris the programme will include the chairman of the Llandaff Society and one time Radyr resident, Geoffrey Barton-Greenwood. Proceeds go towards the restoration of Insole Court. Licensed bar.

## Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

A ninne'n nghanol paratoadau Nadoligaidd, braf i Carys Puw Williams, Cadeirydd y noson, oedd cael croesawu llond Capel ar gyfer ein cyfarfod olaf ym 2016. Roedd pawb yn edrych ymlaen at y Cyngerdd yng ngofal Adran Delynuau y Coleg Cerdd a Drama, a dwylo medrus Caryl Thomas.

Daeth ag wyth o delynoresau yr adran atom a chawsom wledd wrth wrando ar eu datganiadau cyffrous amrywiol. Cafwyd rhaglen oedd yn cynnwys darnau traddodiadol Cymreig, i'r rhai mwyaf heriol cyfoes.

Roedd pob un o'r perfformiadau yn wefreiddiol yn ei ffordd ei hun a braint oedd cael ein cyflwyno i'r to sy'n codi, dan ddwylo sicr Caryl. Yn ei ffordd annwyl a naturiol, Rhian Dyer a gyflwynodd y rhaglen a phawb wedi rhyfeddu at ei doniau. Gwyliwch am y talentau yma sef Rhian Dyer, Hannah Willimas, Katie Bayliss, Alys



Huws, Eluned Hollyman, Anna Blumure, Carys Gittins ac Emily Rowe. Diolch i chi ferched am eich cyfraniad enfawr a phob dymuniad da i'r dyfodol.

Ond roedd gwledd arall yn dilyn, sef Bwffe Nadoligaidd wedi ei

drefnu gan y Pwyllgor! Diolch oedd ein rhan eto. Diwedd glo perffaith i noson a gofir yn hir gennym i gyd. Ymlaen i 2017 rwan!

### Radyr Methodist Church Charities Fair and Coffee Morning

**Saturday  
5th November 2016**

Christian Aid	£265.08
Scout stamps	£200.00
Guides	£180.00
George Thomas Hospice	£118.30
Traidcraft	£440.00
Tenovus	£251.10
Operation Christmas Child	£262.00
Pont	£90.00
Carefor Uganda	£88.50
Catwel	£35.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1929.98</b>

*Many thanks to all  
who helped to achieve this  
magnificent result!*

### George Thomas Hospice Care

On Wednesday, 10th August, 2016, the Radyr Ladies Committee held a Charity function at our local Italian Restaurant, Cicchetti. We had a great evening with good food and plenty of Italian wine. We filled the venue with sixty lovely people from Radyr and beyond. With their generosity, we raised £1,500.

On Wednesday, 21st September, 2016, we held a Coffee Morning at Radyr Golf Club. We had six stalls selling jewellery, cakes, crafts, cards and aloe vera. We were very well supported by the people of Radyr – yet again. They all enjoyed coffee and a chat with a bit of retail therapy! We were delighted to make £1,010.

All of the above is done with the help of the people of Radyr and we thank you all most sincerely for helping this very worthwhile Charity.

*Radyr Ladies Committee of George  
Thomas Hospice Care*

### History Society

The History Society have announced their programme for 2017.

**Thursday 16 February** AGM at 7.30 followed by a final chance to see the Imperial War Museum film of The Somme at 8 p.m. Approx 1 hour.

**Thursday 16 March** at 7.30. Welsh Girls in Service, a talk by Rosemary Scadden.

**Thursday 20 April** at 7.30. Dr Mark Redknap of the National Museum on The Lesser Garth and its Context.

There has been a major reassessment of the Lesser Garth Cave over the past few year's and Dr. Redknap will keep us abreast of developments.

All talks take place at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30. Non members are welcome.

The History Society have also announced their first two Summer visits.

**Thursday 18th May**  
The Royal Mint, Llantrisant.

**Thursday 29th June**  
Stourhead, Wiltshire.

If you are interested in more information or to go on these visits please phone Allan Cook on 20843176.

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## Equality First Success!



Congratulations to Tia who was winner of the Equality First Poster and Calendar Competition 2016. This is part of the Schools Against Racism Campaign. Tia's artistic skills and clever design won her £50. and £150. for the school! She was presented with her award by the Lord Mayor and was treated to a buffet reception! Her design will be displayed in schools all across Cardiff.

## Community Matters Celebrating 40 years of High Quality Education at Bryn Deri Primary



This year was an open day with a difference – we were also celebrating forty years of Bryn Deri! The school first opened its doors to children on 1st November, 1976.

We were delighted to welcome Mr. Paul Kite who was Deputy Head Teacher at Bryn Deri at the time and Mrs. Goddard remembered being accompanied by Mr. Kite as she and her class mates walked from Radyr Primary to their new school in Bryn Deri. Both spoke fondly of the day and the memories they shared of the school at this time and Mr. Kite congratulated the school on its many achievements.

Open Day provided parents and prospective parents with the opportunity to see the school as it is on a day-to-day basis, a chance to see Curriculum Plus in action and the learning environment that our children are able to access every day. In addition, it was a chance to have a tour of the new nursery building and listen to performances from Foundation Phase pupils and KS2 pupils from Clwb Cymraeg. Bryn Deri Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Esswood (highly

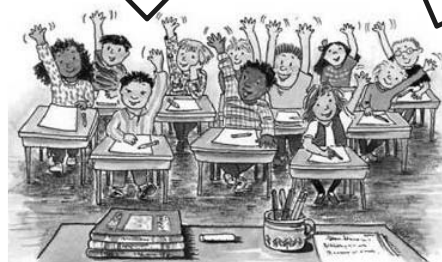


accomplished cellist and formerly Head of Department at RWCMD) performed very professionally in the afternoon. We were also treated to an inspirational performance by Mr. Esswood, accompanied by Mr. Walters (retired teacher of Bryn Deri and talented pianist). The celebrations ended with a special cutting of the cake by Mrs. Margaret Lloyd, Chair of Governors, to mark our 40th anniversary which was shared with family and friends, parents, staff, pupils and governors. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a special day!

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Come and try our  
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music, dance, ICT  
French – there is  
something for  
everyone!



## Volunteering...

**NOBODY CAN DO EVERYTHING BUT EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING!**

Have you been thinking about becoming a volunteer but not sure if you have the time or the skills to offer? ... You do!

All it takes is the desire to help and make a difference. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give on a regular or occasional basis ... you CAN make a positive change to the life of an older person in your community.

Older people are particularly vulnerable to social isolation and loneliness owing to loss of friends and family, mobility or income. Many struggle to get out at all without support, lose the confidence to meet new people, or even just make a trip to the shops. But you can help older people in your local community. Volunteer with us and be a part of delivering a quality transport service.

If you have over three year's driving experience and access to a car, help older people in your local area to get out and about by providing transport. These journeys may be to the GP or hospital appointments but also to the shops or to visit a friend – journeys that enrich lives and really add to the pleasure of daily living.

If a regular volunteer commitment is too much, then occasional volunteering could be for you. In return for your time, you'll have the opportunity to connect with others in your community, learn new skills, access training opportunities as well as paid volunteer expenses.

We simply could not make the tremendous difference to the lives of local older people without our amazing volunteers. We will work with you every step of the way to ensure you are kept up to date and supported in your role.

Take an active part in your community and connect with others.

Contact Samantha for an informal chat to find out more on 029 2068 3686.

## All Sorts of Worship



In the Parish of Radyr, we recognise that different people have different worship needs, so we aim to offer services over a range of days, times and styles at Christ Church in Radyr and St. John's in Danescourt.

The main **Sunday morning communion services** at St. John's (9.15am) and Christ Church (11am) offer busy, lively worship with a sermon and music and set out to provide for all ages. Sometimes they're led by the children or young people when we have celebrations such as Harvest or Mothering Sunday. Sunday School meets during these services and the children join us for a blessing at the end and to present something of what they have learned. There's always tea, coffee and squash afterwards.

**The 8am and 6pm Sunday Services** at Christ Church are quieter, reflective opportunities with a smaller group of worshippers. When there are five Sundays in a month, we use the fifth evening for

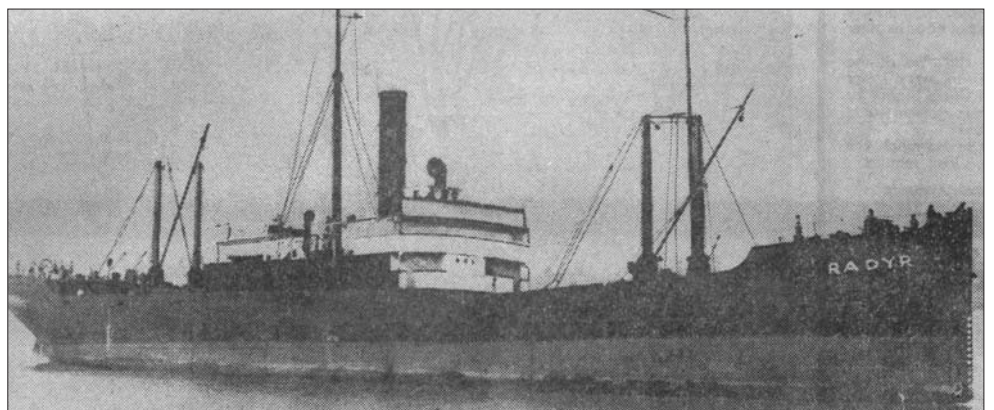
**Café Church** – coffee and conversation in groups of four or five people in the tranquil setting of St. John's Church.

**Mid-week mornings** are simple, short communion services (Wednesday 9.30am at Christ Church, Thursday 11am at St. John's). It's a chance for 20 minutes or so of gentle thoughtful worship – and a rather longer time for coffee and fellowship afterwards.

**Tuesday Evening's 'Simply Church'** is held in the Lady Chapel at Christ Church at 7.30am. This is a new venture, providing a different opportunity to be quiet and thoughtful. Each 30 minute act of worship is led by one of the members of our congregation (rather than the Rector), with a time to reflect at the heart of the service. It may be someone sharing thoughts on a picture, a piece of music, or a bible reading. You may ponder one of the 'big questions' of faith, or share prayer focussed on the week's news.

If you are looking for a place to sit and reflect, or would like to visit our historic buildings outside of the main service times, Christ Church is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. St. John's is open on the first Saturday of each month from 10am

## The Tragic Loss of the SS Radyr



The SS Radyr sank on December 7th 1929 off Hartland Point in the Bristol Channel.

She went down with all 21 crew in a fierce gale with winds reaching 112mph.

At 7.48 a.m. on that morning a wireless S.O.S. message was received at Fishguard Station from the SS Radyr: "We are off Hartland Point and require immediate assistance. Hatches stove

in". At 7.49 a.m. a message was sent from the Station "Do you want lifeboat or boat stand by." At 7.50 a.m. the reply received was "Require anything. Near sinking. Trying launch lifeboat."

The gigantic waves hurled back the would-be rescuers and the stricken vessel disappeared. More than half her crew were from South Wales, most of them were from Cardiff.