

HALF MARATHON FOR R.N.L.I.



My name is Gareth Bird and I will be running thirteen unforgiving miles to raise vital funds for Atlantic College RNLI Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) Station. Atlantic College is an international sixth form establishment boasting a largely student run RNLI station responsible for rescue operations along 20km of the Bristol Channel.

During my two years at Atlantic College I was heavily involved with the ILB Station. After morning lessons had finished, myself and other student volunteers walked to the station to see what work needed doing. Some afternoons training boats would launch allowing practicing of boat handling skills, other days were spent in the

workshop changing wonky propellers or patching holes and when the sea was very rough we'd shelter in the station office and run through chart reading, navigation and radio communication skills.

Students wishing to join the college's RNLI operations make a two year commitment to join the Inshore Lifeboat (ILB) Service. The first year is spent gaining basic skills needed for lifeboat crews. In the second year, students join the lifeboat crew or train as RYA Instructors. I was asked by the Station Head to train with the RYA as a Powerboat Instructor. I subsequently worked in a close knit teaching team ensuring new students had the skills and confidence needed for their second year.

The Bristol Channel is one of the busiest shipping waterways in the world and is often hit by storms and high seas. It is therefore essential the Atlantic College RNLI crew are trained to the highest possible standards. Almost every afternoon the RNLI crew launch the lifeboat to undergo training exercises.

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Dr. Mary Gilham has written a most entertaining and informative book for those wishing to explore the countryside around Radyr and sometime further afield.

Dr. Gilham is a botanist who has travelled widely, lecturing in New Zealand, Australia, Nigeria and latterly in Cardiff and she is the author of a considerable number of books. Advancing age forced her to leave her dearly loved cottage and garden in Gwaelod-y-Garth and now she is settled in a flat at Brynteg.

The book emphasises the joys of strolling off the beaten track in the increased leisure time of retirement. Brynteg is ideally situated for the observation of wild flowers, birds and butterflies with the river and Fforest Farm so close. Walks on the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, South

Pembrokeshire and South Devon are also described.

I was impressed by a paragraph in Dr. Gilham's introduction. "It is pointless to retire enwrapped in a wet blanket of nostalgia and regret. We can still live enquiringly, with a lively curiosity and interest during our final years".

The book may be obtained from the author at 8 Cwrt Brynteg. Please telephone 029 2084 2582

Two of her other books of local interest are:

A Natural History of Cardiff – Exploring Along the River Taff from the Taff Gorge to Cardiff Bay

The Garth Countryside Cardiff's Green Mantle.

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RAINBOWS GO WILD!



The Rainbows were challenged to GO WILD! By Girlguiding UK as part of our Centenary celebrations. As we don't have any jungles or rainforest in Radyr we opted for the next best thing and went on a pond dipping expedition to Forest Farm. Armed with nets and white trays the expedition set off one Friday evening in June.

The Rainbows had lots of fun catching mini beasts big and small – help was on hand from expedition leaders Alec and Raj (Forest Farm's Rangers) to identify the creatures and tell us about their life cycles. Our favourites were the dragonfly nymphs and the beetles that have a very ingenious way of trapping air to allow them to breathe underwater. We were lucky enough to find discarded dragonfly nymph cases in the grass nearby too. The girls enjoyed a picnic before reluctantly leaving, clutching their GoWild! Badges. We certainly plan to GO WILD! Again.



FUN AT RADYR LIBRARY

It is lovely to hear the happy sound of children playing across the road in Radyr Primary School yard. It is something we miss during holidays. We were kept very busy with this year's Reading Challenge, the Space Hop. Jen and Anne visited the local schools to present certificates and medals to the successful children. The "scratch

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Another major water main problem in Heol Isaf

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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

OCTOBER

Radyr & Morganstown Indoor Bowls Club. The current season has already started but this does not mean new members will not be welcomed. We meet at Morganstown Village Hall on Wednesdays and Saturdays 2.00 and 6.00pm each day throughout the winter months. For more information see www.ibr.radyr.org.uk

27 NSPCC invite you to join us for a bowl of homemade soup with bread and cheese at St. John's Church Hall, Danescourt. 12 noon

NOVEMBER

25 NSPCC Coffee & Mince pie morning. Radyr Golf Club. Tickets £2 from committee members or pay at the door. 10.30am

EDITORIAL



It is good news that The Good Neighbours Scheme has been adopted as next year's Charity by The Festival Committee. Its volunteers offer support to many in our community and it urgently needs funds to ensure that it can continue to provide this much needed service.

We have received several articles from young people. These are very welcome and we hope they will encourage others to send us articles – long or short.

Congratulations to the Cricket Club on having had such a successful season. We wish them Good Luck in next season's competition.

We also congratulate Alastair Jones on winning both the Welsh Amateur and Youth Golf titles, the first person to accomplish this double.



Are you a Good Neighbour?
Could you spare an hour once a month to help someone in the local community?

Radyr and District Good Neighbour Scheme is a small, local, charity that helps to improve the quality of life for people in our community who need help. The Scheme started in 1988 and has helped hundreds of people in the local area. We support two weekly lunch clubs with nearly seventy members and run a friendship group. Some of our members have to rely on lifts to and from the venues. It takes a short time to collect them from home and take them back home again, for some members it can be the only time they leave their homes. We also help with shopping library book changing, letter writing etc. and provide an information service. Most Good Neighbour Schemes are run by Age Concern we are one of two in the Cardiff area that are independent. The success of the Scheme is dependent on volunteers. The people we help are usually elderly residents who find it difficult to use public transport or to walk a great distance. No regular commitment is required. Even if you could only help us at certain times - school term, mornings, odd days etc we would be delighted to hear from you.

Volunteering is a good way of making new friends and getting involved in your local community. If you think you can help us, please contact us, 2084 2404 (the office is staffed part time but please leave a message and your call will be returned).

If you think we may be able to help you or a relative please ring the above number. (Please note we are not able to help with gardening, personal care or cleaning)

DO YOU WISH TO SEND GREETINGS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS?

Why not use Scouts Christmas Post, 2010.

Once again this year, Radyr Scouts are providing the opportunity for you to send Christmas Greetings through the Scout Post to family and friends living in the Cardiff Cowbridge, Penarth and Barry areas.

Scout Post stamps will be available at 20p each. If you wish to support scouting in Radyr and Morganstown, please purchase your scout post stamps from the local area outlets:

**Pugh's Garden Centre,
Morganstown**

**Pzazz Hairdesigners,
Castle Court, Caer Graig**

**Radyr Library, Park Road
Veg Vendor, Station Road,
Radyr.**

Stamps will be on sale from the beginning of November.

We are grateful to these local businesses who support scouting in Radyr and Morganstown by selling stamps during such a busy period.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all those people who have supported Scout Christmas Post in the past. By purchasing your stamps locally, you are providing your local scout group with its largest source of funds during the year.

The last date for posting this year is **Monday, 6th December, 2010.** Please use the post boxes provided at the outlets and the scout hall.

Be prepared to post early and save money by using Scout Christmas Post, 2010.

JBT.

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by November 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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Half Marathon for R.N.L.I.

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This emphasis on training results in a lot of wear and tear on the crew's equipment. Fortunately, the college's lifeboat is in good condition so I don't need to raise the £160,000 to buy a new one, or the £48,000 needed to refit it! I am setting my sights on more moderately priced, but no less important, items. Below is a list of essential inshore crew kit.

Gloves: £16.

Drysuit: £319.

Thermal Suit: £82.

Helmet: £166.

Lifejacket: £222.

It would be wonderful to raise enough to cover the costs of some items; I'm sure a new drysuit with no leaks or a new pair of warm gloves would be very much appreciated by current and future crew members.

If you would like to donate to or find out more information about my fundraising effort, you can do so through my fundraising website: www.justgiving.com/gareth-bird (It is just like online shopping. You 'pay' by credit or debit card through a secure website, all funds are held by JustGiving until the Half Marathon is over and are then transferred securely to the RNLI).

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and for any donations you would like to make. Every donation large or small is greatly appreciated. Please wish me luck for the big day!

REDEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN

Following the recent issuing of the "Radyr and Morganstown Village Plan Questionnaire" certain issues facing the community have been brought to light. The questionnaire was produced by the Community Council in order to help direct our communities' future and to compensate for the needs of the ever expanding community as a whole. A copy of the Village Plan Questionnaire Report can be found at www.radyr.org.uk

The questionnaire has helped to set out the potential for future development by addressing three main issues; the practical limits to further housing development, the potential for establishing jobs within the area so as to minimise traffic generation and potential future visions for the area.

The recent construction of three additional housing estates has led to a 50% increase in population; half of the community believe that there are too many houses in the area and the other half believe that there is the right amount. Therefore, the overriding opinion is that Radyr and Morganstown should not be further developed, but more public facilities including shops, transport links and community areas should be provided.

Other future plans and projects include promoting existing facilities, possibly investing in a community leisure centre, investigating the possibility of adventure play equipment, reviewing the use of Pentwyn Park, supporting a new cycle path to Hayley Park, investing in the Sidings Community Plot, improving community policing systems, promoting adults education courses, aiming to reduce congestion and traffic impacts within the community, extending the pavements on Windsor Road and many more schemes.

Jessica Ure.

HANGING OUT THE BAUBLES

Need a pre-Christmas tonic? Fed up with Christmas already? Then Radyr Drama Society's next production, **A KICK IN THE BAUBLES** is the answer for you. This saucy seasonal comedy by Gordon Steele will blow away those yuletide blues.

The action takes place in the home of Frank and Jean Bailey on Christmas Eve, yes this Christmas Eve. This is the first time in several productions that Radyr Drama Society has performed a play that is right up to the minute modern. Frank does not wish "that it could be Christmas every day", in fact he is dreading the arrival of his snobbish in-laws. Throw in a couple of larger than life neighbours and all is set for a "car crash" of a Christmas.

The Society has received many compliments on the sets of Dave Burgess; they usually receive a round of applause as the curtain opens. This time he will not only be responsible for the set but also for the production. Stand by for fireworks.

A Kick in the Baubles will be performed at Morganstown Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th November at 7.30pm. Tickets price £7, £6. concessions, £5. students are already on sale from Veg Vendor, Station Road, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or Sheila Phillips 2084 2585.

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**RADYR &
MORGANSTOWN
FRIENDS OF TENOVUS**

Radyr Golf Club will be the venue for the forthcoming Friends of Tenovus Autumn Coffee Morning to be held on Thursday, 14th October at 10.30am.

Tenovus Charity Christmas cards will be for sale and there will be a home-made cake stall, a book stall and a representative from Enerchi in Radyr Village who will give a talk on essential oils! A raffle will also be held.

Tickets priced £2. are available from Lucille Sharp (Tel. 028 2084 3108) or you may pay at the door.

The Tenovus Mobile Cancer Support Unit continues to provide treatment and advice in local communities. This is proving to be most successful and now covers a wider geographical area throughout Wales.

We look forward to your support at this local event.

Alison Skidmore.

FOR YOUR DIARY

**Cheese, Wine and
Craft Evening**

at New School Rooms,
Christ Church

on Saturday, 27th November
at 7pm.

Proceeds in aid of Horse &
Pony Rescue Society.

Tickets 029 2084 2579
or pay at door.

TREFORGAN WI

'What did I do with my time before I joined the WI? is a familiar cry from Treforgan members.

In the WI organisation, there are so many opportunities for so many diverse activities. A choice has to be made by individuals and local groups.

At national level, we have chosen to complete a Tri-athlon. Spread over a few months, it involves 100% of our members making a contribution, however small, to swimming, walking and cycling mileage. It's an attempt to keep us active. Some of us qualified for the cycling category by riding around Sophia Gardens on hired bikes and trikes, looking fetching in hired helmets. The prospect of a pub lunch motivated us.

At country level, we competed in a quiz night with two hundred WI members from all over Glamorgan. We didn't win but have convinced ourselves that it's the taking part that is important.

Locally, some of us entered the Radyr and Morganstown Tenovus sponsored walk – also allowed as part of the Tri-athlon.

And as an Institute, we have recently set up a bridge group. We will play on a Friday afternoon, once a month, at the same convenient time as our ordinary meetings.

In September at our usual Thursday afternoon meeting, we are going to learn about bee-keeping and might even adopt a beehive. The next meeting after this publication will be on 21st October at 1.15pm in Morganstown Village Hall with a talk by the multi-talented Eleanor Kapp. On 18th November we will hear about the common cold from Professor Eccles. More details on the Radyr and Morganstown website.

These are a few of the things we are involved in and enjoying – we haven't managed to fit in jam making yet. If you would like to know about anything connected with Treforgan WI, please ring Sue Smith on 029 2084 3920.

**RECORD EXAMINATION
RESULTS AT RADYR
COMPREHENSIVE**

This summer a record 87% of Year 11 students at Radyr Comprehensive achieved five or more higher grade (A*-C) grades in their GCSE examinations. This beat the previous record by over 7% and continues the upward trend of recent years. The past four years have all produced better results than at any other time in the school's history. Equally pleasing was the fact that over 99% of students achieved five or more A*-G grade passes – another record for the school!

A Level results were just as pleasing with a pass rate of over 98% and almost 60% of entries resulting in A*, A and B grades.

Headteacher, Steve Fowler, paid tribute to the hard work of students and staff and said "It is not just these record raw scores that pleased us so much. The fact that so many of our youngsters achieved far more than could have been reasonably expected of them is terrific. For some years now, our students have made more progress from Year 7 to Year 11, in academic terms, than those in almost any other school in Cardiff. They have achieved this whilst taking part in what is probably the biggest extra-curricular programme in the area. Whilst we're delighted with their successes it's so important that schools are more than just examination factories".

40 WINDSOR AVENUE,
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I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everybody who so kindly delivered wool to me at 40 Windsor Avenue.

The response was wonderful but if anyone else has wool which they will not use, it would be well received. I will keep you updated as to where all the knitted items go.

Many thanks
Barbara Brunt.

UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Ruptured Water Main: (see photos on front cover). Once again traffic along Heol Isaf was disrupted but this time, with the benefit of the "rehearsal" two years ago, I was able to speak quickly with Welsh Water, the contractor, South Wales Police and Cardiff Council Highways Dept. We agreed a programme of actions which were explained on the local website and the nuisance was minimised. To reassure residents I met with Welsh Water to be briefed on the cause of the burst and the probability of a repetition. The main is fairly new, having been installed in the 1950's, is in good condition and should be fine for another fifty years. The cause was a failure of the valve feeding Radyr Reservoir (near Fairwater) and this created a significant back-surge causing the two bursts. This valve has been serviced and is being monitored closely. In some recompense for the problem, Welsh Water is donating £250. to Radyr Good Neighbours Scheme.

Radyr Weir: In a return to its industrial past the prospect is being assessed of using the weir to create industrial power. Installing an Archimedean Screw Hydro Turbine an output of approximately 400KW can be generated with an annual total of about 1.82MWh. The turbine is designed to be safe for fish passing through. I will provide further information as the project advances.

Disabled Access to Radyr Station: While I have been unsuccessful in persuading Arriva Trains to modify the access, they have conceded that they have an obligation to assist disabled passengers to travel by train. If the company is contacted about an access problem, it will suggest a solution, probably the provision of a taxi from Radyr Station to a station which has disabled access.

Local Development Plan: As I advised before, the initial plan has been withdrawn and a new plan is being prepared from scratch which will take four years. This has

potentially profound consequences form Radyr and Morganstown and I will keep you informed.

Policing: At a recent meeting with the Chief Constable and the Chief Superintendent responsible for Cardiff, I reiterated that our area has suffered a substantial cut in the level of policing and expressed concern that "intelligence lead policing" implied a willingness to neglect relatively low crime areas.

Radyr Library: Plans will be submitted shortly and the project to build a new, much larger library in Park Road is on schedule.

Surgery: I will hold a surgery in Radyr Library on Saturday, 6th November between 10am and 12noon. If you have a concern or want further information on the above issues or any other matter, come to the surgery or contact me, as set out below.

Cllr. Rod McKerlich
Tel. 2084 3106 or email
rmckerlich@cardiff.gov.uk

CYLCH TI A FI A CHYLCH MEITHRIN RADUR A PHENTRE-POETH

Mae'n ddechrau tymor unwaith eto. Mae Cylch Ti a Fi Radur a Phentre-poeth yn gyfle gwych i deni sydd â babanod rhwng 0 a 4 oed ddod i gyfarfod â rhieni eraill mewn amgylchedd hamddenol a braf ac mae digon o deganau newydd ar gael i'r plant chwarae. Yn ogystal, caiff y rhieni banded a bisged a chaiff y plant ddiod a ffrwythau! Mae hefyd yn sylfaen gwych ar gyfer y Cylch Meithrin sy'n cael ei gynnal gan Anti Rachael ac Anti Angharad drwy gyfrwng y Gymraeg. Y thema y tymor hwn yw Saii Mali. Bydd y Cylch hefyd yn cynnal nosweithiau i godi arian ar ei gyfer sy'n rhoi cyfle i'r rhieni gymdeithasu. Mae'r Cylch Meithrin yn cyfarfod yn Ystafelloedd yr Hen Eglwys, Heol y Parc, Radur o ddydd Llun i ddydd lau ac mae'r Cylch Ti a Fi yno ar fore Gwener rhwng 9.15 a 10.45. Mae croeso cynnes i bawb.

Cylch Meithrin Radur a Phentrepoeth

Autumn Term Events

Thursday 21st October: Halloween/Nos Calan Gaeaf Coffee Morning

£5, pay on the door, or tickets to be purchased from Meithrin. Come along for a relaxing chat with good coffee and exquisite cakes. Also a great chance to stock up on decorations and crafts for your Nos Calan Gaeaf/Halloween celebrations.

Bake Sale Week: B-12 November

Fundraising for Meithrin - how you can help

Bake a batch of cakes or cookies (with the help of your child/children) for sale to colleagues at your or your partner's workplace, or any other public event. The money you raise will be used to fund the purchase of essential equipment for Meithrin.

Register to take part (registration form, advertising material and recipes will be available from Meithrin from November 1st).

A prize will be given for the most money raised in a week!

Thursday 18th November: Ladies' Dinner and Auction (8pm till late, Y Mochyn Du)

Enjoy a glamorous ladies' night out, with a delicious three-course meal at Y Mochyn Du, Sophia Gardens. The highlight of the evening will be an auction of brilliant prizes and services donated by local businesses and friends of the Cylch. A great opportunity to pick up a real bargain and some unique Christmas gifts!

£25 a head, tickets to be purchased from Meithrin or by contacting rhanfflur@live.co.uk.

Saturday 11th December: Sion Corn's Christmas Fair (1100-1300 Old Church Rooms)

Join Sion Corn and friends as they prepare for Christmas/Nadolig with a fun-packed Festive Fair, featuring cake and confectionery stalls, Christmas craft-making workshops, snack and mince pie bar, raffle and plenty more. Also a chance to purchase crafts and other gifts in time for Christmas.

RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tending the autumn garden and harvesting the allotment came to a standstill for 26 of us on Wednesday, 8th September as the Gardening Club visited David Austin Roses at Albrighton and the nearby Wightwick Manor both close to Wolverhampton. We set out early from Radyr travelling through the Usk and Wye Valleys in early Autumn mists arriving mid morning to be met by sunshine and David Austin staff with a welcome cup of coffee and croissants. A conducted tour of the Rose Gardens followed; each of the walled gardens has a different theme with many roses developed by David Austin and still in flower. Our guide, Diana, is involved with the breeding of new varieties and was very knowledgeable on the history of David Austin Roses, the history and development of the rose and the cultivation and maintenance of roses. There were many questions from us all and it was only when lunch called that the discussions came to an end. After an excellent lunch the plant sales beckoned! Having spent our money and thanked the David Austin staff we moved on to Wightwick Manor and Gardens.

Wightwick Manor is a National Trust property, formerly the home of industrialist Theodore Mander. The house itself is a late Victorian manor house furnished under the influence of the Arts and Crafts movement and boasts works by William Morris, Rosetti, Burne-Jones and others. The formal gardens were designed by Thomas Mawson (Dyffryn Gardens). Some of the party opted to tour the house, others decided on a gentle stroll round the formal gardens and the new kitchen garden (now into its second year). From an interesting discussion with the Head Gardener we learned that the National Trust is developing the kitchen garden with varieties of vegetables in keeping with the period of the house; it will be interesting to see how it progresses. After a much needed cup of tea it was back on the coach for the return to Radyr.

Although it was a long day all agreed that it was an excellent day out and our thanks go to David Austin's staff, particularly our guide Diana and to our Chairman, Jane Parry, for organising the visits.

The Gardening Club's next meeting is:

Wednesday, 13th October with Richard Arnold talking on *"Really Welsh Daffodils"*

This will be followed on 10th November by *"Fascinating Fungi"* with Linda Nottage.

We hope that there is something for everyone and would encourage you to come along.

All meetings are at the New Church Rooms, Heol Isaf on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website (www.radyr.org.uk) for programme details and any changes.

Fun at Radyr Library

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and sniff" stickers and "glow in the dark" prizes proved popular once again. At time of printing, in excess of 150 medals and certificates have been given out. Congratulations and well done everyone.

We would also like to congratulate Nicholas Young, Mali Hurford and Elin Preest for winning the Space Hop Treasure Hunt. Their prize was a picture signed by Stephen G. Bowen who was one of the crew on the space shuttle Atlantis' last ever mission. Well done.

A prize was also presented to Emily Williams for naming our space ship (the Children's area), "Shooting Star". Congratulations.

Anne would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and letters during her recent leave of absence. Her ribs have completely healed and she was overwhelmed by customer's concern.

Jen starts her maternity leave early in October. She is expecting a baby boy towards the end of October. We are sure everyone will wish her and her family well.

There are a few free Wartime Memories books available to Radyr and Morganstown residents. The book was published to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the

end of the Second World War. It was a project set for Class 6, Bryn Deri School by Mr. Cox. An interesting read!

Our "Space Hop" launch was a big success as we mentioned in the August edition of the Radyr Chain. We hope you enjoy the photos. There is a display on show in the library. Thank you all for making this an enjoyable event.

A couple of items of children's clothing and a few soft toys have been abandoned in the library. If you think your child may have left something, please contact the staff.

As the nights are drawing in, what better way of relaxing than curling up by the fire with a good book? We have regular deliveries of new books and if we don't have the book you want in stock we can usually order it from another library. This service is free of charge. It is so easy to join the library. All you need is one form of identification and your library card will be activated straight away.

Check out our website
www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries

This site allows library members to renew books, search our catalogue and access reference from the comfort of your own home. If you have any queries about using the site please ask the staff who will be happy to assist.

Happy reading,
Jen, Anne and Hannah.





JUNIOR CAPTAIN'S DAY At RADYR GOLF CLUB

On Thursday 29th July Junior Captain, Matthew Charlton hosted his Junior Captain's Day at Radyr Golf Club. The day was well supported by junior members and their parents. 22 junior members took part in an 18 hole competition. In third place was Rachel Jones with 39 points. Owain Evans came second with a score of 40 points, however he was beaten to first place by Matthew Jones who scored 41 points. A nine hole competition was also held with 12 players taking part including 4 girls. The winner of this competition was Callum Meyer with A net score of 35 points. Ryan Butterworth finished second with a score of 37. The longest drive was won by Megan Matthews, a real achievement for a newcomer to golf. Elliot Jones took the nearest the pin prize. The event was supported by the Club Captain, Mike Cornish and the Lady Captain Carol Anthony who assisted Matthew Charlton in presenting all the prizes. For any children who may be interested in taking up golf there is a Junior Coaching Academy at the Club for juniors aged 8 and upwards. They are given professional coaching in a group setting once a Week on a Sunday. Further details can be obtained from Simon Swales, the Club Professional. Anyone interested in joining the Club, as a junior, senior or social member should contact the Manager, Gareth Morgan at manager@radyrgolf.co.uk



SENIORS CLUB FINALS DAY AT RADYR LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Saturday 10th July Radyr Tennis Club was all set up for the 2010 Club Final's Day. The deck chairs were lined up and the Pimms was ready for serving. The Grass courts, the last in South Wales, were busy with competitors rallying and smashing the ball over the net. The final results were as follows:

Ladies Singles - Winner - Michelle de Villiers Runner Up - Dawn Hodnett

Ladies Doubles - Michelle and Dawn. Runners Up - Angela Champion and Sarah Smith

Mixed Doubles - Michelle de Villiers and Nick Smith. Runners Up - Dawn Hodnett and Jim Martin

Men's Singles - Nick Smith. Runner Up - Jack Robinson

Men's Doubles - Jack and Justin Robinson. Runners Up - Ian and Nick Smith

Ladies Plate Singles - Lianne Booth. Runner Up - Rachel Frost

Men's Plate Singles - Andrew Mainwaring. Runner Up - Lee Marshall

Mixed Doubles Plate - Teresa Evans and Richard Azzapardi.

Membership for the Tennis Club is still open and for further details you should contact 075630750542 or the Secretary Rachel Mainwaring. Email address: rach.j.mainwaring@btinternet.com





RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COLUMNS

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Clerk/Clerc: Helena Fox

There has been considerable concern about the future of part of Radyr Woods. I am very pleased to say that much is being done by the Radyr Woods Wardens, with the backing of the Community Council, to secure it for the community. Some three quarters of this area is owned by Cardiff Council and the other quarter, the steeply wooded section below Taff Terrace, is owned by the Earl of Plymouth's family. The Community Council had a lease for 25 years from Lord Plymouth for the wooded section and we had been discussing the best future after the lease expired. We had hoped that Cardiff Council would buy the land so that they owned the whole area and the Wardens could continue to manage it as before. However, Cardiff did not want to take on the liability of ownership and neither did the Community Council. After much discussion when Lord Plymouth's land was put up for sale the plan now is for the Wardens to buy this part of Radyr Woods. The Community Council has met all the maintenance costs for the past 25 years and will continue to do so as part of its management agreement for the rest of the Radyr Woods area. Of course, other improvements have been funded by external grants awarded to the Wardens. When there is more news, we will put it on the website as well as the Chain.

The Friends of Danybryn Woods have met over the summer and continued to clear back the brambles. We found some hazel nuts which may have been opened by dormice so we are getting a formal identification. This is very exciting as dormice are not known to be numerous in Wales and are a European Protected Species.

The bye-election for Radyr South cost £2238 which was a little less than expected. That might sound a lot for 239 ballot papers returned but, of course, the cost isn't dependent on the number of votes and the higher the turnout the better the value!

On a more prosaic note, we will shortly be installing the last two new litter bins in Windsor Gardens bringing the total to six. These have helped stop litter escaping or being removed by birds. They are also fire-resistant which helps to minimize damage from some of the friskier visitors to the garden.

Helena Fox - Clerk



The weather summary - by John Trenchard

September means the days are getting shorter, the nights colder and damper and eventually we will have the first seriously foggy morning of the season with a crop of accidents caused by fog. However, is it the fog that causes accidents in these conditions? Without doubt, car crashes in this sort of foggy weather are caused by people who drive their vehicles too fast and too close together, simply unable or unwilling to adjust their driving pattern when visibility is poor; fog is defined as occurring when horizontal visibility falls below 1100 yards and thick fog when below 220 yards.

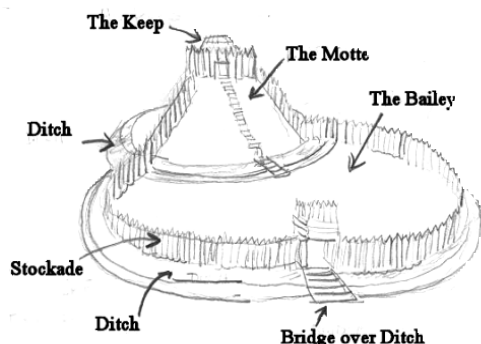
The well-known meteorologist, Henry Charnock, once put it "Situated as we are at the downwind end of the Atlantic, we should not be surprised that cloud and rain are essential ingredients of the average British summer". (Summer is defined as the months of June, July and August).

For Cardiff, this year's summer started dry but ended wet with rainfall of 18.1mm, 22% in June, more in July with 84.9mm, 106% and very wet in August with 154.00, 151%, despite no measurable rainfall from 27th August to 4th September as the active hurricane season in the west Atlantic and the Caribbean had now started.

August had two very wet days in Cardiff with 28.8mm on the 19th and 39.1mm on the 25th when the day maximum temperature only reached 15C, whilst 16C has been recorded in Cardiff in January. Since 1990 in Cardiff there have been five wetter Augusts with the most in 1997 when there was 254.1mm. Regarding summer rainfall, Cardiff receiver 257.0mm, 97% compared with 417.8mm in 2009, whilst the daytime maximum temperature was 20.7C, -0.7C with 2010 being the fourth year running with below average temperatures.

MORGANSTOWN MOTTE DRAWING OF MOTTE AND BAILEY

Motte and Bailey Castle



The next meeting of the R&M History Society will be held on Thursday, 11th November, when Dr. Amelia Pannett will give a talk on Cambrian Archaeology and the Morganstown Motte.

Last year Cardiff County Council commissioned Cambrian Archaeology to undertake a survey of Morganstown Motte which was undertaken by Dr. Pannett and completed last autumn. Unfortunately the discovery of an infection in the rhododendrons has resulted in the Motte being sealed off and much of the tree and ground cover cleared. Hopefully some work will be possible on the Motte in the not too distant future.

Morganstown Motte is the best preserved of a series of motte and bailey castles built by the Norman invaders of Glamorgan along the foot of Caerphilly mountain. This would have been the first frontier between the Normans and the Welsh in these parts. It would have consisted of an earth mound with a wooden stockade creating a wooden castle. At the foot of the mound would have been a small township. The earth bank which surrounded the township can still be seen to the east of the mound. When attacked the inhabitants of the township would have moved with their goods and livestock into the protection of the castle.

Some mottes had stone built castles to replace the wooden structure; a good example of this is the Norman keep at Cardiff castle, a stone building on a mound. It is unlikely that Morganstown Motte ever developed to that stage. While very important in the early stages of the conquest, commanding the entrance to the Taff valley and facing the Welsh castle at Castell Coch, it would have become redundant once the Normans had captured the kingdom of Senghennydd and built Caerphilly Castle.

The meeting on the 11th November will be held at the Old Church Rooms at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

RADYR GUIDE CENTRE HAS A MAKE-OVER

Radyr Friends of Guiding has been working hard over the summer holidays to give the Guide Centre a huge make-over. A new kitchen and boiler have been installed, the cloakrooms have been decorated and the hot air hand driers updated too. There has also been work to repair the guttering, downpipes, wall and steps damaged earlier in the year. The grounds are also in the process of being tidied.

Radyr Guide Centre is well used the community – it is home to Radyr Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, as well as Playworks After School and Wraparound Care Clubs, Yoga, Extend and Judo classes.

Now that all the work has been completed the Guide Centre offers a very welcoming venue for parties or meetings. If you would like to hire the Guide Centre, please contact Penny Nash 029 2084 2000 or Julie Davies 029 2084 2923. CHILDREN'S PARTY SPECIAL OFFER £20. (THREE HOURS).



CAN YOU HELP US?

We are twelve blue dinner and dessert plates that live at the back of the kitchen cupboard in the Guide Centre with our friends the cups and saucers. We are very sad and lonely as we have lost eighty of our friends.

Perhaps you have seen some of them in your kitchen. Did you borrow some plates once for a party or function? We would really like to be re-united.



Pentwyn Park Community Environmental Event

More than fifty local people joined the Community Council in an environmental event in Pentwyn Park on October 2. We planted hundreds of native Tenby

Daffodils, sowed wild flower seed and made bird and bat boxes. The event was part of a Village Plan project to enhance our local green spaces. Some of the bird and bat boxes will be put in the park's trees and some went home to local gardens. The weather was perfect and it was terrific to see people enjoying the outdoors, many of whom asked to do this more often. Especial thanks go to all the children who worked really hard, saving worms and discovering mini-beasts as they dug!



Relief for Pakistan Flooding

Fund Raising Events in Cardiff



An emergency appeal has been launched in order to raise funds for those affected by the tragedy that has come of the recent Pakistan flooding. The United Nations have declared that the countries worst flooding in over a century is now known to have affected over 16 million people and taken the lives of at least 1600 citizens. Although charities from all over the world have been quick to respond to Pakistan's cry for help, it is essential that aid continues to be provided for the remaining survivors. Fresh flood warnings mean that basic supplies are in higher demand than ever before, and it is essential to the wellbeing of the remaining survivors that aid continues to be sent to where it is needed.

Representatives from the British Red Cross have been situated in some of the hardest hit provinces, and have so far delivered aid in the form of food, clean water, shelter and medicine to over 35,000 citizens. Also the DEC, an umbrella organisation of 13 humanitarian aid agencies, is said to have successfully delivered essentials to over 300,000 survivors.

The biggest threat facing survivors at this point in time is the risk of

widespread disease, and the likelihood of a cholera outbreak leading to an epidemic. Tragically the reality of the situation is that contaminated water sources will inevitably lead to the spreading of disease, and the aid required to solve this problem simply isn't meeting the demand.

It is vitally important that the Pakistan flood appeal continues to be supported. You can become involved in supporting this cause by participating in any one of the following organisations or events within Cardiff:

Iftar for Pakistan flooding – Emergency Appeal

22/08/2010 5.30pm-9pm

City Hall, Cardiff

Islamic Relief Wales presents a community iftar with all proceeds going towards the Pakistan emergency appeal. Three course meal provided and special guest visitors. Tickets £10, to book tickets and for further information call 07817528379

www.savethechildren.org.uk

www.dec.org.uk or 0370 60 60 900

www.WaterAid.org/Pakistanflood

By Jessica Ure

MARTIN'S TAITH MYNYDD MAWR

Martin successfully made it in his quest to climb Snowdon in his wheelchair with his carrying crew – his two sons Richard and Dan, as well as Shaun, Martin, David, Paul Gareth, Darren, Richard H, Graham, Lee, Craig, Damien, Stuart and Gethin who also drove the coach. Well done boys!

Thanks to all of the staff and supporters who helped make this trip possible.

Thanks to Edwards and John Lewis, thanks to Invacare for the loan of the wheelchair and a special thank you to Seren Ventures and all the staff that supported us. A successful trip and enjoyed by all.

See the justgiving website for more pictures ...

www.justgiving.com/MartinsTaithMynyddMawr

Martin had an interview with Good Morning Wales and has had an article on the online news bulletin (see below).

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-10981183

[www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00tfbrx/Good Morning Wales 14 08 2010/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00tfbrx/Good_Morning_Wales_14_08_2010/)



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Love to run or know someone who does? Put your best foot forward and run to support our work. From 5km fun runs to ultra-marathons, we have running events to suit everyone. Find out more at www.LCDisability.org/ilovetorun

**NEW WELSH CHAMPIONS
– NEXT STOP WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
SEPTEMBER 2010**

With the build-up to the Taekwondo World Championships being held in September, members of the Steve Tottle Schools of Taekwondo have been honing their skills in local and international championships.

Gethin James from the Rhondda and Nicola Turecek who trains in Pontypridd and Bridgend both travelled to Sardinia as part of the TAGB British Squad to compete in the WASCO World Championships. This tournament is open to Karate, Kung Fu, Kickboxers and Taekwondo practitioners from all over the world. The students compete in point sparring and continuous sparring with the tournament lasting for five days.

Steve was very pleased with the results, with Nicola winning Gold in Ladies Lightweight continuous sparring and Silver in point sparring and Gethin winning Bronze in Men's Heavyweight continuous sparring.

This weekend the Welsh Area Championships were held in Cardiff with students competing in point sparring, continuous sparring, team sparring and patterns. This tournament was open to coloured belt and black belts.

The results were as follows:

Bridgend –

Liz Gordon

Red Belt 3 gold and 1 silver

Iwan Hill

Green Belt Bronze

Josh Hulse

Black Belt Gold

Emma Nelson

Red Belt 2 silver and 1 gold

Jasmine Over

Black Belt Silver

Steve Sawday

Blue Belt Gold

Kristian Williams

Green Belt Gold

Angel Williams - Yellow Belt Gold

Pontypridd –

Nicola Turecek - Black Belt Gold

Radyr –

Robert Hooper
Green Belt Bronze

Vale –

Bethany Burt

Red Belt Gold

Jessica Burt

Green Belt 1 Silver and 1 Gold

Rhiannon Williams

Black Belt Gold

Rhondda –

Gethin James

Black Belt 2 Gold

Dominic Green

Blue Belt 1 Gold and 1 Silver

Dylan Nash

Yellow Belt Silver

Mike Jones

Red Belt Gold and Bronze

The Taekwondo Schools run all through the year – we do not stop for the Summer Holidays. Anybody interested in learning self defence, Taekwondo, Kickboxing skills should contact Steve Tottle on 01443 226 452 or go to

www.tagb.biz or
www.blackbeltschools.com

With over 700 schools in the UK there will be a TAGB School near you.

Please note that the action pictures are of Nicola Turecek and Gethin James, the two children are Bethany and Jessie Burt (914) (917 is some of the Bridgend crew and (923) is the Rhondda group after the tournament.

**RADYR'S RACHEL DOES TAEKWONDO
SCHOOL PROUD TAKING SILVER MEDAL AT
THE WORLD TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The World Championships were held in Telford International Arena on the weekend of 11th and 12th September.

Over 1800 Competitors took part from every continent in the world. A Junior event was held on the Saturday and the Senior event on the Sunday. Participants from all styles of Taekwondo took part in full contact WTF (Olympic Style), semi contact Taekwondo International Style, Patterns and Destruction.

The standard of competition was obviously very high, people train for years specifically for this event.

Wales had an excellent haul of medals, the students we would like to mention here train in the schools in Bridgend, Rhondda, Radyr, Pontypridd and the Vale. For the past year these students in particular have trained in all these schools.

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Ladies Black Belt Patterns
**Nicola Turecek -
GOLD**



Ladies Blue Belt Light Heavyweight
Sparring
Rachel Mortimore - SILVER

Other results:

Ladies Red Belt Middleweight Sparring
Liz Gordon - BRONZE

Ladies Blue Belt Light Heavyweight Sparring
Rachel Mortimore - SILVER

Mens Blue Belt Middleweight Sparring
Steve Sawday - BRONZE

Ladies Red Belt Team Sparring
Liz Gordon and Emma Nelson - GOLD

Boys Green Belt Team Sparring
Kristian Williams - GOLD

Particular praise goes to Nicola Turecek as there were 92 competitors in her division and 3 hours to complete.



Students from Bridgend in the morning before the opening ceremony



Emma Nelson (centre) and Liz Gordon (right) who won the Red Belt Ladies Team event who travel to Radyr from Bridgend for extra training on a regular basis.



Has anyone lost this postcard dated January 10th 1911? It was found inside a book recently returned to Radyr Library

Radyr Golf Club.

Over the last year, there have been extensive improvements at Radyr Golf Club. The lounge has been refurbished, the access for the disabled has been brought up to current legislative standards and the continued work on the golf course has enhanced its reputation as being one of the best in the Principality. In addition, the catering at the club is outstanding and has proved very popular with the members, local residents and visiting societies.

I am writing therefore, to the recipients of the Radyr Chain to invite them to participate in all the club activities.

Firstly, the club would welcome applications from residents who wish to be full playing members. Secondly, we would be delighted to receive applications for those wishing to become Social Members. The joining fee for the latter category is minimal but would enable such members to use all the facilities. Furthermore, it may act as an incentive to younger family members to join as junior members. Currently, the junior section is very vibrant, competitive and very enjoyable.

The club would also welcome enquiries in regard to the other facilities. There are rooms for hire for both large and small private meetings. The club can accommodate most activities ranging from christenings, weddings and any other celebratory activities. All enquiries will be most welcome.

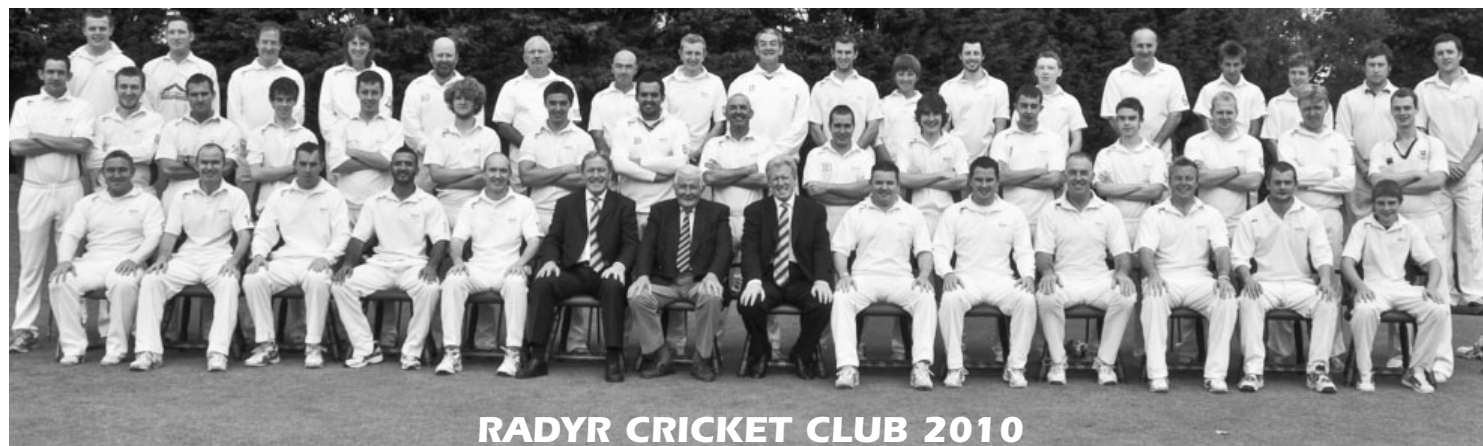
One of the most popular facility is Sunday lunch. Currently, it is so popular that a booking is essential. Naturally, children are most welcome. The only restriction is the wearing of Denim Jeans.

The club manager, Mr Gareth Morgan, will be delighted to hear from you and the club looks forward to meeting you in the near future. Please contact him or Mrs Cynthia Tombs, Club Administrator on 20842408.

Ralph Vaughan, Vice Captain.

RADYR CRICKET CLUB, 2010.

The end of the club's most successful season ever saw it win five different trophies. The 2nds, 3rds and 4ths all won their respective leagues with the 4ths being all the more commendable as it was the first time the club had ever run such a side. Our Indoor League team won the Cardiff & District Winter League and our Under 13's won the Grand Final in early September. Even the 1sts who didn't get promotion missed out by only one place finishing in 3rd position with one of our players,



Moshin Arif, scoring hundreds in three consecutive games – a feat never achieved at Radyr before.

The massive increase in numbers playing the game over the last few years has been incredible. Now running four very competitive league sides every Saturday means we have some sixty senior members plus two hundred junior members who compete at Under 9's, 11's, 13's and 15's. The more talented youngsters over thirteen years of age supplement the seniors and in certain games, they have been the match winners. The standards are also higher than they have ever been and the facilities have to match. It costs a lot of money plus time and effort to prepare two pitches for each weekend while also running junior cricket every Monday to Friday. This is only achieved due to the commitment and dedication of senior players and parents of juniors who have thrown themselves into the life of the club.

There is no doubt that the club will continue to go from strength to strength and in the next few months it will be awarded "Clubmark" status which is an acknowledgement that the management and organization are in place for the exacting demands that people make of modern sporting clubs. Should you or any member of your family, of any age or gender, wish to join us please give the Club's Secretary, Alun Williams a call on 07817 053 756 or email him on alunvw1@aol.com Alternatively speak to the club's Youth Manager who is Gwyn Morris on 07980 801 665 or email him on

Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Croesawyd tua hanner cant ohonom i gyfarfod cyntaf y tymor dan ein Llywydd, Elsbeth Edwards. Atgoffodd ni am lwyddiant nifer o'r aelodau mewn cystadlaethau yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Glyn Ebwy. Diolchodd Eirlys Davies, Trefnydd y De Ddwyrain i'r aelodau am eu rhan yng nghyflwyniad y Rhanbarth ar y prif lwyfan a'r gefnogaeth i babell y mudiad ar y Maes.

Y Parchedig Kevin Davies oedd y gwestai ar y noson gyntaf. Rhannodd ei syniadau a'n rhoi ar y llwybr cywir wrth osod blodau. Defnyddiodd Dymor y Diolch a'r Cynhaef fel ei thema. Mae ganddo ddawn y meistr i wneud rhywbeth anodd i edrych yn rhwydd wrth iddo greu pum gosodiad trawiadol. Gwledd yn wir i'r llygaid a dechrau bendigedig i raglen y flwyddyn!

Cofiwch am y cyfarfod nesaf ar Hydref y 6ed pan fydd Ieuan Evans yn siarad am Grochenwaith De Cymru.



Dwy aelod Iwcus a enillodd drefniant o flodau yng nghwmni Kevin Davies: Elen Lewis ac Eirlys Davies.