

# RADYR CHAIN



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## Christmas Tree Lighting



Once again the Community Council and the R&M Association organised a highly successful Christmas Tree lighting event on Friday 8th December. Even the cold and the threat of snow added to the atmosphere.

The event was opened by Aled Powys Williams a member of the highly successful singing group Only Men Allowed on behalf of the Alzheimers Society, this year's Festival Charity. Aled was one of the best we've had opening the event



and was even persuaded to sing some carols.

Carols were sung by the choirs of Bryn Deri and Radyr Primary Schools under the guidance of Peter Esswood and a delightful new innovation was a brass quintet to accompany the carols.

Shopping at the event gets better year by year and it is an ideal opportunity to get unusual last minute presents. With hot dogs, burgers, cakes of all sorts, mulled wine, and free food from many of

the Station Road shop keepers all those attending were totally catered for.

The arrival of Father Christmas is always the highlight and the children could share their secret wishes with him.

Unfortunately the Christmas tree in Windsor Gardens did not survive the bad weather and had to be taken down early.

Thanks to Chris Dale for supplying the excellent sound.



## Christmas Tree Festival

The Parish of Radyr held its first ever Christmas Tree festival in December, a hugely successful event, and much appreciated by those who came. It began life as the idea a few church members had to bring the community together in celebration. It ended with a display of 23 trees and several hundred visitors!

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## COMING EVENTS



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

- Thur 1 Feb** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk by Ritchie Wood on "World War 1". New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 5 Feb** 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. The speaker will be Roy Noble, the well-known broadcaster. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) for further details.
- Mon 12 Feb** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI "Sharing your Stories and Memories" by Jordan Taylor. Old Church Rooms.
- Tue 13 Feb** 18:30 Festival Queen auditions Auditions for the Festival Queen and 2 attendants will be held at Radyr Guide Centre Open to all who LIVE in the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council area. Girls MUST be available to attend any Festival event if required. Further details from Maggie 20842995.
- Wed 14 Feb** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club Plans for Dyffryn's Arboretum. An illustrated talk by Rory Ambrose (NT Dyffryn). New school Rooms, Christ Church. All welcome. Contact Richard Gregory 20842084
- Wed 14 Feb** 19:30 RCTS South Wales Great Railway Journeys: Germany, Switzerland and India
- Wed 21-24 Feb** 19:30 RPMG present to you 'Me And My Girl' at the Bishop Of Llandaff School, Rookwood Ave, CF5 2NR. An evening of amazing dance routines and familiar songs. Come and join us for 'Doing The Lambeth Walk Oi!' or even Leaning on a Lamp-post.. Tickets priced at £10/12 concessions Weds Thurs. from the Box Office tel: 029 20 842995 or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/RPMG](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/RPMG) The show that just can't be missed. Full disabled access available.

- Thur 22 Feb** 19:30 R&M Film Club - Lost in Paris Who wouldn't want a picturesque trip to the French capital that delivers more laughs than a nitrous oxide leak near the hyena compound? Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4. Join our Mailing List - Email [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com)
- Sat 24 Feb** 10:30 Radyr and Morhanstown Volunteer Fundraising Group - Alzheimers Society. Meet at Radyr Library, all welcome.
- Thur 1 Mar** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West Radyr golf club. An illustrated talk by Rhian Morgan on "Genetics" New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Thur 8 Mar** 12:00 Tenovus Literary Lunch at Radyr Golf Club. Talk by Professor Pickard. Science and Shakespeare. Tickets £20 to include 2 course meal. All welcome. Please Tel. 20401872
- Sat 10 Mar** 19:30 Twinning Fellow Spring function In Morganstown Village Hall, Watch this space. Details to follow
- Mon 12 Mar** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI "I've got Downs Syndrome....So What" by speaker Sara Pickard . Old Church Rooms. Guests always welcome.
- Wed 14 Mar** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. Women Botanical Illustrators - an illustrated talk by Dr. Heather Pardoe. New School Rooms, Christ Church. All welcome. Contact Richard Gregory 20842084
- Wed 14 Mar** 19:30 RCTS South Wales Railways in the Cornish Landscape Part II : Stephen Gay
- Thur 22 Mar** 19:30 R&M Film Club - Loving Vincent
- Thur 22 Mar** Reportedly the first fully painted animated film in history, this seven-years-in-the-making effort is often breathtakingly beautiful. Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4. Join our Mailing List - Email [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com)
- Thur 5 April** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West Radyr Golf Club. Annual General Meeting. New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056
- Mon 9 April** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI "Colour Me Beautiful" by Charlotte Leeke. Old Church Rooms.
- Wed 11 April** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. Bees are Fantastic - an illustrated talk by Janet Martin..This will be preceded by a short AGM. New School Rooms, Christ Church. All welcome, Contact Richard Gregory 20842084
- Wed 11 April** 19:30 RCTS South Wales Tiny Stations : Dixe Wills

## Use your indicators!

*A plea from the residents of Kings Road.*

Will all drivers who turn into Kings Road from Heol Isaf please indicate their intentions.

There are 5 driveways on the bend of Kings Road and pulling out can be very dangerous when cars suddenly appear without indicating. It can also be very dangerous for pedestrians crossing Kings Road.

### RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Venue:* The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr  
*Time:* Tuesdays 12.15-2pm  
*Membership Fee:* £20.00  
*Lunch:* £7.00. *Talk only:* £3.00

### Winter Programme 2018

- 9 January** – Humour in the Funeral Profession – John Bettles
- 16 January** – A Queen for Cardiff? Audrey Griffiths
- 23 January** – On the Edge Rosemary Scadden
- 30 January** – Modern Day Slavery in Wales – Joan Payne
- 6 February** – Global Warming indicated by the Faroe Islands, Iceland & Greenland Anne Mahoney
- 13 February** – Half Term
- 20 February** – Wildlife of India Richard Smith
- 27 February** – The short short stories Phil Carradice
- 6 March** – Mrs. Beeton – her life and her cookery books Pamela Robson
- 13 March** – Trip
- Next Term begins on 20 April, 2018
- Telephone Number 2084 2461 or 20552610

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by March 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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# Christmas Tree Festival

... from front cover

Cardiff West & Llandaff Deanery are in the process of fund raising to enable us to resettle a Syrian Family in Cardiff. We are doing this through the government Sponsorship Programme and working with Citizens UK. The family will have a home in which to settle & live comfortably & will be made to feel welcome & to make a life for themselves. We hope to achieve this by Spring 2018.

We need a bond of £4,500/adult & now have enough for 2 adults but may need more if the family brings a grandparent with them. We also need money for initial expenses, rent until the housing allowance arrives, food, clothing, language services & to generally support them towards employment & self-sufficiency over a period of 2yrs. To this end we decided to hold a Christmas Tree Festival at the start of Advent.

By autumn, most of the societies we had contacted had agreed to take part & were well into planning the decoration of their tree.

The festival took place on 1st, 2nd & 3rd December & by the evening of 30th November, Christ Church was buzzing. It was great fun & very touching to see how much effort people had made. Some trees were simply beautiful, others quite brilliant in their construction & yet others gave wonderfully novel & sometimes quirky depictions of the society they represented. It was a fantastic effort all round. Allan Cook, chair of the History Society, one of the groups who exhibited a tree, said "it was a lovely start to the Christmas season, people worked so hard and there was always a buzz in Christ Church. I hope that it's repeated next year".

We'd hidden a number of angels throughout the church for the children to count & to receive a small prize if they gave the correct answer. One young man, when asked by Jenny how many angels he had counted, replied "All of them" --- so of course he had a prize too!

Admission was free & we had a steady trickle of visitors enjoying the trees, refreshments, organ recitals & finally the Carol Service on Sunday Evening & the result was that we

collected a total of £881.

Next time we have a Christmas Tree Festival, we'll be certain to invite our Syrian family & are sure that they will be moved by the efforts everyone made to enable them to settle into a safer, more comfortable & eventually happier life here than the one they left behind.

*If you would like to know more about the 1FamilyCardiff project please contact:*  
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# Radyr Golf Club Juniors

... from back cover

strokes (best gross score and 4 best nett scores). All played their part with the highlights a gross score of 70 from Aaron Portsmouth and a nett 61 from Rory McGill.

The following day a team of eight travelled to Royal Porthcawl Golf Club to play the Glamorgan Golf Union Junior League Final against Maesteg. The first pair of Aaron Portsmouth and Harry Powell won their match playing outstanding golf. Unfortunately the second pair of Alice Thomas and Luke Davidson couldn't match them and lost a tight game. The same was also true of the fourth pair of Iwan Marshall and Owen Evans but their match is only the decider in the case of a tie in the first three matches. A win seemed unlikely as Matt Perks and Jordan Bolderson were 2 down with four to play. This became the deciding match and a large crowd gathered to watch the conclusion. With some sparkling play over the final holes, Matt and Jordan caught and overhauled their opponents to win dramatically on the final hole.

An outstanding achievement by the Radyr GC Junior Team and huge congratulations to all those involved!

The Junior Team has the full support of the membership at Radyr Golf Club who are now busy fundraising to enable the boys and girls to go to Portugal and represent Wales. It would be great if the community could also get behind the team so that these local boys and girls can fulfil their dreams and represent Radyr with pride!

**Iwan Morris**  
Junior Organiser Radyr Golf Club

# War Memorial



Many readers might be interested to know what is happening to the War Memorial. Our County Councillor tells me that CADW and the War Memorial Trust have agreed a request by the County Council for the cleaning of the stonework, clearing out and repointing of the mortar, the cleaning of the bronze figures in accordance with CADW recommendations and the restoration of pathways. A review will also be undertaken of the security arrangements on the War Memorial.

A second stage will recolour the lettering with either lead or black lime mortar, depending on the findings of CADW as to the nature of the original. All work should be completed in time for the centenary of the end of WW1 in November 2018.

Radyr's War Memorial is the work of Royal Academician Alfred Turner 1874 -1940. He made a number of statues of Queen Victoria and one of Edward VII, as well as several war memorials. His best known war memorial is at Delville Wood in France to South African Troops.

Radyr's War Memorial has a figure of the Goddess Fame holding a wreath in her left hand and a raised staff in her right, like that on Turner's memorial to Edgar Mobbs in Northampton. The child and shrine is identical with that on his war memorial in Fulham, London.

The cost of the memorials was paid for by local residents and unveiled in January 1921 by the Earl of Plymouth. In all some £800 was raised.

Alfred Turner was also responsible for the marble figure of Owain Glyndwr in Cardiff's City Hall which was unveiled by Lloyd George in 1916.

# Welsh Gymnastics Disability Gymnast of the Year



On 11th November at a gala dinner, Sharmeela Bragg was awarded the title of *Welsh Gymnastics Disability Gymnast of the Year*.

Sharmeela began trampolining at the age of 5 she had no core strength and was unable to stand on her left foot for more than 3 seconds. She has worked very hard over the years on improving her core, and developing her trampoline skills and has transformed from a child who was very unstable and always leaning one way when she jumped, to someone who trains with elite performers and holds her own.

2016/17 was a fantastic year for Sharmeela and she was able to reap the benefits of all her hard work. November 2016 Sharmeela competed in the Welsh Schools Trampoline Competition in the elite group, and became Welsh Primary Schools Champion. This qualified her to compete against schools from the Midlands, Central and Eastern England in Cannock in February 2017. She was again successful, emerging as Zonal Schools Champion. In the British Schools Finals in Gateshead in March 2017 Sharmeela continued her unbeaten record and became British Primary Schools Champion.

In February 2017 Sharmeela was the only gymnast in Wales at a high enough standard to compete in the

elite category in the Welsh Trampoline Championships, and therefore, after performing 3 very impressive routines, became Welsh Elite Disability Champion.

In March 2017, Sharmeela qualified to represent the Welsh region at Regional Team Finals in Birmingham in June, and ended up with yet another 1st place, scoring points for Wales and qualifying herself for British NDP finals in Telford in July. Sharmeela rounded off a very successful competitive year by becoming British Champion at NDP finals.

The past year has been an amazing year for Sharmeela and we are all very proud of her achievements.

Dr Liz Bragg

## A Curriculum for Wales

### – Our National Mission

Pupils in Dosbarth 5 at Bryn Deri Primary had a first-hand opportunity to ask the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams, their questions about the proposed new curriculum for Wales and what it would mean for them. It was a brief but highly interactive visit. The children had clearly done their research and posed some challenging questions about what the curriculum would offer the young people of Wales. They raised their concerns about why the curriculum would not come into effect until 2022 and asked why the curriculum was changing and what improvements would be made. They were interested in what types of subjects would be taught. I was



## Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home Gardens

A small group of local residents meet each week to work in the garden at Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home. There are many species of shrubs and trees in their old garden, and a rose border which we are re-resuscitating and adding to.

Next Spring we have been asked to open the gardens as part of the Radyr Festival Fortnight.

More help is always needed. Half an hour a month can achieve a lot.

Anyone who would like to help should contact Shelley at Dan-y-Bryn Cheshire Home on 02920 842237 and talk about volunteering. You will be most welcome.  
**Judith Hart.**

extremely proud of the way our children conducted themselves and the quality of the questions. Kirsty Williams AM listened with real interest to the children's questions and views. Before leaving she gave them genuine encouragement to follow their dreams and aim high.

The visit was arranged as part of this year's A Tale Unfold project where the children will be writing filming and producing their own news report. The children also visited the Senedd (National Assembly Building), in November where they met with Mark Drakeford. They had a guided tour of the Senedd and an insight into where important decisions about transforming education in Wales are debated and agreed. They even had the opportunity to sit in the debating chamber for their own debate on 'Fizzy Drinks'. It was a highly thought provoking project and the children will have lasting memories of their visits.

## News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

Welcome to 2018! which I will greet by reporting on the Christmas activities for 2017 prior to moving into the present.

The pre-Christmas visit to Tredegar House proved to be a delightful day out. The house was beautifully decorated in the traditional way and the partaking of lunch and mulled wine, followed by present buying in the gift shop, all contributed to an enjoyable, sociable day.

Our Institute is always involved in Christmas community events and 2017 was no exception. A new innovation was the Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival. The working party, co-ordinated by Lizzy, received congratulations on the spectacular tree they displayed. All the participating organisations had made great efforts and the trees added to the festive atmosphere in the church. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

In the December meeting, Anne-Marie thanked all members who had contributed a "Christmas Shoebox" for "Operation Christmas Child". Our WI was the largest contributor towards the total and members' efforts were greatly appreciated.

Finally, a hardy group of stalwarts manned a stall selling hot drinks and mince pies at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Despite a very cold, wet evening and attendance being less than previous years, we are able to make a substantial donation to a local charity from the takings. The trees and Station Road looked magical in spite of the weather.

December 11th, the final meeting of 2017 was the Christmas Party. This was a varied event organised by our indefatigable committee. Several games of Bingo were played – is this a first for Radyr WI?! Our caller was Judy Billington whose expertise in the role was impressive – has she been a Bingo caller in a previous life? Food and drink

followed and quiz sheets were distributed. Our President read 3 Christmas themed poems from a book written by WI members from Bristol and the evening ended in traditional manner with a sing-a-long accompanied by Ros on the piano – it wouldn't be Christmas without this, and so ended a year of successful events.

The first meeting of 2018 was on January 8th and the voting on the Resolutions to be put before the National Annual General Meeting was the first item on the agenda. There were votes for all five Resolutions with the majority for "Mental Health Matters". The results will now be sent to Federation House.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Sean Sabbage who has been a member of St John Cymru for five years. He is an emergency attendant and a trainer and has been running the Radyr Division for a year. He gave an illustrated talk on the response to an emergency collapse, including how to do CPR correctly, demonstrated on an adult, child and baby dummy. He invited volunteers to demonstrate how to place someone in the recovery position and took questions from members about other first aid emergencies, including bleeding, burns, choking and how and when to use the automatic defibrillators now situated at various point in Radyr. His talk was interesting and very informed and even trained first aiders felt that they had benefited from his expertise.

So, with the first meeting of the New Year over, we look towards future events. This year our Institute is the host for our Social Link Group and a Beetle Drive afternoon is planned for 21st March. The annual St David's Day Walk will take place on 26th February involving all the WIs in the "Taff Trailers" link group. It will start at the Millennium Centre and end at Morganstown Village Hall, with various pick up points along the way.

All our groups: - book clubs,

walking and genealogy, have begun their 2018 programmes. Our monthly meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.

Why not join us or email us to find out more on [radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk). Or look for our page on the Radyr and Morganstown Community website.

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### CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

#### ROASTED SAUSAGE AND POTATO SUPPER DISH

Serves 4

Easy, tasty and satisfying.

- 2 tbspsn. olive oil
- 2 large white or red onions, sliced into 8
- 2 red peppers, deseeded and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 tbsp. fresh thyme or 2 tspns. dried
- 500g/1lb 2 oz baby roasting potatoes, halved
- 12 good quality sausages, pricked with fork
- 200ml/7fl oz white wine or chicken stock
- S+P

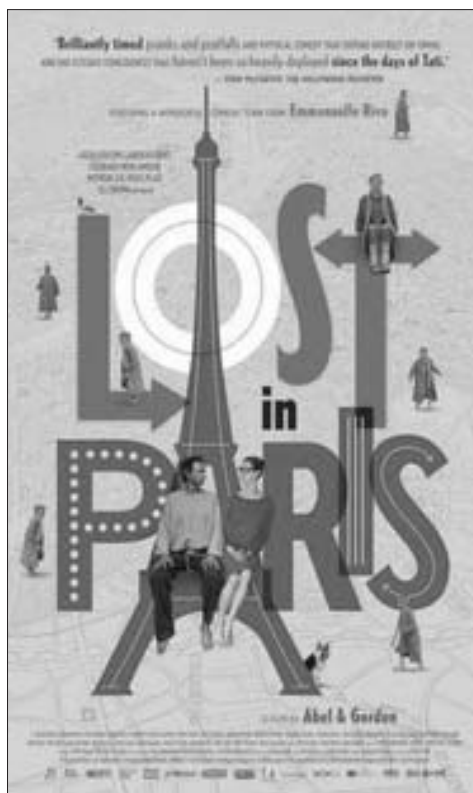
- Heat oven 200 C or Gas 7
- Place all ingredients except wine into large roasting tin
- Turn over to coat with oil, season
- Ensure sausages are on top
- Roast approx. 35mins until golden brown
- Remove from oven, turn it all over, and pour in wine
- Return to oven to cook further 20 mins or until
- sausages are brown and potatoes tender
- Serve with green vegetables

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# FILM CLUB

The last two films of this season's Film Club will take place at the Old Church Rooms on Thursdays 22nd of February and 22nd of March. Both films are in English but both have a French theme.

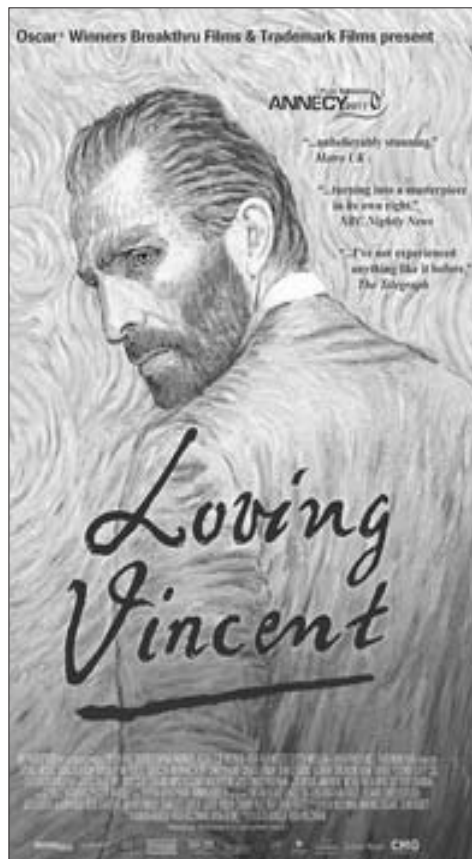
The film on Feb 22nd is *Lost in Paris*. Canadian librarian Fiona's aunt Martha moved to Paris when Fiona was a child. Fiona suddenly gets a letter from her aunt begging for help, Martha is about to be put into a home and she is only 88. When Fiona arrives in Paris her aunt has disappeared and this unleashes a series of physical



comedy situations at which the French are so brilliant.

Fiona falls in the Seine and her back pack is retrieved by a tramp, Abel, who befriends her. They are told that Martha is dead but go to the wrong funeral. All ends up happily as is usual in this kind of genre. A good way to get rid of the February blues.

Animation comes in many forms from straight drawing to bendy



models, but *Loving Vincent*, the film on March 22nd, breaks all the moulds, it tells the story of the painter Vincent Van Gogh by animating his impressionist paintings.

This film which took seven years to make, has gleaned a clutch of international prizes including the European Film Award and nominations for both the Golden Globes and BAFTA. It has also claimed a clutch of superlatives from the Press including, "a triumph of painstaking technical prowess and stunning visuals" to "as such it is a treat".

You don't need to be a member to of the Film Club to see these films. Just turn up in time for the 7.30 start or book your tickets at enerchi, Station Road. Ice cream is sold at these events and because there is no bar you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Look out for the two films which will be part of the May Festival in our April edition.

## The trumpet shall sound



A friend was taking her dog for a walk in Radyr and noticed that there was a trumpet sticking out from a skip. Yes, it was a bit bashed up, but as she was a music lover she rescued the trumpet and took it home. A short while later I was hosting a Bring and Buy sale. She brought the trumpet along hoping that someone would give it a good home. I did manage to get a note out of it! Someone at the sale mentioned the wonderful project in Ely, which nurtures the musical potential of children, and decided she would buy the trumpet and see if it could be mended to give to a child.

*Making Music Changing Lives* is a community music project which aims to provide quality music education that is accessible to all children and young people regardless of social & economic background. It is based in Ely.

On 17th December there was a lively and impressive concert with performances by the orchestra and soloists of *Making Music Changing Lives*. After the concert the trumpet, now restored, was presented to Rev. Jan Gould who leads the project.

The photo shows Rev. Jan Gould holding the trumpet and Helen Whitmore, the brass teacher.

**Jane Tooby**

# Remembrance Sunday 2017

It's not quite clear as to how it happens, but the annual commemoration at Radyr War Memorial on Sunday 12th.

November, in memory of those who served their country, was again blessed with a dry, sunny morning.

Many of the local Radyr and Morganstown community turned out to take part in the outdoor service and wreath-laying. The service was led, as customary, by Canon Jenny Wigley of Christchurch, Church in Wales, the wreath-laying led by Colonel Guy Clarke, Deputy Lieutenant of the County of South Glamorgan (also son of the late Mrs. Lorna Clarke of Heol Isaf, Radyr).

Although minus the usual contingent of Air Cadets, the parade to the War Memorial still included a good number of ex-services personnel, as well as representative groups from the local youth organisations and schools. Wreaths were laid by representatives of all the key local and services organisations, with one or two new groups being commemorated this year, such as Prisoners of War and Radyr Cricket Club.

Total monies received through local poppy sales/collections and wreath payments/donations, amounted to a contribution to Royal British Legion funds by the Radyr & Morganstown

community of £3,996. Although poppy collections alone realised somewhat less than last year, the total sum still represents a significant amount. It will, no doubt, be well used in supporting ex-services personnel who in need, by Royal British Legion. Thank you to all those who gave generously to achieve this; also to those volunteers who made door-to-door collections and helped in other ways to organise things and make sure the commemoration ran smoothly on the day.

Remembrance Sunday next year, will be on 11th. November, and mark the centenary of the armistice signed on that day in 1918. As such it will be an event of considerable significance, albeit still commemorating the sacrifices made by members of our armed forces in many more-recent conflicts. If you would like to assist in supporting this worthy cause, as a poppy seller in your immediate home vicinity, or as a volunteer to help organise things at the commemoration event, please contact Ian Ogden, on mobile 07711-713176. If you are someone who can knit, please also contact us, as we are hoping to mount a display of a multitude of poppies in red wool, at the War Memorial for the commemoration service on the Sunday, and need more volunteers to make them. Please help us to make next year's commemoration an even more special occasion.

## Radyr & Morganstown World War 1 Commemoration

### Knitted Red Poppies

Radyr & Morganstown WW1 Commemoration Committee have met to consider how best to mark the ending of the Great War in November 1918.

Although numerous ideas were put forward one suggestion in particular stood out and that was to cover the grassed area of our war memorial with poppies. With thanks to numerous local volunteers including both Radyr & Treforgan WI's, approximately 800 + red poppies have been knitted to date. We still need hundreds more and are looking for volunteers to swell this number. Shaw's sell Marriner (DK) in Red for £1.00 per 100-gram ball (will produce 18 to 20 poppies).

### Knitting instructions:

#### No. 9 knitting needles, red double knitting.

- Cast on 120 stitches.
- Rows 1-4 knit in garter stitch.
- Row 5 knit 3 together across the row (40 stitches).
- Rows 6-9 knit in garter stitch.
- Row 10 knit 2 tog, across the row (20 stitches).
- Rows 11-14 knit in garter stitch.
- Row 15 knit 2 tog across the row (10 stitches).
- Cut a tail of wool approximately 20 cms. and with a darning needle thread through the remaining stitches, drawing the poppy together. Sew the open side of the poppy and with black wool sew a black button in the centre



## From Bowls to Defibrillators

Earlier this year a heart defibrillator was acquired and placed on an interior wall of Morganstown Village Hall. This piece of medical apparatus is used on a person who is suffering from a cardiac arrest. If used correctly and at the right time it may save the life of the person involved.

Many activities take place at the village hall and people of all ages take part in these activities. One such activity is Short Mat Bowls which has more than twenty members. This activity takes place in the hall on both a Saturday and Wednesday between the hours of 2pm- 6pm. Those who are above the age of twelve years and wish to become new members are welcome to visit the sessions and observe how friendly and enjoyable they are.

At one of the club's meetings the defibrillator was mentioned and it was pointed out that nobody in the group knew, either the reason for its use, or the methods of how to use it in an emergency.

Fortunately, one member had knowledge of the Welsh Hearts ( The Heart Charity of Wales). Sharon Owen ( Charity Director ) was contacted and Sharon kindly organised a demonstration for twenty members of the bowling club. The demonstration was carried out on Wednesday 11th October for one



hour at the end of the bowling session. Liz Evans, a qualified nurse, gave an excellent and informative presentation to the members. This was well received and in the discussions afterwards it was obvious that a defibrillator was a very important part of any organization that runs classes, in a variety of activities, for all age groups,

Also, it was obvious from the information imparted, that a defibrillator is an essential tool belonging to the first aid equipment of any organisation that deals with groups of people. However, this piece of equipment is of little use, unless at least one member of the group knows how to use it effectively.

NB The demonstration was given free of charge, although the Welsh Hearts would welcome a donation for their services.

Other activities that use the Morganstown Village Hall apply to St. Johns Ambulance for their training in the use of the defibrillator.

*Contact information.*

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## Pony Club

Thank you so much to Radyr and Morganstown Community Council for donating money to enable us to purchase a replacement "Jump for Joy" jump as at the Festival charity gymkhana in May ours was damaged due to much use. We are a small riding club with local members and have active since 1984 with special emphasis of riding safely on the roads.

**Val Allen,**  
Ty Gwyn Pony Club



*Above is a photograph of one of our members, Shayla, practising her skills over the new brightly coloured jump.*



# Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan



## A REPORT FROM RADYR & MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There were certain issues in the last letter to the Chain which needed a follow up in the February 2018 Edition . I fear that the main problems that your Council will face this year are primarily to do with the domestic expansion in the surrounding areas. Despite many objections by your County Councillor, your Council, the Radyr and Morganstown Association, the North West Group plus individual residents, it would appear that all these objections have not influenced the Planning Authority. Consequently, there appears to be no immediate and definitive positive responses to the concerns which have been raised.

The common theme raised by all respondents has been the lack of infrastructure. The transport problems, the questions regarding the education of the younger residents, the medical and dental services plus the availability of hospital provisions do not seem to have been considered. Currently, there have been three sets of temporary lights established along the A4119 to allow developers to remove hedgerows. These lights are causing delays to through and local traffic. In addition, the proposed modifications of the junctions using permanent traffic lights between the A 4119, the exits from Parc Radyr and Heol Isaf are currently at the planning stage. The January report by County Councillor R Mckerlich, which is available on the Radyr Website, goes into much more detail regarding these issues and residents are encouraged to read this report

If one was also to consider the proposed development at the Radyr Sidings, such a development can only add to these considerable difficulties. This proposed development is being opposed by the County Councillor, the Community Council, the Association and, of course, the Sidings Residents. Your Council will reinforce the submissions made by the Sidings Residents and County Councillor Mckerlich. The application for the development at Radyr Sidings will probably be heard at the Planning Committee on either March 7 or April the 11th. Again, your Council will totally support all the submissions opposing the proposed developments.

The Community Council finances a large number of important local activities. These include those in the Old Church Rooms, the purchase and erection of Christmas Trees, the Radyr and Morganstown Annual Festival . The Environment Committee participate in the management of the local assets such as Windsor Gardens plus the Dan-y-Bryn and Radyr Woods. Grants have also been awarded to develop local youth organisations. In addition, the Council is supporting the initiative to increase the lunch club for our more senior residents.

The Council are about to agree the 2018-9 budget and prepare the application for the precept which is likely to be at the same level as the current year. If therefore, any resident wishes to suggest a project which would enhance and develop our communities, please contact the Council Clerk in the first instance .It would be most advantageous if the any suggestion would be accompanied with an offer to assist in delivering the project.

Residents will have noticed the scaffolding that has been erected around the Monument. The monument is to be professionally cleaned and any deficits in the structure repaired. The funding for this project comes from CADW and the War Memorial Trust. The restoration work will probably be completed before next November in time to commemorate the end of the First World War. The Council are most grateful to these organisations.

There has been excellent news in the sporting field. The Juniors at Radyr Golf Club have achieved an unique and historical success winning the Glamorgan Junior League and becoming runners up in the Welsh Junior Interclub Championship. As a consequence of these achievements, they will represent Wales at the Home Nations Junior Championship in Portugal in March, The Council congratulate the Juniors on this achievement and wish them further success in Portugal.

Councillor Ralph Vaughan - Chairman

### Constant Dog Barking

**In the Windsor Road area of Radyr there is a resident that allows indiscriminate dog barking starting extremely early in the mornings, various times during the day and also very late at night.**

This is a concern to a number of residents living in that vicinity. There are either quite elderly residents or younger parents with small children who are constantly woken by regular barking at inconsiderate times. We are sure that if the resident responsible for this noisy dog were to read this in the Radyr Chain, they might well take some action to control the barking.

Yours sincerely - Radyr Residents

### Tennis Club


**Radyr Lawn Tennis Club now has over 600 members and is one of the biggest tennis clubs in Wales and on Saturday 3rd March they are inviting all residents in the area to bring along a friend and have a 'hit' at the tennis club. Whether you are a novice, rusty or experienced player you are welcome to go along and experience the facilities at first hand.**


If you don't have a friend to hit with that's not a problem as they will have friendly members on hand to partner up if required.

The Club will be open from 10am

on Saturday 3rd for you to pop along and members will be running a fun tournament for everyone in the afternoon should you wish to join in. Weather permitting the barbecue will be lit at 5pm and the bar will open also (whatever the weather).

Radyr Lawn Tennis Club are proud to support the Alzheimer's Society and are requesting that any visitors attending make a small donation of £2.50 on the day.



  
**Reflections**

Rev Bill Barlow was Rector of the Parish of Radyr from 1983 to 2005. Throughout his ministry he was noted for the quality of his weekly sermons. In retirement he was encouraged by Keith John, one of his former Churchwardens, to commit some of those sermons to paper - and Keith offered to provide some pictures to illustrate them.

The result is a fascinating book, **REFLECTIONS**, which has just been printed privately. In it, Rev Barlow has been able to expand on just some of the sermons he gave and it is a wonderful fusion of insight, prose, poetry and quotations.

Most of the books have been sold but a few are still available, at £25 (Softback) and £35 (Hardback). For further details and to place orders contact Keith on 029 2084 2448 or [mandkjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:mandkjohn@hotmail.com)

## May Festival

Plans for the May Festival are well advanced. A full programme of events will appear in the next edition of The Chain which will appear at the beginning of April.

We hear that the ever popular lunch time concerts, on both Friday lunch times of the Festival, will be a return visit by the ever popular, Wales Academy of Voice; and a return visit by the Welsh guitarist Rishart Arwel, who was such a hit at the 2016 Festival.

The popularity of plays based on classic films, or films based on classic plays will be highlighted when Fluellen Theatre bring their latest production The Lady Vanishes to Morganstown Village Hall.

Other musical highlight's will be the Concert in the Park on

Saturday 12th May and a delightful innovation presented by the Festival Charity -

The Alzheimer's Society- on Sunday 20th of May. Another interesting innovation is a visit by international chef Angela Gray, who runs an international cookery school at the Llanerch Vineyard in the Vale. The evening is called Summer Kitchen, and will follow the third of Angela's cookery books this one on summer cooking. The fourth in this series is due for publication in September 2018. Angela will be demonstrating some of her cookery on the evening, an opportunity to sample some of her receipts or even win some of of them. Everyone says what an excellent presenter Angela is, no doubt a technique she has honed on her numerous tv appearances. Book early this will be a hot ticket.

## Radyr & Morganstown Scout Post 2017

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

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

**Ener-chi, Station Road  
Pugh's Garden Centre,  
Morganstown.**

**Pzazz, Hair Designers,  
Castle Court.**

**Radyr Library, Park Road.  
Solo Hair & Beauty, Main  
Road, Morganstown**

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

During this years' Scout Post our team of volunteers handled around 40,000 cards in the scout hall.

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

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

We look forward to your continued support again next year.

JBT.

# Radyr and Morganstown Community Association



This year's charity is the Alzheimer's Society Cymru. A volunteer fundraising group has been established, and has made a great impact so far, with over £5400 raised by the end of 2017! This includes a whopping £3500 raised by the three village Schools. The Comprehensive 6th formers raised £1500 from their Enterprise Week. Mark Richards, the fundraising group chair, accepted a cheque in December at the School. The fundraising group also had a staff and bucket collection at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Station Road, and a bring-and-buy sale has been held, raising £400. Special thanks to all local businesses and organisations who have supported this worthy cause already.

Cheryl George community fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society Cymru is organising a musical finale to close the festival. The event is in the theme of the festival and is based around musical memories. If you have a favourite track from your memories, it could be a song from your childhood, your first dance at your wedding or something that



*Presentation by the 6th form Radyr Comprehensive School and Mark Richards, Chairman of the local support group*



*Representatives of the three schools and the Association presenting £3500 to Cheryl George of the Alzheimer's Society.*

takes you back to a special place then please send it over to Cheryl [cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk)

All entries will be reviewed in April by artists who will perform these songs. The group also now has a Facebook page where you can find out about our activities and progress: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/208278325867752/>

Over 3,700 people have dementia in Cardiff. Alzheimer's Society Cymru

exists for anyone affected by dementia

and provides information and support to people living with dementia and their carers. A national support helpline is available on 0300 222 1122 or visit the website at [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk). Contact Cheryl George [Cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:Cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk) if you would be interested in getting involved in volunteering or fundraising activities.

## Treforgan /Pentre-poeth

In light of the controversy as to whether the correct Welsh name for Morganstown is Treforgan or Pentre-poeth - we still await the Community Council's decision on the matter; Allan Cook, Chair of the Radyr and Morganstown History Society, will give a talk on the history of Morganstown, going

back to the Norman Conquest of Wales, at 8.p.m. on Thursday 15th February in the Garth Room of the Old Church Rooms. This will follow the History Society's AGM which takes place at 7.30 on the same evening. All are welcome to attend.

## Murder Mystery

We've not had a Murder Mystery in Radyr for quite some time and is is

a delight to announce that John Hopkins and Derek Bateman and their excellent company will be presenting one of their legendary Murder Mysteries at the Old Church Rooms on Saturday 10th of March in aid of this year's National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay. A good meal, a delightful evening and a chance to support this year's National Eisteddfod. It's a Win, Win situation.

## Radyr Theatre News

The Entertainment Correspondent of 'Radyr Chain' recently interviewed a member of Radyr Drama Society committee with regard to their forthcoming production.

**Corres.** 'So Radyr Drama Society are doing Oscar Wilde in April, I hear.'

**RDS.** 'Not quite. The play was written by Constance Cox, but based on an Oscar Wilde story. It's entitled 'Lord Arthur Saville's Crime'.

**Corres.** 'Is it a comedy, drama, farce?'

**RDS.** 'It's a fairly well-known Victorian comedy, with some interesting – if not quirky – characters.'

**Corres.** 'Tell me a bit about it if you will.'

**RDS.** 'Wealthy, silly-ass young man, betrothed to young lady of well-to-do family is fooled into believing he must commit a heinous crime before the wedding date. He then proceeds to inveigle his manservant and others – including his fiancée – into his plans for the dastardly deed.'

**Corres.** 'So, does he do it? Do his plans leak out before the wedding?'

**RDS.** 'No, but they do go awry, with some interesting situations between the characters in his family and his prospective mother-in-law in particular. And his partners-in-crime

too!'

**Corres.** 'Sounds interesting. Has the Drama Society done this sort of play before?'

**RDS.** 'Oh, yes, Just over 3 years ago, we performed Pinero's 'The Schoolmistress', which was great success. And we have an equally experienced cast for this production too.

**Corres.** 'Who is directing the play?'

**RDS.** 'Peter Griffiths, our chairman. He has a lot of amateur drama experience, as both actor and director.'

**Corres.** 'Can anyone come and act with Radyr Drama Society then, or do they need to have experience?'

**RDS.** 'No. We welcome new members, either as budding actors or people who just want to be part of the production team, if they don't want to act on stage. We have a good team; it's a lot of work, but really enjoyable.'

**Corres.** 'When can we expect to have performance details then?'

**RDS.** 'Production performances are on 19th, 20th, and 21st. April, at Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets are available from 'Enerchi', Station Road, Radyr, our telephone based box office on 20-842585, or by Internet from Ticketsource'.

**Corres.** 'Good luck with the production then. Let's hope many of our readers will come to see it.'

## Do You Have Undiscovered Hidden Talents??

Have you ever longed to 'tread the boards' and star in two stage productions each year, or work backstage with a highly experienced team of people? Then this opportunity could be just for you.

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Do you enjoy a good Comedy, or are enthralled by a great Murder Mystery? We do both. Established in 1982, and with some 60 plus plays under our belt, we know a thing or two about entertaining people. Spring and Autumn are our busy times when we are rehearsing and performing for our loyal viewing public. Who are we? We are Radyr Drama Society.

If reading this article has put some fire in your belly and left you wanting more, then please contact our Chairman Peter Griffiths, who himself has appeared in theatres up and down the country. He will be more than happy to tell you more. Or visit our website [www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/drama](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/drama)

### R&M COMMUNITY COUNCIL R&M ASSOCIATION OCR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OLD CHURCH ROOMS CAR PARK SAFETY NOTICE

**In the interest of safety (particularly of children) and of simple good manners, you are reminded that:**

- Parking (even temporarily) is permitted only for genuine users of the Old Church Rooms. This is particularly important during heavy usage, when the Nursery Schools start or end.
- Adults delivering/picking up children from Radyr Primary School are not permitted to use the car park.

- Some users and children who attend the Nursery Schools are disabled. Do not park in the designated bay and do not block access to it.
- Parking or manoeuvring on the grass is expressly forbidden.
- Courtesy and care should be taken at all times when parking or manoeuvring in the car park. Observe the bay markings and be especially careful when reversing or opening car doors. Children may be walking past.

- All children should be supervised and not allowed to play or wander around the car park.

The car park is not supervised but has a recording CCTV system. Abuse of this guidance will be reported to the police and use of the car park forbidden for offending cars and their drivers.

**KEEP THE OCR  
CAR PARK SAFE**

## Charity CEO Wins Great British Curry Off

With the massive popularity of Great British Bake-Off, Cardiff's local Hospice – City Hospice based in Whitchurch - recently decided to run a similar competition for curry lovers.

Businesses from across the capital, including the MSS Group, Sapiens and Wessex garages took part by holding their own in-house curry competitions with bosses choosing

their company champions.

Each company's amateur champion then went forward to the final to be judged by the highly experienced professional chefs at the Mint & Mustard restaurant.

City Hospice held its own curry qualifier and saw entries such as Lamb Korma, Butter Chicken and a Vegetable and Chick Pea curry. However, the Hospice's own competition was won by the Chief Executive Mike Walsh with his tasty Chicken Kapitan curry.

The final was judged by Mint & Mustard's top chefs Rahul Chauhan

and Bharat Sing at the Mint & Mustard in Whitchurch Road, Cardiff. Although they were very impressed with the quality of entries, they did not lower their standards for these amateur entries: sauces were marked down for splitting cream or cashew nuts not being ground properly. Mark Perry of the MSS Group had his slow-cooked beef curry highly commended, but the clear winner was the Head of City Hospice, Mike Walsh with his delicious Malaysian entry.

Mike was delighted with his prize of a 5 hour cookery experience at the Mint & Mustard, "It's been a great experience taking part – it's been a few years since I'd cooked a curry from scratch and my daughter and I had great fun grinding all the ingredients and making up the curry paste. But perhaps I should share this award with Rick Stein as it was one of his recipes I used! I'd like to thank all the companies who took part and encouraged their staff to cook curries and sell them to their colleagues to raise funds for their local hospice."



*Bharat Sing (left) and Rahul Chauhan judge the curries*



*Corporate Partnerships manager, Nicky Piper and chefs Bharat Sing (centre) and Rahul Chauhan*

## Radyr & Morganstown Festival 2018

### Art and Craft Competition

The theme is "Memories". Entries, from adults and high school age students, of all abilities, can be in any medium (apart from photography).

Painted surfaces should not exceed 30cmx40cm (excluding any frame) and craft entries (excluding any frame) should not exceed 30cmx40cmx20cm in volume.

Final date for entries (£2 per entry) is 30 April. To deliver your art or craft please contact Mark Partridge tel 07925 090672; email partridges08@googlemail.com.



## Christmas Shoe Boxes



With thanks to many of you, 289 beautifully packed shoe boxes were sent to the warehouse at Llantrisant for distribution.

All the boxes collected in South East Wales were sent off in lorries to 4 destinations in Eastern Europe and, because of you, a total of 24,214 children in need received a shoe box gift this Christmas season.

Anne-Marie Phillips

## Radyr Golf Club Juniors

On the 6th to the 12th of March 2018, the Junior Team from Radyr GC of eight local boys and one girl will be representing Wales in the Home Nations Junior Club Championships in Morgado, Portugal. On two

consecutive days of unprecedented success for Radyr GC juniors, they qualified for this prestigious International event and also, for the first time in their history, became champions of the Glamorgan Golf Union Junior League.

Following regional qualifying, six teams competed in early November

2017 at Builth Wells Golf Club in the Welsh Junior Inter Club Championships, an aggregate stroke play event. Two teams would qualify to represent Wales at the Championships in Portugal. The junior team of six players, captained by Osian Morris came runners up to Llanwern GC with a total of 341

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The team following their victory in Royal Porthcawl, pictured left to right, Iwan Marshall, Alice Thomas, Owen Evans, Aaron Portsmouth, Osian Morris (capt.), Matt Perks, Jordan Bolderson, Harry Powell, Luke Davidson. Going to Portugal not pictured Rory McGill and Ceri Vaughan-Jones.

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