

RADYR CHAIN



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Festival Fashion Show

I was delighted to work with Sam from Samantha B from Ewenny on a Festival fashion Show. The lovely models were chosen with 'every women' in mind and all six were wonderful. Alison, Diana, Ruth. Sara, Sarah and Sue and I think Sam was pleased, as she guided us through the evening surprising us all with her knowledge of her stock. I thank her & Suzanne, who ran the dressing room so efficiently and I hope I managed to do justice to the one wonderful outfit I modelled for 'Guess the price'. I thank the Ladies of the Radyr friends of Tenovus & the



Gentlemen of the RMA for their support & help to raise money for Tenovus & the RMA Charity for 2016/17 St John Cymru. I also want

to thank Anne Silver, the official photographer for the evening, for her lovely photos.

Maggie Roberts

Hanging Baskets

Once again the Community Council and the Community Association have worked together on the hanging baskets for Station Road. The baskets were put up on May 22nd and the photograph shows members of the Community Council and Association taking delivery of the baskets. If you haven't noticed them as yet, look up when you're walking down Station Road.



Raising funds for the Little Princess Trust



The photographs shows two local schoolgirls, Isla and Amaya, who had their hair chopped off to raise funds for the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust makes wigs for children who have lost their hair because of cancer treatments and other illnesses.

The girls have already raised £500 for the Trust, Isla by losing 10 inches of hair and Amaya by losing a massive 13 inches.

The idea came to them a year ago when their grandmother lost her hair as a result of chemotherapy for breast cancer. Congratulations to the girls for raising money in such an unusual way.

COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website www.Radyr.org.uk

Mon 12 June 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI
Our speaker tonight is Jeanie Rebane with her entertaining talk about "Coincidences". Visitors always welcome.

Wed 14 June 19:00 RCTS South Wales - The Railway Society. Another SLS/Alan Jarvis Evening of Photographs. OCR - details Peter Fortune 2084 3090

Mon 19 June 19:30 RMA GENERAL MEETING
Come along to the R&M Association meeting in the Old Church Rooms to hear what is happening in your community. Our speaker will be Brian Davies talking about 'John Nixon and the Welsh Coal Trade to France'. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or rma@radyr.org.uk for further details.

Sun 25 June 14:00 Tenovus Sponsored Walk from Cardiff Castle to Radyr. Please meet at Cardiff Castle grounds at North Rd entrance. Free Strawberry Tea for all walkers. Please ring 20842096/ 20401872 All welcome. Non walkers welcome to Strawberry Tea (3.15 pm) at New School Rooms Christchurch Radyr. Tickets £5. Child £2.50

Thur 29 June 08:30 History Society. A visit to STOURHEAD. This National Trust property famed for its Capability Brown Gardens. Visit the House and Gardens. Coach picks up at several points in Radyr. Non members welcome. Details from Allan Cook 20843176

Tue 4 July YOGA CLASS 20.00 - 21.30pm Radyr Guide Centre. Cost £7.00. Hatha Yoga class to include pranayama, relaxation and meditation Contact Sarah Tovey for information and to book, sarah.tovey@btinternet.com Mob: 07593 597425

Thur 6 July 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk by Iwan Williams of the Older People's Commissioner for Wales Office "Older People Wales". new members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Mon 10 July 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI.
Tonight sees the return of our popular speaker Yvonne Rees with her talk entitled "My Mother was a Cook, my Father was a Butler". Visitors always welcome.

Tue 11 July YOGA CLASS 20.00 - 21.30pm. Radyr Guide Centre. Cost £7.00. Hatha Yoga class to include pranayama, relaxation and meditation

Contact Sarah Tovey for information and to book sarah.tovey@btinternet.com Mob: 07593 597425

Thur 3 Aug 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr golf Club. An illustrated talk by the Rev. Michael Wishart on being a "Royal naval Chaplain". New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Help shape the future in Radyr and Morganstown

Do you like living in Radyr? Are you enjoying life in Morganstown? Or is there something you'd like to see improved in our community? Either way, there is now a great opportunity for you to help shape the future of this wonderful part of Cardiff.

Following the local authority elections on 4 May, Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has a number of Councillor vacancies (five in total) which it is keen to fill.

The Council is particularly keen to hear from younger residents (above the age of 18), people in their thirties and forties, women - and people from a wide range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, to help ensure that its councillors reflect the diverse nature of the community it serves.

Applying to be a community councillor is simple and straightforward - and the present councillors are a friendly group of people!

If you want to learn more about the work of the Council - and how you could play your part - please contact Radyr and Morganstown Community Council's Clerk, either by visiting her office in the Old Church Rooms, or by contacting her on 029 20842213.

Helpu i lunio'r dyfodol yn Radur a Threforgan

Ydych chi'n hoffi byw yn Radur? Ydych chi'n mwynhau bywyd yn Threforgan? Neu a oes yna rywbeth yr hoffech ei weld yn gwella yn ein cymuned? Naill ffordd neu'r llall, mae yna gyfle gwych i chi i helpu i lunio dyfodol y rhan hyfryd yma o Gaerdydd.

Yn dilyn yr etholiadau llywodraeth leol ar 4 Mai, mae gan Cyngor Cymuned Radyr a Threforgan nifer o lefydd gwag (cyfanswm o bump) y mae'n awyddus i'w llenwi efo Cyngorwyr newydd.

Mae'r Cyngor yn arbennig o awyddus i glywed gan drigolion iau (dros 18 oed), pobl yn eu tridegau a'u pedwardegau, merched - a phobl o amrywiaeth eang o gefndiroedd ethnig a diwylliannol, er mwyn helpu i sicrhau bod ei gynghorwyr yn adlewyrchu natur amrywiol y gymuned y mae'n ei wasanaethu.

Mae gwneud cais i fod yn gynghorydd cymunedol yn beth syml i'w wneud - ac mae'r cynghorwyr presennol yn grwp digon cyfeillgar!

Os hoffech chi ddysgu mwy am waith y Cyngor - a sut y gallech chi chwarae eich rhan - cysylltwch â Chlerc Cyngor Cymuned Radyr a Threforgan, naill ai drwy ymweld â'i swyddfa yn yr Old Church Rooms, neu drwy gysylltu â hi ar 029 20842213.

RHODRI MORGAN

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Rhodri Morgan.

He took a great interest in Radyr events and was an occasional contributor to Radyr Chain and always introduced himself as 'Rhodri Morgan, Radyr Boy'. He was always approachable and is a great loss to the community.

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by July 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion.

The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.

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Emergency Blankets for Rough Sleepers

I didn't think of this myself, but I had decided that giving money to homeless people I saw in town was not what I wanted to do. I don't have much for a start, living on a government pension, but also I had been generous one time, a while ago and given a tenner to a homeless man. I then met a friend on the street and we were chatting, then out of the corner of my eye I saw him going into the corner shop and come out again with a load of alcohol. So I made a decision to give food and vitamin drinks from then on. Which I have kept up for years.

I have also given away coupons that I have received, giving you money off take-away food. From time to time, we get them on our bus tickets now.

Giving out Emergency Blankets was the idea of Stephen Paul Rimmington, a Facebook friend. And I do wish I had found out about this before. Gloves and socks are also appreciated – Stephen's idea again, but I am focussing on 'silver blankets' for now. I have found them online for less than 50p each if I buy ten at a time and so far I have bought 70. They are packed up really small when new and it is easy to keep a few in your bag or pocket. I have given them to people in Cardiff, Newport and Bristol so far. A few I have given to other people to give out. I was worried people wouldn't know what they

were – this small silver square! But everyone knew what they were and they have been very appreciated. Even in warmer weather, they can mean that you do not lose heat sitting on the cold pavement. Only one drunk outside Tesco refused one!

I also have made sandwiches and given them out from time to time. As these were home-made they were appreciated, but cereal bars are not so well received! If you buy food for homeless people, it is best to make sure it is hot food, with a hot drink, if possible. I also wanted to say, as so many people report that they feel invisible when sitting on the street. I am guilty of "not looking" when I have nothing to offer and for me it is a mixture of being embarrassed that I can't help and feeling guilty that the society I am part of is not looking after all the people. I don't know how to smile and be friendly while I am feeling like this. So I really understand how people would feel invisible.

Hannah Sassoon

Fundraising

Last year I sadly lost my grandfather to Alzheimer's Disease after a difficult struggle and I decided, along with my brother and my partner, that I wanted to do something to commemorate him and raise money to help others suffering with dementia.

We decided, in keeping with the theme of memory walks, that we would set ourselves the challenge of walking the length of the Taff Trail (58 miles) over two days (17th-18th June) and would fundraise with the daunting target of £10,000. So far we have raised over £2,000. and are edging closer to our target every week.

So far we have walked 117 miles in preparation, with the longest distance so far being 24 miles and we quickly realised just how much of a challenge we have set ourselves up for! Ice baths and leg massages have been the regular post-walk treatment, along with plenty of compeed patches! However, I am confident that all the hard work will pay off and we will complete the challenge, finishing with a celebratory meal in Cardiff Bay.

If anyone who has been affected by dementia would like to contribute to our fund that will go straight to the Alzheimer's Society after we have completed the challenge, the link is www.justgiving.com/lisa-husband1. We also have a team page but all donations will be merged to send as one donation.

Thank you for your support.

New Manager for Radyr Golf Club

Adrian Lister has been appointed General Manager succeeding Steve Dance, who has moved to Chippenham.

Adrian has held senior management positions with Marks & Spencer, House of Fraser and most recently a global cosmetic company.

He is a keen golfer and has been a member of the Club for the last four years.

He looks forward to meeting members of the community, especially those interested in becoming members, playing or social





Radyr Parish Music Group

At the
Radyr Festival

RPMG'S contribution to the Radyr Festival was "Up, Up and Away", a compilation of songs associated with flight to reflect the Super-Heroes theme. Charlie Rennie, our Musical Director, assembled a set of songs which, as ever, challenged the company with music they have never previously performed but enjoyed tremendously. The audience were encouraged to participate! We were delighted to be joined by members of Rubicon Dance who added a unique dimension to our concert. The five talented dancers, led by Paul Davies, Head of Vocational Training, presented four modern and not so modern pieces to a fascinated audience. We were also pleased to welcome back two of our soloists from our recent production of Gondoliers, Beth Sims and Mez Davies. They performed that deliciously wry song from Spamalot, "The Song That Goes Like This". Planning is well underway now for our production next February of "Me and My Girl". This delightful comic romp from the thirties follows the fortunes of Bill Snibson, a proud Cockney who is amazed to learn that he's actually the fourteenth Earl of Hareford. But if he wants to claim his title, it looks as if he will have to shed his old life – and love. With well-loved classic songs including "The Lambeth Walk" and "Leaning on a Lamp Post", "Me and My Girl" was brilliantly updated by Stephen Fry in 1986 for a run that won a hatful of Olivier, Drama Desk and Tony Awards. Charlie Rennie will again lead the musical side and we are delighted that Bev Jones has agreed to return to produce the show. We can be sure that with her background in dance, there will be plenty of movement and excitement on stage. An introductory evening is scheduled for Friday, 1st September. If you are interested in joining us in any capacity, on or off stage, do please put this date in your diary and perhaps contact the society via music@radyr.org.uk



Pentyrch Open Gardens Weekend

Saturday 1st July - Sunday 2nd July 2017

Sat. 10.00am – 5.00pm Sun. 11.00am – 5.00pm

Tickets on the day from Pentyrch Village Hall (CF15 9PY)

10 mins. from M4 junction 32 at Cardiff.

Take A470 north, 1st exit (Castell Coch turn off),
turn left and follow signs to Pentyrch

£6 per person for a weekend pass (Accompanied children free)

No dogs - except guide dogs

- Ample parking
- Large plant sale
- Homemade light refreshments served all day
- Courtesy minibus around village

**Supporting George Thomas Hospice Care and projects to improve
the village environment**

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Paratoi ar gyfer Eisteddfod 2018!

Mae'r Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn dod i Gaerdydd yr haf nesaf - ac, fel sy'n digwydd bob tro, mae cymunedau lleol yn brysur yn codi arian i gefnogi'r digwyddiad. Gofynwyd i'r gymuned leol yn Radur a Phentrepoeth i godi £30,000 erbyn mis Awst nesaf ac, i wneud hynny, mae pwyllgor codi arian wedi ei sefydlu, i helpu trefnu ystod eang o ddigwyddiadau difyr. Os ydych am gymryd rhan, neu am ddysgu mwy, cysylltwch â Angharad Lewis drwy angharadnlewis@btinternet.com.

Rydym yn arbennig o awyddus i glywed gan bobl ifanc a gan siaradwyr Cymraeg a'r di-Gymraeg fel ei gilydd. Ar y llaw arall, os nad ydych yn gallu rhoi o'ch amser, mae croeso i chi gyfrannu at yr achos drwy fynd, trwy Google, at dudalen 'Just Giving Eisteddfod Caerdydd' (ond cofiwch nodi 'Radur a Phentrepoeth' ynghyd â'ch enw, pan fyddwch yn gwneud eich rhodd).

Diolch!

Getting ready for the 2018 Eisteddfod!

The National Eisteddfod is coming to Cardiff next summer - and, as is always the case, local communities are busy fund-raising to support the event. The local community in Radyr and Morganstown has been asked to raise £30,000 by next August and, to do this, a fund-raising committee has been established to help arrange a wide range of fun and enjoyable events. If you want to take part, or just learn more, please contact Angharad Lewis via angharadnlewis@btinternet.com.

We are particularly keen to hear from younger people and from Welsh-speakers and non Welsh-speakers alike. On the other hand, if you can't give of your time, you are welcome to donate to this good cause by going, via Google, to the 'Eisteddfod Caerdydd Just Giving' page (but please note 'Radyr and Morganstown' along with your name, when you make a donation).

Thank you!

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

MAY 2017

The Radyr Festival is long gone and our community can now subside into its usual activities. It has been a wonderful fortnight and thanks must go to all those who organised the many and varied events.

Now, together with all organisations in Radyr, our Institute can resume its usual planned events, but firstly I must go back to the March meeting where our two WI Millennium Cups were presented to the children who became Bards in our Primary Schools. Our President, Enid Brooker, presented the cup to Danny Sullivan at Bryn Deri Primary School for his poem "Life as a child in Wales". Two Committee members, Liz Bryant and Babs Hanson, went to Radyr Primary School where Babs was surprised and delighted to be able to present the cup to her granddaughter, Jasmine Nicholls, for her story. Our congratulations go to the two winners.

Moving on into April, which according to records, has been one of the driest Aprils in recent years, it actually threw at WI members one of the coldest days of the month for a coach trip to Stow on the Wold. Having been drenched on the St. David's Day walk, April 25th provided atrocious weather and members experienced bitter cold, rain and hail. However, everyone had a good day in the time honoured WI way i.e. morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and a browse round the shops of the pretty Cotswold town.

Thankfully, the sun beamed down on the opening Carnival Parade and Fete on 29th April, to make the start of the Festival. In fact, all the outdoor events throughout the subsequent fortnight were blessed with good weather. At the fete, the WI bottle stall did brisk trade and raised £105. for the Festival Charity, St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

The Speaker at our April meeting was Christina Crowe. She gave an insight into the Alexander Technique and explained that it was developed by Frederick Mattheas Alexander,

known as F.M., who came to London from Australia in 1904., where he developed a method of learning to move mindfully through life.

Christine said that she had wanted to learn how to relax and still enjoys regular lessons after fifteen years of training.

Moving into May – the May meeting is the time for the election of officers and committee and for the voting on the WI resolutions. Also, in the May meeting, the WI award to the Radyr Comprehensive pupil/s for contribution to the community is presented. This is a complex meeting and it will be reported on in the "end of term" report in the August issue of the Chain.

Meanwhile, the following activities are planned for the following dates:

Friday, 9th June – Guided visit to Glamorgan Archives

Tuesday, 27th June – Lunch at the "Long House", The Tumble

Tuesday, 11th July – Link Group afternoon tea at Aion Chapel, Tongwynlais with Harpist, Sam Hickman.

The following Glamorgan Federation Events are also in the diary:

Tuesday, 11th July – Summer Walk from Gower Heritage Centre, Park Mill

Saturday, 15th July – Visit to the National Botanic Gardens

Our next monthly meeting will take place on 12th June, when the speaker will be Jeanie Rebane. The theme of her talk will be "Coincidences".

Our last meeting prior to the summer break will be on 10th July. The speaker will be Yvonne Rees and she is going to give a talk entitled "My Mother was a Cook, My Father was a Butler". This sounds intriguing!

All our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of each month at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.

For more details, contact us on email at radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.com

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

TOMATO, SOFT CHEESE AND SESAME TART

A tart packed with flavour and good to serve with salad on a warm Summer day.
Serves 2.

1/2 x 375g pack of ready rolled puff pastry

2 tbs sesame seeds

200g (7oz) Brie or other soft cheese

300g (10oz) cherry tomatoes on the vine

For pesto –
1 bunch flat leaf parsley
1 tbs small capers
Handful olives
Olive oil

Heat oven 200C/Gas 8

Lay pastry on baking parchment
Sprinkle with sesame seeds
Roll to half original thickness
Trim edges to make a neat rectangle

Using sharp knife, score border around edge about 2cm (1") being careful not to cut all the way through the pastry

Lift pastry (on parchment) on to baking sheet

Bake for 4-5 minutes

Slice Brie finely and lay on top of pastry not on border

Arrange tomatoes on top

Bake approx 7 minutes until browned and crisp

Chop parsley finely, chop olives and place in mortar with capers

Add good glug olive oil, season, stir well and taste

Drizzle pesto over tart when it is cooked

Serve immediately

[You could also use roasted peppers or aubergines]

A.M.P.



RADYR & MORGANSTOWN 30th ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL 2017



The 30th Anniversary Festival began with a 'Super Hero Parade' from the Methodist Church to the Old Church Rooms where the Fete was opened this year by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff Cllr Georgina Phillips, the Festival Queen, Caitlin Jewitt and her attendants, Pheobe Coombs and Sharmeela Bragg. The parade was led by 'Bertie the Badger' on behalf of St John Ambulance, Cymru. Thanks go to Chris Gray, Neil Cargill and Nick Skidmore for the use of the open top cars.



The Fete, with its twenty six stalls and entertainment, attracted a large crowd. St John Ambulance, Cymru team enacted a road crash scene and straight from Ty Gwyn farm came 'Daisy the cow ready for milking (despite being wooden!) The sunny weather helped to boost the sale of burgers, drinks and ice cream. Chris Dale kept the music going as the crowd was busy looking around the stalls. Meanwhile Imaging 2000 were displaying their competition photographs in the Castle Room. Dave Hardman and Windsor Fortt were prize winners. Prizes were presented by Cllr Rod McKerlich. Teas were served by the ladies of the NSPCC in the Garth room, which they have done for many years. The Weir Room was full of stalls displaying craft, jewellery and clothing. It was good to see representatives from Pugh's Garden Centre, who have supported the Festival over the last 30 years.



The evening was rounded off with two events – 'Blood Brothers' by the Radyr Drama Group in Morganstown Village Hall and Cor Meibion, male voice choir raising the roof at the Golf Club. On Sunday the R&MCC held their Civic Service at Christ Church. Local members of all the organisations in the village were invited together with our local AM and MP. The service was led by Rev Canon Jenny Wigley along with the Methodist minister, Rev Phil Osborne and Dr Terry Morris from the Roman Catholic Church. The address was given by Rev. Sandra Birdsall (nee Parry). The guides and brownies were on parade with cadet members of St John Ambulance, Cymru. At the reception following the service, Cllr Mike Diment introduced Mike Flanagan of St JA Cymru, who gave an interesting insight of the Group. David Silver, chairman of the R&MA highlighted some of the forthcoming Festival events. He hoped that the community would be generous in donating to the very worthy Festival Charity, who have recently formed a local group, including over 20 cadets. Radyr Rangers Football Tournament was well attended at Mound Field, Morganstown, despite the inclement weather.





The Fun Run returned to the Festival programme and started at Radyr Primary School. The runners covered a distance of 5 kilometres along Windsor Road and down to the Taff Trail. Winners are shown on page 15.

In the afternoon the Festival Queen was crowned by Cllr Mike Diment and the Maypole dancers from Bryn Deri Primary and Radyr Primary schools performed. Teas were provided by the ladies of the Treforgan WI, in the Methodist Hall. The Festival Queen was off to the children's Tea Party in Morganstown Village Hall, where cakes and jellies were served and Mike Church entertained the children with magic tricks. It's thanks again to our local police team for attending these events.



There were a number of events during the first week. A story and craft event at the Library, A Welsh Night, Y Noson Gymraig with Dr Elin Jones, President of the 2016 Eisteddfod. The Tenovus Quiz, and a toe tapping Jazz Night with CUBE and the Twinning Fellowship.

Saturday was a particularly busy day with four events: The Gymkhana at Ty Gwyn Farm, a Family Bike Ride down the Taff Trail, organised by Bryn Deri School, a Vintage Afternoon Tea Party with Frank Hennessey of BBC Wales and finally the RPMG Concert – *'Up and Up and Away'* ably compered by Brian Willis. A special inclusion of the Rubicon Dance group added to our enjoyment.

Footnote: The R&MA group won the quiz, which was organised by Nick Holmes and the Tenovus Committee, now in its 30th year.



The second Sunday brought out the sunshine and those who attended the Hog Roast at the Golf Club were able to enjoy eating on the patio whilst Dave Escott entertained with his playing of 60's music. Dave has performed in the village for over 30 years. Gill Evans organised a number of residents to open their gardens for the day raising £910 for the charity. A superb effort by all!

The School Boules Tournament was won by the Radyr Primary Parent/Teachers and a Bryn Deri Pupil team. In the evening Allan Cook led a large group in the history walk around Morganstown, meeting at the Mote and Bailey alongside Pugh's Garden Centre and ending up at the Ty Nant Inn.





Allan Cook organises all the theatre and midday concert events and has written an article relating to these in this Radyr Chain. Two lunchtime concerts and a production by Fluellen of *'The Other Jolson'* were well supported. Maggie Roberts set up a Fashion Show with Samantha B from Ewenny at Morganstown Village Hall. Following a tradition on the Audio Visual Night, Mick Sullivan presented portrait photos to the Festival Queen and her attendants.



Concert in the Parc, sponsored by the R&M Community Council was yet another great successful event. Thanks go to Radyr Primary, Ben Powell (vocalist), Bryn Deri School choir, Shelley Fairplay with Dynamic Harps, Nick Cook for organising the bands – Rock Academy, The Radyrcals, Contactless and The Dunlops, who kept the day full of music. The large crowd picnicking in Parc Radur was a great sight. Thanks to all the voluntary help on the day, especially Chris St Leger and Mike for the electrics and Radyr Lawn Tennis Club for providing the power. The evening was rounded off with a performance by Nell Bryden at the Acapela in Pentyrch.



The final Sunday brought the Dog Show and Tractor Exhibition. This popular event was organised by Val and Tom Allen and judged by Laura. Lots of dogs and many rosettes were issued to winners of various categories. The tractor competition was won by Julie Long in a Massey Ferguson 35. City of Cardiff (Melinigriffiths) Band rounded off the Festival with a concert in Christ Church. A great variety of music was performed by the M2 band, one of five bands. Another great Festival ended in a crescendo of sound. During the two weeks Roy Godier was canvassing for new members for the Association with a result of over 130 residents signing up. More volunteers are always welcome, please contact our Secretary, Nick Hawkins at hawkinsnick@msn.com



A MESSAGE FROM THE FESTIVAL QUEEN



Phoebe Coombs



Caitlin Jewitt



Sharmeela Bragg

Festival Queen: Caitlin Jewitt

Being the 2017 Festival Queen has been an amazing experience. I have participated in the Festival for many years and I always wanted to be the Festival Queen. When the date for the interviews arrived, I was so excited and I was thrilled to be chosen as the Queen. It has been a fortnight of attending many different events. The highlights for me have been leading the Parade in the open top car and judging the Dog Show at Lychgate Gardens. I also enjoyed the Up, up and Away concert at Morganstown Village Hall, which featured Rubicon Dance.

Thanks to Maggie and all the organisers for giving me the opportunity to experience those wonderful events. I was able to meet many people in the local community and in my role as Festival Queen help raise money for St John Ambulance, Cymru, Wales. It has been a busy and spectacular Festival and an experience I will never forget and always treasure.

Attendant: Phoebe Coombs

Being Festival Attendant is truly wonderful! I've enjoyed everything about it, especially being with Caitlin and Sharmeela because they make me laugh a lot! However, above all, I love the brass band Concert in Christ Church and the Gymkhana.

It has been a busy fortnight and I have been lucky enough to go to many different functions from the Fashion Show to listening to a male voice choir and an amazing opera singer. One of my favourite experience was the Dog Show. As an animal lover, I was elated to be involved.

The charity, this year was St John Ambulance and Sharmeela and I are both cadets at St John. I was surprised and excited to be helping to raise money for an organisation that we are involved with. At the opening of the Festival, Caitlin, Sharmeela and I took part in an emergency scenario, demonstrating our medical skills. Caitlin pretended to faint and Sharmeela and I attended to her! That was great fun! I'd like to thank anyone who donated to St John. It really is a fabulous Organistion. I'd recommend to anyone to try for this role, as I've met so many interesting people and have made new friends.

Attendant: Sharmeela Bragg

I loved making good friends with Caitlin and Phoebe, we have so many memories now. I loved going to the Gymkhana and the Dog Show, having the thrilling experience of going to different activities in the Festival. There were lots of things I'd never been to or heard of before.

It was such fun, I met new friends and had a lovely time. It was an honour to be chosen and a pleasure to be part of the Festival. I will always remember the thrill of riding in a Mercedes and the noise of all those people welcoming us. We were made to feel so special. I also want to thank Maggie for looking after us and arranging the events for us to visit. Thank you.

Ken Innis Bowl

This year the trophy was presented to Julie Davies, the Guide leader for her support of the Festival over many years with the Civic Service, selection of the Festival Queen and her attendants and the Beetle Drive.

Footnote

David Silver, Chairman of the R&MA is taking over as Organiser of the next Festival following the 'early retirement' of David Cargill after 30 years. DAC



RESULTS FROM THE FESTIVAL

RAFFLE WINNERS

1. Martin Coysh	14 Course Dinner	14. Ann Palmer	Pughs farm shop hamper
2. J.A. Reader	Tea for 4 Llanerch	15. Robert Frost	Haircut from Andrew Cox
3. Angela Hughes	Framed Rugby shirt	16. Jessop	Pugh's garden voucher
4. Warren Carmen	Football shirt-Chris Wills	17. Wilje Salen	Well Pharmacy gift set
5. Mike Diment	Tea at The Orchard	18. Nina Smith	Ener-chi gift set
6. Irene Hazelton	Headway blow dry	19. Ed House	Eye Care sun glasses
7. R Pugsley	Whisky, Horton & Gooch	20. Justin Fowler	Pughs potted plants
8. Brian Pearce	Champagne, Whites	21. Ceri Hughes	Tickets, Acapela Studio
9. John Anthony	Prosecco, Cicchetti	22. G, Zengin	Everyman theatre tickets
10. Lewis	Wine, MGY	23. Brian Willis	Tin of sweets,
11. A.Watson	Wine, Spar	24. Angela Williams	Voucher, Salon Nia
12. Sian OCallaghan	Wine, Thomas Wood	25. Aled Treharne	Voucher, Solo H & B
13. M.Partridge	Voucher, Dry Clean	26. D&G Jones	Photography voucher

LITERARY COMPETITION

BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL

<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
YR 6 Shaun Tucker	Tia Dziemidowicz
YR 5 Megan O'Neil	Jessica Clegg
YR 4 Rhys Davies	Gethin Watkins
YR 3 Luke B-Brian	Ffion Lambly
YR 2 Oliver Dale	Hannah Cole
YR 1 Isla Geisel	Ella Brown
Recp Gwen Baker	Flynn Lambly

RADYR PRIMARY SCHOOL

<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
Iwan Broxton	Summer Wales
Sean Hopkins	Maryam Lufti
Angharad Day	Indiana Rayner
Katie Higginson	Gwen Fishpool
Seren Hopkins	Megan Wales
Selwyn Jones	Harri Dobbs
Lai Robinson	Maisie Relihan



Shaun Tucker

2017 Literary Trophy

Shaun Tucker and Iwan Broxton

RADYR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

<i>Winner</i>	<i>Highly Commended</i>
YR 7 Ewan Crowle	Grace Smith
Ffion Williams	Bethany Banks
Evie McMellin	Maddison Lin

TROPHY Ewan Crowle



Iwan Broxton

CHILDREN OF RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN

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COLOURING COMPETITION

BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL RADYR PRIMARY SCHOOL

<i>Under 7</i>	<i>Over 8</i>	<i>Under 7</i>	<i>Over 8</i>
1st Connon Millward		William Pembridge	Francis Davies Walsh
2nd Rosie Morgan		Noah Baldwin	Phoebe Coombs
3rd Macey O'Neil		Sienna Twamley	Henry Baldwin
HC	Maisey Jones	Willow Relihan	Sujay Oruganti

FREEHAND DRAWINGS

1st Daisy Williams	Ethan Williams	Elerie Williams	Sean Hopkins
2nd Jak Smith	Abigail Cole		Sophie Bebb
3rd Tristan Wilson	Danny Sullivan		Ben Brunswick
HC Alistair Hamilton	Grace Lambart		

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

1st Dave Hardman 2nd Dave Hardman 3rd Windsor Fortt

Blood Brothers

For their spring production the Radyr Drama Society presented the play version of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers, now more often seen in its musical version. The musical version seems to have been playing in the west end or on tour for the last quarter century and it was refreshing to see Willy Russell's original idea for the piece.

This was an excellent production by Mike Gelder, with some interesting innovations, like using the narrator as some of the smaller parts, which gave unity to the piece. He succeeded in bringing out a great deal of comedy in what is in essence, a tragic tale.

The play revolves around Mrs. Johnson who with a large family already, discovers that she is pregnant with twins soon after her husband leaves her. She decides to give one of the twin boys to the wealthy, childless lady for whom she cleans. Although the twins know each other and become "blood brothers", they never discover their real relationship until it is too late.



The twins and their friend Linda have to age from seven to their late thirties and the three actors taking these parts totally succeeded in this. Peter Griffiths and Mark Sadler as the twins and Helen Blundell as Linda, all actors in their thirties or forties, succeeded particularly well as their younger selves.

It was more difficult for Bev Jones and Lesley Collier-Roberts to age as the two mothers and this is my one criticism of what were two excellent performances. There were some strong performances in

the smaller parts, Alex Brent as the narrator and Jane Sinclair as the Policewoman.

Once again an excellent set by Raymond Rivron was well lit by Dave Burgess, with sound by Tony Watson and costumes by Sandra Geen and Nora Starkey.

It was particularly pleasing to see Morganstown Village Hall so full for the three nights, with a sell out performance on the Saturday. It just shows that a well chosen play, known to the audience, can still pack them in.



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12.15pm - 1.15pm

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Festival Arts...

Once again the Arts were well represented in this year's Festival. The two Friday lunch time concerts in the Methodist Church – such a delightful venue for these events – were particularly pleasing.

Greek harpsichordist, **Despina Homatidou**, succeeded in bringing out the full range of colour in her Flemish style instrument. She concentrated on the battle between the English composers, Purcell and Gibbons, and their French counterparts, Couperin, Balbastre and Duphy. A delightful innovation to the Festival.



By comparison the visit by the Wales International Academy of Voice, was their fourth or fifth. The audience keep saying that the concerts get better from year to year and this is perhaps true. This year's concert was full of operatic fireworks from Granada and the Student Prince to Juliet's love song by Gounod and



from Nessum Dorma to the drinking duet from La Traviata, Libiamo.

Bath based soprano Chloe Morgan and Indian tenor Sharmul Sharma are fully rounded performers needing only a sprinkling of luck to catapult them into the first rank of their profession. Interestingly Sharmul started life as a heavy metal singer and this shows in the power of his voice. We look forward to seeing if next year's visit is "even better".

The excellent Swansea based professional theatre company Fluellen brought a new play with music, "The Other Jolson", based on the life of Larry Parks who played Al Jolson in two films about the legendary singer whose voice was the first to be heard in the "talkies". Parks was nominated for an Oscar for his performance in them. It was clear that Jolson didn't like Parks and wanted to play himself in the films.



TREFORGAN WI

VISIT TO THE WORKERS GALLERY YNYSHIR

Last November a lovely young artist and designer, Gale Rogers, came to speak to us. She and her partner, Chris Williams, run the Workers' Gallery in Ynyshir near Porth. Set up in the small local library which closed due to budget cuts, it is now a vibrant gallery, open to the public from Thursday to Saturday. It is not publicly funded, so every visit and purchase means a lot. They focus on art made in Wales with, occasionally, work from further afield and have a waiting list of artists wishing to exhibit. As we meet and have most of our activities on a Thursday, when there are give Thursdays in a month we do something special.

So in March, eighteen members of Treforgan WI paid them a visit and we were welcomed with coffee and biscuits before viewing the artwork on show and being able to buy beautiful cards, mugs, coasters and other ceramics. Of course all the work on display is for sale at various prices. Gale and Chris had invited four of their artists to come and talk to us about their work and we had a very enjoyable and fascinating morning, including a visit to Chris's studio next door where he produces wonderful sculptures in wood. They run various workshops and classes during the year and are always delighted to welcome visitors. We ended our special "Fifth Thursday" with lunch at the Bunch of Grapes in Pontypridd – of course!

Diana Langmade Treforgan WI

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 June – Anne Boleyn from Janet Young and July will be our annual tea party.

Soroptimist International Glamorgan Gwent Marshes

A new Women's Group meeting at the Old Church Rooms, Radyr.

YOU would be welcome – come and find out more.

Soroptimist International is a global women's volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. There are 75,000 club members in 132 countries including right here working at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls. We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Our Club has been part of this worldwide movement since October 2015. Having fun raising funds and giving service to, amongst others, the following



charities Cardiff Women's Aid, Toilet Twinning, BAWSO, Life for African Mother4s, Smalls for All.

If you would like to find out more about what we do you will receive a very warm welcome at any of our meetings at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, Cardiff,

CF15 8DF, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7.30pm.

Visit www.sigbi.org/ggm to discover more.

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Merched y Wawr Bro Radyr

Roedd festri Capel y Methodistiaid Saesneg Radur yn llawn nos Fercher, Ebrill 5ed i groesawu Ann Mears. Mae'n enw ac wyneb cyfarwydd yng Nghaerdydd ers nifer o flynyddoedd oherwydd i'w diddordeb a'i hoffter o flodau ddatblygu'n fusnes. Yn ogystal, mae'n cynnal dosbarthiadau trefnu blodau yng Nghaerffili a Chaerdydd.

Bydd ei harweiniad yn allweddol i Wyl Flodau a gynhelir yn Eglwys Dewi Sant, Mehefin 22-26 fel rhan o ddatblygiadau'r eglwys i nodi addoli ar y safle presennol er 60 mlynedd.

Mae'n westai poblogaidd mewn canghennau Merched y Wawr a chymdeithasau eraill gan ei bod yn paratoi mor fanwl ar gyfer y nosweithiau hyn. Pleser yw ei gwyllo yn creu trefniannau artistig,

gan sgwrsio am y dail a'r blodau a ddefnyddir a'i phrysurdeb wythnosol ar yr un pryd.

Ei thema ar y noson oedd "O'r Gaeaf i'r Gwanwyn". Defnyddiodd flodau gwyn, rhosynnau lliw hufen hyfryd ac amrywiaeth o ddail mawr i gynrychioli'r Gaeaf. Tusw o Iris porffor mewn potyn gyda mwsogl, dail a blodau o'u cwmpas gynrychiolodd flodau a lliwiau'r Gwanwyn. Trefniant llai, symlach ond mor brydferth.

Gan fod Merched y Wawr yn dathlu'r Aur eleni, roedd y trydydd trefniant yn lliwiau'r mudiad. Delphinium glas wedi'u gosod yn dalsyth yn ganolbwynt â blodau melyn o'u cwmpas.

Aeth yr aelodau adre wedi cael noson wrth eu bodd, yn enwedig y rhai enillodd y trefniannau yn y raffl!



Remembering Sensei Bernard Harding (6th Dan)



Sensei Bernard Harding (6th Dan) was a highly-skilled martial artist and an experienced practitioner of Kendo, Karate and Aikido. He studied Aikido for over 40 years and was a long-time friend and student to Sensei's Nobuyoshi Tamura and Pierre Chassang.

Bernard founded Aikido Gakko Ueshiba in 1981. After a couple of moves around the city, the club came to settle in Morganstown Village Hall in 1998 and has been teaching there ever since. Bernard's influence on Aikido across the UK was profound and, for a time, he served as the Technical Director for the National Aikido Federation. Bernard had a deep love for Japan and always pursued excellence in the club. The dedication to his students was only matched by his enjoyment for a pint of Guinness in the Ty Nant after training.

On Saturday 11th March 2017, Aikido Gakko Ueshiba held a Memorial Course in tribute to Bernard. The event was held at the National Sports Centre in Sophia Gardens. We invited seven instructors who had either trained and been taught by Bernard to teach on the day. Turnout was fantastic and we had representation from clubs across South Wales and as far away as Barrow In Furness,



Chichester and Bristol. More importantly, the raised over £1200 for the Marie Curie Cancer charity.

Aikido is a traditional Japanese martial art. Drawing influence from the days of feudal Japan and the samurai, Aikido includes a full range of strikes, throws and pins against an armed (stick, sword and knife) or unarmed attacker.

You don't need to be strong and powerful to practise effectively. Aikido exploits the weaknesses in your opponent's attacks and focussing on developing your

timing, balance and speed. Learning Aikido will help you to unlock the secrets of self-defence, keep you fit and promote a more confident, relaxed and calmer you.

Aikido Gakko Ueshiba trains every Tuesday and Friday evening (8pm-10pm) in Morganstown Village Hall (CF15 8LE) and offers you a welcome, relaxed and friendly atmosphere to learn and train in.

For more information, you can find us on Facebook or visit our website www.aikidocardiff.org.uk.

The Radyr Festival Gardens

