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April 2020

## CORONAVIRUS Coping Strategies

- Remember to talk to someone about how you are feeling.
- Work out what you can control and what you have no control over.
- Don't expose yourself to the news too often.
- Stick to a routine as far as possible.
- Make use of the ways to connect to other people.
- Use the postcard put through your door to make contact if you have need.
- Sing anything that comes into your head.
- Smile at people you see out on a walk even if you can't engage in conversation it will make you both feel better.
- Connect with nature via a garden or birds.

The government's self-isolation advice, to help combat Coronavirus, will present members of our community with significant daily challenges. These will be difficult for all of us, but the vulnerable, the elderly and those more seriously effected, may require assistance. This is where we, the community, can help. The community council has produced 'postcards' that you can distribute to your neighbours, offering your help with simple tasks such as a phone call, shopping, prescriptions & dog walking. Hopefully every household will soon receive one or more postcards, from a neighbour. If you don't receive one and you are not in a high risk category, please consider offering this support to your neighbours. If you have not received a postcard or if you require help with your daily needs, please email [Community-Help@radyr.org.uk](mailto:Community-Help@radyr.org.uk) 1). Stay informed, follow the government's advice and make sensible preparations 2). For medical assistance - please consult [www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk) 3). In a genuine emergency - please call 999 4). For your daily needs, please turn to your local friends & family 5). If friends & family are not available, then please take up the kind offers of help on these postcards. This grass roots support only works, if all of the 1000s of households in

## FESTIVAL 2020 Postponed



*Our new Ambassadors Bronwen, Lili, Megan and Sophia.*

**For the first time in its history the Radyr and Morganstown Festival has had to be postponed because of the coronavirus outbreak, it is hoped that many of the events can be re-arranged in the autumn. The brochure is included for your information. It shows how much work had already been done by so many people and how disappointed all involved with the Festival are to have to postpone it.**

For the first time we had not appointed a Festival Queen and two Princesses but four Ambassadors. This was partly at the request of our School Councils who felt that a Queen was "old fashioned" and "sexist". We were also pleasantly surprised by how well last year's Queen and her attendants spoke in support of the events they attended and the charity. The Festival

Committee decided to make a change to Ambassadors.

The new Ambassador posts were open to all young people in school years 5-7, but only girls applied. It might take others some time to get used to the idea that Ambassador posts are for them too.

The picture shows our four Ambassadors Bronwen, Lily, Megan and Sophia, who will continue in their posts until early 2021.

Tenovus Cancer Support was this year's Charity and they will undoubtedly be down on their expected revenue. Please support future events to try and make up the shortfall. The Festival draw tickets, all the proceeds go to Tenovus, have not been included and will be distributed at a later date, so another opportunity to support Tenovus.

Radyr & Morganstown are covered. Please help if you can, by sending these postcards to your close neighbours.

For further details, please visit [www.radyrandmorganstown.org](http://www.radyrandmorganstown.org). As this fast moving situation develops, social media, local churches and societies may be used to disseminate new advice, request volunteers and help connect together the

**Community**  
Radyr and Morganstown



needs and resources of local volunteers, local organisations and local businesses. As a community we should also be supporting front line medical staff, care workers & emergency services personnel. In your friendship group, is there a nurse in need of child care or a police officer in need of a cooked meal?

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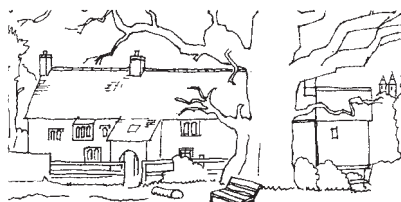
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## COMING EVENTS



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)

**Sun 29 Mar** **18:00 Cafe Church at St John's**  
A Fifth Sunday in the month sees our Evening Prayer move from Christ Church to St John's this week, allowing us to have a more informal gathering in a "Cafe Style". [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Thu 2 April** **10:00 Cardiff west Probus club**  
Radyr Golf club - Annual General Meeting. New members welcome. contact Geoff Foot 07780 990847 [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Fri 3 April** **12:00 CANCELLED - Lent Lunch for Christian Aid** Lent Lunches are among those groups currently suspended to minimise the risks from coronavirus. We have not taken this decision lightly and hope the situation will improve soon and we can get back to our usual activities. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/church-in-the-community/partners/christian-aid/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/church-in-the-community/partners/christian-aid/) Edit

**Sun 5 April** **11:00 Palm Sunday - with Donkeys**  
Come and join the fun at the 11.00 Eucharist at Christ Church for Palm Sunday. Wave your palms, meet our visiting donkeys as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Donkeys can be a bit shy so we will be encouraging some of Sunday Club to meet and groom our visiting donkey friends during the service. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Sun 5 April** **18:00 Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday.** Choral Evensong lead by the Parish Choir at Christ Church, Radyr. Preacher the Venerable Peggy Jackson. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Sun 5 April** **19:00 Parish Easter Vestry**  
The Annual meeting for the Parish. Hear reports from the previous year, help to shape our forthcoming work and vote for church officer positions. All welcome but to vote you will need to register for the Parish Roll in advance. [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Mon 6 April** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
"Laughing for Health" by Carol Young - Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and new members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details. [www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/)

**Wed 8 April** **10:00 Radyr Community Litter Pick**  
Come along to our Community Litter Pick. Meet at Radyr Library at 10am. All equipment and refreshments provided. [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Wed 8 April** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
"The Rhätische Bahn (Rhaetian Railway) and other metre gauge railways of south east Switzerland, 1990 - 2019," Alan Williams [www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/)

**Thur 9 April** **18:00 Maunday Thursday - Share a Palestinian style meal**  
Come and share a Palestinian style meal including communion. Starts at 6pm at Radyr Methodist Church. Bring a contribution to the meal. [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Thur 9 April** **19:30 Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday.**  
Sung Eucharist at Christ Church, Radyr for Maundy Thursday. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Fri 10 April** **10:00 Family Service for Good Friday.** United service at Christ Church, Radyr. Followed by hot cross buns and children's activities in the New School Rooms [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Fri 10 April** **13:00 Seven Last Words**  
An ecumenical service of readings, meditations, silence and hymns for Good Friday. Radyr Methodist Church [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Fri 10 April** **13:00 Good Friday - Reflective service at the cross**  
Hot Cross Buns in Radyr Methodist Church, followed by a reflective service at the cross. [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Sun 12 April** **09:15 Holy Eucharist & Easter Egg Hunt at St John's Danescourt**  
Join the church family at Christ Church, Radyr to celebrate our risen Lord on this Easter Morning. Easter Egg hunt within the church grounds following the service. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/seasonal-services/)

**Sun 12 April** **10:30 Easter Sunday Worship at Radyr Methodist Church**  
All age Easter Sunday worship at Radyr Methodist Church.

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**Sun 12 April** **16:00 Cymun Bendigaid**  
Mae Plwyf Radur yn gwsteiaiu Cymun Cymraeg unwaith y chwarter. St John's, Danescourt am 4.00yp  
Bydd y gwasanaeth, y bregeth a'r emunau yn Gymraeg. Bydd paned ar Ol y gwasanaeth Mae croseo cynnes iawn i bawb - A warm welcome to all. [www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/welsh-language-services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/welsh-language-services/)

**Mon 20 April** **19:30 R&M Association AGM, Old Church Rooms.** The R&M Association's Annual General Meeting. Hear about what we have been doing during the year and plans for the coming year. All posts open to election. For details, contact the Secretary, Nick Hawkins on 2084 2561 or [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) [www.radyr.org.uk/rma](http://www.radyr.org.uk/rma)

**Thur 23 April** **19:30 RMA Film Club**  
The epic story of the cut throat competition that literally lit up the modern world. Film Club presents film showings on the Big Screen at the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4.00 from ener-chi or <http://ticketsource.co.uk/rma> [www.radyr.org.uk/FilmClub](http://www.radyr.org.uk/FilmClub)

**Thur 30 April** **19:00 Confirmation Service at Christ Church.** Christ Church, Radyr will be hosting a confirmation service at 19.00 on Thursday 30 April 2020. Further details to be confirmed nearer the date. [www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Sat 2 May** **19:30 CANCELLED - 2020 R&M Festival - Charity Concert at Christ Church Radyr.** Cardiff West Rotary Club once again presents the opening concert of the 2020 Radyr and Morganstown Festival to be performed by the prestigious Castell Coch Choral Society. In aid of the Festival charity Tenovus. Details to follow in the New Year. [cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com](http://cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com)

**Sun 3 May** **18:00 CANCELLED - Civic Service - R&M Festival .** The Festival Committee has decided, in the interest of public safety, to postpone the 2020 Festival. The committee are hopeful that some community events will be able to be re-arranged later in the year once the threat from coronavirus has passed. [www.rmfestival.org.uk/event/civic-service/](http://www.rmfestival.org.uk/event/civic-service/)

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

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Free event suitable for children 5+.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Sun 10 May** **18:00 Evening Prayer moves to St John's, Danescourt**  
The Parish of Radyr moves into its summer pattern of holding Sunday Evening Prayer at St John's Church, Danescourt each week at 18.00

[www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/services/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/community/services/)

**Mon 11 May** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI Annual Meeting**  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/)

**Wed 13 May** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
The Last Years of Steam in the Valleys 1960-1980  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/)

**Sat 23 May** **09:00 Big Brekkie for Christian Aid**  
Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide. Radyr Rectory (behind Christ Church), Saturday 23 May from 09.00

[www.radyr.org.uk/parish/church-in-the-community/partners/christian-aid/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/church-in-the-community/partners/christian-aid/)

**Sun 31 May** **10:30 Pentecost in St Fagans**  
Pentecost service at the chapel in St Fagans. All welcome  
<https://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/>

**Sun 31 May** **18:00 Cafe Church at St John's**  
A Fifth Sunday in the month sees our Evening Prayer move from Christ Church to St John's this week, allowing us to have a more informal gathering in a "Cafe Style".  
[www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/events-summary/)

**Sun 7 June** **16:00 Pet Service**  
Bring your pets for a blessing at St John's Church, Danescourt.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/parish/events](http://www.radyr.org.uk/parish/events)

**Mon 8 June** **19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI**  
"Hearing Dogs for Deaf People" by Gill Hadfield, accompanied by Zinnie. Old Church Rooms, Park Road. Visitors and new members welcome. Visit our page "Radyr Women's Institute" for contact details.  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/5524-2/)

**Wed 10 June** **19:00 RCTS South Wales**  
The Broad Gauge Part 3 by the Rev Canon Brian Arman (Society President)  
[www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/](http://www.radyr.org.uk/clubs/rcts/)

The events diary was correct at the time of going to press. Many events may have been cancelled in the intervening days. Please check with the organisers if the event is still taking place.

Both Christ Church and the Methodist Church are closed for public services until further notice. Please note that Christ Church is open for private prayer every day between 9.00am and 5.00pm

## Coronavirus Care: local postcard initiative



On Sunday, 15 March, members of the Community Council held an urgent meeting with other interested parties, including the Radyr and Morganstown Association, to discuss our response to the Coronavirus crisis.

Clearly, there is a limit to what a community council can do, but we want to do what we can.

As a first step, we decided to publish postcards to help people look after their neighbours if they're self-isolating. This, of course, was inspired by Becky Wass, who launched this initiative in her home town of Falmouth.

Our website ([www.radyrandmorganstown.org](http://www.radyrandmorganstown.org)) and local social media explain where you can pick up a supply of our

cards, to distribute to your neighbours. We want to keep this very local - so we are encouraging people to take no more than around 20 cards - and post them to people who live nearby. In this way, those who are self-isolating can be confident that they will be dealing with people they can trust.

Also, at the time of writing this, we are looking to set up a system to enable those who *haven't* received a card to let us know. Again, our website will explain how you can do so.

In the meantime, here's a picture of the postcard. We hope it will help put people in touch - and help ensure that anyone who has to self-isolate can get the help they need.

Good luck everyone - and many thanks to those who volunteer!

Huw Onllwyn Jones  
Chair, Radyr and Morganstown Community Council

### Hello!

If you are self-isolating with Coronavirus I can help!

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I live locally at: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am normally available at these times:

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Dog walking: Yes / No

Other tasks (just ask!): Yes / No

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

I will not enter your home - so I will ring your doorbell and leave your items on your doorstep.

Please make sure that you have money available to pay for your shopping.

Coronavirus is contagious. Avoid physical contact! Keep your distance from others. Catch your coughs and sneezes! Wash your hands regularly.

Google 'NHS Wales Coronavirus' for advice. You can also telephone 111 for assistance - but NHS Wales asks that you do not call if your symptoms are mild.

This postcard is designed to bring together people who live on the same street. Be wary of strangers from further away.



## Let's support our local businesses

The forthcoming period of self-isolation, along with the UK Government's request for all of us to avoid unnecessary social contact, is likely to place immense pressure on our local businesses.

We love our cafes, restaurants, bars and shops - and we want to keep them! So please try to give them as much of your custom as possible.

Shop locally. And order take-away food. Even the Radyr Tap does take-away beer!

If you run a local business, you can let the community council know what you can offer at this difficult time - and we can post the details on our website and via local social media. You can contact us via [clerk@radyr.wales](mailto:clerk@radyr.wales).

We're a great community - let's help each other!

Huw Jones -  
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# Memories of Radyr and Morganstown

My Grandfather, Constable Percy Jones of the Glamorgan Constabulary was the local Police Officer for a largely rural Radyr and Morganstown during World War II. He lived with my Grandmother, Elizabeth and their two young children including my father, Keith in the Police Station on Heol Isaf, Radyr near the Wesleyan Chapel (now Methodist Church). A young Rhodri Morgan, who went on to be First Minister of Wales, lived next door.



*Constable Percy Johns*

The outbreak of war in 1939 brought inevitable changes. A team of Special Constables were sworn in. The Chief Constable decreed that my Grandmother and other Constable's wives in "Cottage Stations" were not allowed to undertake any form of work, but help run the Police Stations and provide refreshments as necessary.

Child evacuees arrived from the big English cities because of the risk of aerial bombardment there. They were welcomed by, and stayed with local families. My father recalled a cricket match involving himself, Rhodri Morgan and evacuee children in a field at the rear of Windsor Road (where the houses of Plymouth Drive now stand). They were thought to be safer here, but sadly one young evacuee was killed by a train near the Gelynis Farm level crossing, Morganstown.

In 1943 the United States military built a hospital at nearby Rhydlafer to treat their casualties from continental Europe. The sight of friendly U.S. Military and their vehicles became common place. Local children who had never seen or tasted chewing gum before were encouraged to approach them and ask, "Any gum, Chum?" After the war, the hospital site was taken over by the NHS and became The Prince of Wales Orthopaedic Hospital. It is now a housing estate.

In March 1945, eighty German Prisoners of War tunnelled their way out of a Camp at Island Farm, Bridgend. Radyr and Morganstown's dozen or so farms were searched by Police and farm workers, but to no avail. Most of the escapees were recaptured, including a group who made it as far as Southampton.

Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) on 8th May 1945, was marked by a "Fancy Dress" Children's Parade. The photograph shows the procession passing the junction of Windsor Road and Drysgol Road, Radyr. My late father, Keith is shown wearing a trilby style hat in the centre of the photograph. Looking at their faces though, it does seem the wet Welsh weather dampened what would otherwise have been a joyous occasion.

In 1947, my Grandfather retired from the Police and the family moved to a house opposite, on the other side of Heol Isaf. Half way through moving their belongings they decided to take a break, sat down on their sofa in the middle of Heol Isaf and uninterrupted by any traffic, shared a pot of tea together.

Robert W. Jones  
Maes Y Gwair, Morganstown

*VE Day celebrations in Radyr*





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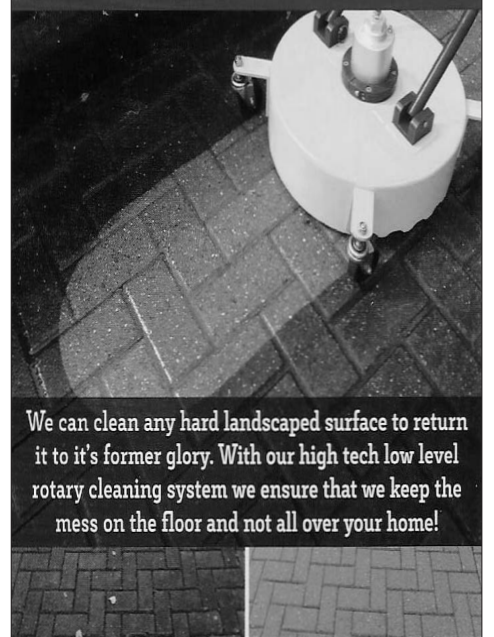
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## Help Us Help during the coronavirus outbreak asks local older people's charity

Older people's charity, Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale, continues its long-standing commitment to supporting vulnerable and isolated older people living in our communities amidst the coronavirus outbreak.

The small charity is working hard to reach out not only to the 948 vulnerable older people identified on its database, but also the many more who are now making contact every day asking for support. With so many people wanting to help – Age Connects is asking people and businesses to make much needed

donations to support their work at this demanding time.

Visit the charity website or the



As a small local charity, your support will go a long way to ensure that we can continue to reach out to as many older people as possible in need during this unsettling time to make sure they stay safe and well. Please visit [www.ageconnectscardiff.org.uk](http://www.ageconnectscardiff.org.uk) to show your support.

following link to show support:  
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Jeff Hawkins, the charity CEO explains "We are following official guidelines and advice and consequently, all of our public offices which serve older people have been closed and staff are advised to work from home where possible to reduce risks to themselves and those around them. Our limited resources are now focused on maintaining telephone contact with the hundreds of older people on our charity database identified as being most in need. We estimate this number to be 948 older people living within Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Our staff and volunteers will be working hard to make calls to see if assistance is needed with shopping etc. and to offer reassurance, social contact and support".

The charity shares that in this worrying and anxious time for all, the community spirit being shown is heart-warming to see. Age Connects urges that if we make a donation and help them reach out and ensure that older people living in our local communities do not feel alone and stay safe and well during this unsettling time.

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# News from Bryn Deri PTA

Bryn Deri PTA would like to say a huge thank you to Radyr and Morganstown Community Council for a grant of £550 to pay for the cabinet for the new community defibrillator. News of its installation will be published in the *Radyr Chain* on completion. We were also awarded a grant of £400 for the school choir and orchestra, which will enable both ensembles to continue performing in the local community. The Bobath Wales concert and the Lighting of the Christmas Tree ceremony both held before Christmas are two examples of the school orchestra and choir performing with other schools in the community for the community, and the choir and orchestra will be playing at the Concert in the Parc as part of the Radyr and Morganstown Festival and VE Day commemorative events. We look forward to seeing more of the choir and orchestra throughout the year.

Bryn Deri PTA have asked ASDA to help us raise money for our next instalment of the multi-use games area. When you shop at ASDA, please collect green tokens and put them in the Bryn Deri Primary School slot to help us win the ASDA funding.

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In other PTA news, the pupils enjoyed dancing, singing and eating treats at the annual Valentine's Day disco, raising £300 for the school; £87 was raised with 51 bags donated to Rags2Riches at the end of February; and the PTA raised £27.50 from serving teas, coffees and freshly



baked Welsh cakes following a school performance of Welsh poetry, music and dance in front of parents and carers, in celebration of the Eistedfodd.

If any members of the community have any fundraising ideas or

opportunities, or would like to be involved in activities, the PTA would love to hear from you. We can be contacted via the school.

## Operation Christmas Child

(Christmas Shoe Boxes)

I appreciate it was a long time ago, but I thought you would be interested to know the destination of your boxes.

This is the e-mail I received in January from O.C.C.

*'Your shoebox gift was sent to Liberia. Thank you so much for packing a shoebox in 2019 and bringing a huge smile to a child in need. You were part of sending a fantastic 398,664 gifts of love from the U.K. to Africa, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East. Together you equipped thousands of churches and groups to reach out generously to children in their communities, with the joy of a shoebox gift and the good news of the Christmas story.'*

**Anne-Marie Phillips**

## From The Rectory

Dear Reader,

### *When I needed a neighbour were you there*

Many years ago as a Girl Guide in the 1970s I was surprised to be invited to attend a world jamboree. They clearly didn't have many well behaved girls to choose from. Only weeks later the Chief

Commissioner informed me that following my misbehaviour at a church parade I would not be going on the trip. I was punished for sitting behind a pillar with other guides chattering and giggling during what was a long and boring sermon and an archaic service!!! I often think of this when leading services where young people are present. When I became a Christian in my 20's, when I began training for ordination at 40 and when I became a Brown Owl in response to local need I dared to believe that God has a wicked sense of humour.

As a Guide there were three songs I loved to sing and at times like this they whirl around in my brain ...do you remember "Kum bay ya' with its haunting words - "someone's laughing Lord.....someone's crying Lord .....someone's praying Lord". We sat around camp fires singing and even now those simple lyrics help me. I felt comforted as we sang another childhood favourite, "He's got the whole world in his hands....he's got you and me baby in his hands". At monthly parade services the boredom was sometimes alleviated by the singing of "When I needed a neighbour were you there". Despite the tedious sermons this spoke to my heart, "I was hungry and thirsty were you there.....and the race and the colour and the creed won't matter were you there?"

As we travel towards Easter in a nation locked down by Coronavirus it's easy to believe we live in a Good Friday world when for the safety of each other we are

being called to be good neighbours by keeping our distance. This all seems so unnatural - a Vicar who cannot preside over public worship in Radyr yet who will offer pastoral care by Skype, FaceTime, Email and phone to anyone who just needs support or comfort. We are all trying to reinvent ourselves and in the process maybe we will all discover what we most need and cherish.

Every biblical account of the first Easter tells us the tomb was empty yet soon after the friends of Jesus began to say "He is risen" because they realised that God's love could not be contained but is let loose in the world. Matthew's gospel story of the sheep and goats explains that we can see God's Christ present in every act of kindness or neighbourliness whether we know it or believe it.

Easter does not celebrate the normal cycle of life and death but the extraordinary truth that love never dies - God's love may be seen in every day life, at home, in hospital and in the community ... "and the race and the colour and the creed won't matter I'll be there"

I will be holding you all in my prayers this Lent, Holy Week and Easter,

Vicki



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## Concerts@ Christchurch

March the 6th saw the second in the successful series of Concerts at Christchurch which feature pupils at our local schools and some young professionals from our excellent music Academies and Colleges.

The March 6th concert featured pupils from Radyr Comprehensive, the Junior Big Band and Junior Choir with year 17 pupil Pola Morawska. Pola is a very accomplished pianist, who has already given a solo concert in the Senedd Building. The Junior Choir sang some lively numbers from Walt Disney films while the Big Band kept our toes tapping with the usual swing numbers.

The soloist was Paul Smith a fourth year student at the Royal Welsh College on saxophone and clarinet who again added to the lively atmosphere of the evening ending with the Swing Band accompanying him in a delightful rendition of the classic "Easy Living". Paul was once again accompanied by Nick Francis on the piano. Nick is becoming quite a fixture at these concerts. →





Once again the school chose the charity and Radyr Comp. chose MacMillan Cancer Support as their charity.

The next in the series is scheduled for June 20th, this time in St John's Danescourt. It will be an afternoon concert on a Saturday featuring The

Daffodil String Trio from the RWCMD, followed by afternoon tea. We greatly hope that we will be able to welcome you to St John's on the 20th of June. More details will be in the June edition of The Chain. A.C.

## Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur

Cafodd aelodau'r gangen noson wrth eu boddau yng nghwmni'r arbenigwraig mewn Cadwraeth Tecstilau, Branwen Roberts. Wedi ei magu yng Nghaerdydd a mynychu ysgolion Bryntaf a Glantaf, dilynodd gwrs gradd Celfyddyd ac yna gradd meistr mewn Cadwraeth Tecstilau. Bu Branwen wedyn yn gweithio yn Hampton Court am nifer o flynyddoedd. Eglurodd i ni beth oedd ystyr 'cadwraeth', sef atal dirywiad yn y dilledyn/eitem tecstil ac nid ei droi yn eitem 'newydd'.

Cawsom ychydig o hanes cefndirol Hampton Court a chael gweld lluniau o'r Neuadd Fawr lle mae'r tapestriau anferth sy'n dangos bywyd Abraham. Fe'u gwnaethpwyd yng Ngwlad Belg o wlad, sidan ac edau aur ac arian. Ystyriwyd tapestriau yn symbolau o statws ac roeddynt yn hynod o werthfawr. Ar ôl cannoedd o flynyddoedd mae cyflwr y tapestriau yn dirywio a'r lliwiau ynddynt yn pylu. Nid yw'r edau aur ac arian yn llachar mwyach.

Eglurodd Branwen y broses fanwl o dynnu'r tapestri i lawr o'r Neuadd a'i symud i'r gweithdy yn Hampton



*Branwen Roberts*

Court i'w olchi a'i gryfhau drwy wnio lliain ar ei gefn. Roedd angen sgaffaldiau i dynnu'r tapestri i lawr a chredwch chi fod Branwen wedi gorfod ateb ambell gwestiwn yn ei chyfweliad ar ben sgaffold! Yn Hampton Court mae'r stiwdio Cadwraeth fwyaf ym Mhrydain ac mae sawl tîm yn gweithio ar y tapestriau a'r dilladau sydd yno.

Yn ddifyr iawn bu Branwen yn gweithio ar Arddangosfa 'Fashion Rules' yn 2013, oedd yn dangos rhai o wisgoedd Y Frenhines, Y Dywysoges Margaret a'r Dywysoges Diana. Er mwyn dangos y gwisgoedd ar eu gorau a rhoi 'bywyd' ynddynt, rhaid oedd eu leinio â sidan, eu gosod ar fanecwin perspecs, gosod wadin oddi fewn a 'stockinette' a sgerd gotwm gyda 'hoop' i ddal siap y wisg.

Cyn gorffen soniadd Branwen am y cysylltiad agos rhwng Blanche Parry (1507/8 – 1590) ac Elisabeth1. Yn ôl traddodiad lleol cysylltwyd enw Blanche gyda'r sidan brodiog oedd yn gorchuddio'r allor yn eglwys Bacton am lawer canrif. Mae'n debyg i'r ffabrig yma fod yn un o wisgoedd Elisabeth 1 a'r unig enghraifft sydd ar gael heddiw o wisg frenhinol Elisabeth o'r 16eg ganrif. Noson werth chweil yng nghwmni'r arbenigwraig Branwen Roberts a'n hysgogodd i fynd i Hampton Court i weld yr arddangosfeydd.

## Radyr & Morganstown Alzheimer's group

We would like to thank everyone who supported our recent coffee morning at Radyr Golf Club. The event raised a magnificent £1,400.

### Memories

Readers will have realised that our evening of Food and Memories of the Second World War presented by professional broadcasters, scheduled for the Festival, has been postponed until the autumn.

## History Society

The History Society has cancelled it's April meeting and it will not proceed with the summer visited. Once the situation becomes clear it will start to reinstate visits, probably from the autumn.

We wish our members and those in the Community good health in these difficult times. Allan Cook.

**Contact details are scattered throughout the magazine.**

**We have collected some of them together to make them more accessible.**

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Our initial target is £1,000 but we are hoping to raise much more than this in order to help as many people as possible in the local community. Please give what you can to help.

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## Cyngor Cymuned Radyr a Threforgan

I want to start by saying that I hope that Chain readers are keeping well - and that the precautions to combat the Coronavirus outbreak have kept you safe.

The news about the virus has been a priority for the Community Council. We met with some local volunteers and, with them, we published and distributed over 3,000 postcards (available in English and Welsh) to help people look after any self-isolating neighbours. We hope that the postcard can help put people in touch - and provide people with the help they need. So we wish everyone the very best - and we offer our thanks to those who are volunteering. We're a great community!

As ever, one of the main issues we have to deal with is managing the impact of road **traffic** flowing through our community. Work continues at the Heol Isaf / Llantrisant Road junction - and this, of course, will include replacing the roundabout with traffic lights.

We are also expecting contractors to be on site in June to begin installing three new **zebra crossings** on our main road (near Heol Syr Lewis, Ty Mynydd Close and Rectory Close). Hopefully, this work can continue - although the Coronavirus issue may lead to delays.

We await news from Cardiff Council with regard to an innovative scheme to combat **HGV traffic** passing through Radyr and Morganstown. A recent consultation proposing an amendment to the existing Weight Restriction Order caused some concern - since it included the entrance to the quarry in the exclusion zone (by mistake). This would have the unwanted effect of allowing quarry lorries to travel along our main road! Cardiff have assured us that this error will be rectified when the order is made. We also wait for news with regard to the proposed closure of **Golf Club Lane**.

We have consulted residents who live on or near **Station Road** about possible changes to the area. You can read more about this elsewhere in this Chain.

Also, with regard to Station Road, I'm afraid that we have heard nothing more about the old **Spar site**, which is becoming a bit of an eyesore. Unfortunately, this is not a good time to start a new business, so we may see the site empty for quite a while.

We continue to manage many of the open spaces across Radyr and Morganstown, including **Radyr Woods**. If you want to help, you can join the Radyr Woods Wardens' working parties. They would be delighted to welcome you. The dates are usually posted on our web site, the community web site - and the Radyr, Pentyrch and Morganstown - and Friends of Radyr Woods Facebook pages.

The project to refurbish the **children's play area** at Drover's Way has taken a step backwards. During the recent heavy rain, the manhole cover in the middle of the playground burst open, sending a small column of water skywards, which flowed across the playground for hours. It seems that the pipe entering the chamber under the manhole cover is much wider than the pipe which exits the chamber. This needs to be dealt with before the playground can be rebuilt. We were so close to finishing this work - but it's clearly important for the site to be safe.

Following the floods, we gave a contribution to our neighbours in Taffs Well to help them with their clean-up operation. This enabled them to buy brushes and other cleaning materials. We want to be good neighbours!

We welcomed our First Minister and local AM, Mark Drakeford, to our council meeting on 20 February. We questioned him about road safety, traffic, youth services and more.

We visited Bethel Chapel on 11 March, with local residents. The building is in a poor state - and the site is looking particularly unkempt. We aim to meet with the owner in the near future. We are also considering possible uses for

the site, were the owner to sell. More to follow on this!

We held another meeting of our **Youth Engagement Working Group** in March. A number of exiting projects are being developed, in liaison with the church, local police and school, to benefit our 12 to 17 year olds.

Our **over 50's lunch club** - held at the golf club twice a month - has been postponed for the duration of the Coronavirus outbreak. We hope that our postcards (see above) will help keep lunch club members in touch with the community. Similarly, many events normally held at the Old Church Rooms are being cancelled - so please check with the event organiser before you attend anything.

We continue to work to rebuild the wall between **Pentwyn Park** and the adjoining flats, following work to improve drainage of the footpath. We have a number of legal niceties to resolve.

Readers may remember that a by-election took place on 6 February, to fill a vacancy in our Morganstown ward. The successful candidate was **Allan Cook**. Allan has been a resident of the Morganstown ward for more than thirty years. He has been very active in Radyr and Morganstown over that period, having been Chair of the local History Society for 25 years and a long-standing member of the Radyr and Morganstown Association. We are delighted to have Allan on the council - and we are sure that he will make an excellent contribution to our work!

A Welsh language version of this report is available on our website (under 'Our work' / 'The Chair's Blog'). Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones  
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# The Future of the Station Road Area:

## Community Council Consultation

The Station Road area is an important part of our community.

It's where we can go to shop, to eat, to spend time with friends and family, or to use the many services that are available there.

We want to ensure that this area thrives - and that the businesses located there can succeed (to benefit the wider community).

This area faces a number of pressures, however:

Its proximity to Radyr Station can make the area a convenient place for commuters to leave their cars, before catching a train to work.

In addition, the Plasdwr development may lead to an increase in the number of people using Radyr Station - adding to the number of commuters looking for somewhere to park for the day. This can cause parking difficulties for those who live in the area - and for those using Station Road's businesses.

With regard to road safety, the development of the Sidings - and the provision of additional parking spaces at Radyr Station - have not been accompanied by any alterations to the roads leading to and from those areas.

As Station Road comes under more pressure, in a community trying to deal with an increasing amount of traffic - as well as the growth of a 'new city' on its doorstep - we should do all that we can to enhance and protect this valuable community asset.

As we consider this, however, we need to balance the needs of those who live in this area with the needs of those who use our local businesses.

As such, following discussions with Cardiff Council, the Community Council's Road Safety Working Group developed ideas aimed at improving the area in and around Station Road.

During February we consulted with residents living on Station Road, Windsor Crescent, King's Road, King's Avenue and a small number of houses on Heol Isaf.

Rather than seeking general views, we decided to seek responses to specific options. Such as: should Station Road be one-way? Or should we introduce residents' parking on Windsor Crescent?

We distributed 150 copies of our survey, to the streets referred to above, including all of the residents of Cwrt Bryn Teg. 73 people completed our survey - and we had four responses via e-mail. We also received comments via our website. In addition, some comments were posted on local social media. We have sought to take all of these responses into account in our report.

Inevitably, the survey drew a strong and robust response! We welcome this - and find it useful that we now have some clear views about the merits, or otherwise, of our proposals.

The survey also led to respondents providing us with new ideas, alternative solutions - and fresh concerns about other road safety issues.

## Here are the key results:

A majority of respondents (almost 57%) agree that the **Station Road area needs to be improved**. In general, a large majority of the comments we received referred to problems caused by the present situation - especially with regard to traffic, road safety and parking.

Notwithstanding the concerns about road safety, **making Station Road one-way** seemed to split opinions, with 44% in favour and 46% against. However, almost all the comments we received referred to the need to improve traffic-flow and road safety. As such, we feel that there is merit in making Station Road one-way along its entire length.

Making **Windsor Crescent** one-way was opposed by 61% of respondents. As such, we are happy to agree with the majority that this street should remain two-way.

A key issue raised by respondents was the danger presented by the **junction of King's Avenue and King's Road**. We think, therefore, that making King's Avenue one-way, (with traffic heading *away* from King's Road *towards* Station Road), could improve the safety of the junction. Alternatively, if the King's Avenue / King's Road junction can be made significantly safer (see below) then we would be content to agree with what seems to be the majority view - that the street should remain two-way.

**Tabling junctions** (such as the Heol Isaf / Station Road junction) received little support. For instance, 58% did not want the Heol Isaf / Station Road junction tabled - but the comments we received focused on wear & tear on vehicles, the expense of tabling and danger to pedestrians.

However, tabling has been shown to reduce accidents by around 44% - with motor vehicles likely to travel at around 13 mph over a speed-table. On balance, therefore, we feel that there is merit in considering further the suggestion that tabling should be installed at the Heol Isaf / Station Road junction - and at the King's Avenue / King's Road junction.

With regard to the section of **Station Road** which leads from Heol Isaf to its junction with Windsor Crescent, changing to a one-way road would provide an opportunity to create a better **balance**

**between pedestrian and motorist use** of the road. This could involve tabling, or some other design, which could promote the community focus of this area.

We felt sure that **parking** would be a contentious issue in our survey. The results confirmed our views - with many robust responses warning against making life more difficult for residents!

We found those responses to be very useful - especially one suggestion that we should look to develop the provision of restricted parking across the area - but with permits allowing residents to park without any of those restrictions applying to them. These are called **Controlled Parking Zones** - and they already operate in some parts of the UK. We would need to discuss this issue with Cardiff Council, along with the provision of permits for people visiting local residents, Station Road workers and tradesmen working in local homes.

Another issue that was mentioned frequently was the absence of **parking enforcement**. We agree that, whatever parking regime is in place, it should be enforced. Again, we would need to discuss this with Cardiff Council.

We would also need to ask Cardiff Council to consider the design of the **King's Road / Heol Isaf junction** with a view to making it safer - as well as providing safer ways for pedestrians to cross the roads as they approach **Radyr Station**. We may also ask for **zebra crossings** on Station Road and King's Road.

With regard to the **next steps**, we have sent our report on our consultation to the residents of Station Road, Windsor Crescent, King's Road and King's Avenue. Our intention, thereafter, would be to consult more widely, which would include a public meeting to discuss the possibilities.

At the end of the day, of course, any decisions with regard to this area will be matters for Cardiff Council to pursue.

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# Morganstown News...

## Friends of Bethel Chapel



There have been two meetings in February and early March to do with the condition of Bethel Chapel.

All Chapels with graveyards present problems when they are sold for conversion into a private house or for development. Bethel presents special problems as there have been burials in the lower graveyard within the last ten years. Many Morganstown residents have wives, husbands and parents buried there, which makes its present condition particularly distressing. There are also some unmarked graves in the lower graveyard.

Two, very well attended meetings, have discussed the matter. The general feeling is that improvements can only be made with the support of and by residents supporting the present owner. To this end the Chairman of the R&M Community Council, Cllr. Huw Onllwyn Jones and Cllr. Kieran Webster, who is one of the Morganstown representatives on the Community Council, are seeking a meeting with the owner to discuss the problem.

## Dog Mess:

One thing that residents can do immediately is not to allow their dogs to roam in the graveyard and foul it, or if they do enter to clear up the mess as they would in a public place.

More information can be had on the web and via social media.



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## Joyce Morgan



Many in Radyr and Morganstown will remember Joyce Morgan. I got to know her when she came to support my mum Sylvia. Joyce was very capable and caring, and did everything with a smile. She was unique, she walked to most of her clients, she didn't drive. Joyce never talked about herself, so I had to learn more from her husband Gwyn. She was born in Llandovery in 1946 and from an early age wanted to become a nurse. She joined the local Red Cross, gaining several medals and winning her Stripes. After leaving school, Joyce was accepted at Gorseignon General Hospital, and later qualified as an S E N. She then joined St David's Hospital and worked in A & E for several years. During this time she met and married Gwyn and finally she left to have her daughters, Rachel in 1971 and Sian in 1973. While the girls were young, Joyce worked at Radyr Comprehensive, helping with the preparation of the school meals. Later she joined Social Services as a carer and worked for 25 years here, until she became very ill. After very difficult treatment and with Gwyn's support she seemed to recover, but a year later found her ill again. During this time, I made my Christmas visit and I was dismayed to see how very ill she was, but she still smiled all the time I was there. Gwyn told me she did so bravely, all through her illness. Soon after sadly, Joyce went to Home Towers and died in the February.

I will forever be in her debt; she did so much for my mum. Joyce will be remembered with affection by many in Radyr and Morganstown for bringing them her special brand of caring.

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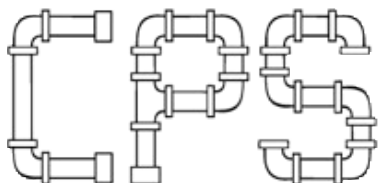
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(chopped)

1 small shallot finely chopped

300ml (1/2 pint) veg. stock or  
bouillon

3 TBspns creme fraiche

s+p

good squeeze of lemon

handful of chopped fresh tarragon  
or parsley

Melt butter, add leeks and shallot.

Cook slowly until soft but not  
brown.

Add stock and creme fraiche.

Simmer for 10 mins.

Liquidize, add seasoning to taste.

Add tarragon and lemon juice.

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images attached

We had a Lent Wreath making afternoon at Radyr Methodists and it was fantastic, there were 19 of us of all ages and we had a short but most enjoyable lent thought and then our florist advisor helped us to create some truly amazing wreaths to take home, we remembered that a wreath is circular with no beginning or end, eternal, like our God. We remembered that bulbs can be brown and shrivelled and without any outward sign of the hope that is held inside of them and yet they have within them so much potential. Like us. In this Sabbath time when so many people are held within doors

we hold onto this promise of rebirth and new growth.

I also attach this piece freely shared by Thom

### We haven't cancelled worship;

we've cancelled a religious service at a specific time, in a specific place, on a specific day, but folks will still worship God when they are caring for the grandkids and walking their dogs; worship as they serve beside Jesus at foodbanks and picking up groceries for a neighbor; worship when they share the Spirit's peace by singing songs over the phone to a parent; worship when they work from home; worship when they endure extra shifts in nursing homes and group homes; worship when they email someone far away and wave to a stranger across the street; worship when they take toilet paper to a homeless shelter and volunteer at a polling place. we haven't cancelled worship, just the "official" part that may be the smallest part of it all

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# Radyr Cricket Club 2020

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## Senior Section News

The unprecedented success that the club had last year saw three of the four senior sides who play in the Glamorgan & Monmouthshire League promoted. The First XI won the 2nd Division, the Second XI were runners up in the 4th Division and the Third XI, against all the odds, got themselves into a promotion position on the last day of the season: these triumphs will of course be difficult to replicate in 2020. However all of the senior captains are determined to ensure that the higher quality of cricket, that the club will face this year, will be met full on. Last year saw some outstanding performances throughout all of the sides, some of which broke club records: it is hoped that this trend will continue in the 2020 season. Also the success of the Under 19s should not be forgotten, as they won the T20 Welsh Cup: the first national competition the club has ever won.

The numbers of juniors eligible to play senior cricket plus a general rise in members who wish to play at Radyr, has enabled the club to take the plunge and form a Fifth XI who will play league cricket on a Saturday. This exciting development will see a home for those members who in previous seasons were unable to play competitive cricket and will undoubtedly strengthen the whole of the club. Best wishes go to Steve Sanders, the first captain of this fledgling enterprise. However this does now mean that the club will need to find a minimum of 55 players every Saturday, which is no mean feat. Therefore if you are young or old, male or female, have or have not played cricket in the past, but fancy being part of the friendliest club in Cardiff, join us, every Wednesday evening, at 6.00pm for senior nets. You won't regret it.

Another new initiative this year is the formation of only the third hard ball ladies side in south Wales. This side will compete in the South West Cricket League, with games played on a Sunday, in coloured clothing, with the season starting on July 5th. The club is delighted to welcome Gabby Basketter, who has come onboard this year, and will captain the side. She has been joined by a number of other ladies, plus existing Radyr members who are determined to make their mark. The first home game on the second Sunday in July will be a red letter day for the club and ladies cricket in general and hopefully will see a big crowd at this most special of events. Should anyone wish to become involved, please contact Gabby on [gabby.basketter@cricketwales.org.uk](mailto:gabby.basketter@cricketwales.org.uk)

## Junior Section News

The section are busy preparing for the season and if 2019 is anything to go by we should be registering around 150 children

this year. Throughout the winter, as mentioned above, players from the Under 9s to the Under 15s have had the opportunity to attend winter training sessions at Radyr Comprehensive School and Sophia Gardens Indoor Cricket Centre, thanks to the support of the Community Council. Cricket taster sessions are underway in Bryan Deri and at Radyr. A big thank you to Becky Thomas and Carl Norman for committing their time to make this wonderful initiative happen. The club also look forward to welcoming the Rainbows and Brownies in May.

The club would like to congratulate the nine players who have been selected for Wales squads and the five who will represent Cardiff & the Vale in 2020. This is a great achievement by all the children and a great reflection of the commitment and dedication shown by all of the club's junior coaches to help them develop and enjoy the wonderful game of cricket.

The junior section are able to offer cricket for children from ages 5 to 15. This year the club will be entering 6 teams into the Cardiff & the Vale junior league, where we will play opponents from across the region. In addition teams have been entered into the Lady Taverners, where last season we had great success, the ECB and Welsh Cup competitions.

Overall the club aim to develop an interest in the game for all children who become members. This is achieved by a fantastic group of qualified coaches, who are all volunteers, and take great pride in offering boys and girls of all ages and abilities the opportunity to develop their cricketing skills. This doesn't matter if you are a complete beginner or have previous experience: everyone will be welcomed. It is anticipated that the season will begin with training from Monday May 4th.

Further details are shown below and with the exception of the Dynamos, all training sessions are mixed.

All Stars - Friday 5-6pm (programme for girls and boys in school years 1 and 2)

Dynamos (girls only training for 8-11 year olds) - Friday 6-7pm (starts Friday May 15th)

Under 9s - Friday 6-7pm (school years 3 and 4)

Under 11s - Tuesday 6.30 - 8.00pm (school years 5 and 6)

Under 13s - Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm (school years 7 and 8)

Under 15s - Monday 6.30 - 8.00pm (school years 9 and 10)

To register please email Emma Clegg, Youth Secretary, [peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:peteemarch@hotmail.co.uk) or come along to the club from Monday May 4th, at the times shown above.

The club is delighted to announce that the new main shirt sponsors for the next three years will be Michael Graham Young, with a big thank you to James Thomas and his team.

Finally the club would be delighted to see the residents of Radyr and Morganstown join us throughout the season to watch some cricket or make use of the bar facilities. There is no better place to be on a lovely summer's day, than at Radyr Cricket Club. Should you wish to receive a copy of this season's Yearbook, which contains much more information about the club plus articles, photographs and details of all the fixtures, please contact any of the email addresses shown above. 2020 has been a difficult year for Radyr Cricket Club so far but I have a feeling it will have a great end.

**Christopher Hitchings** - Chairman



# Radyr Cricket Club 2020

As most residents know, Storm Dennis which followed Ciara, broke the bank of the River Taff and as a consequence devastated Radyr Cricket Club.

Luckily, probably due to its slightly elevated position, the pavilion only suffered minimal damage. However the outfield of the two grounds were not so fortunate. They were left with masses of silt, sand and soil deposits, with the only option to ensure cricket in 2020, being its removal by hard physical work. The club members rallied like never before and the photographs on the club's and Community Council websites ([www.radyrcc.co.uk](http://www.radyrcc.co.uk)), ([radyrandmorganstown.org](http://radyrandmorganstown.org)) bear testament to their efforts. The club saw huge damage to the net facility, mobile covers, sight screens and fences. Some are insured, some are not and therefore to return the club to its full glory will take sometime.

The success of the club over the last few years has been nothing short of spectacular and the members are determined to ensure that the aftermath of the flooding will be a footnote in history. By the time you read this article the cricket season will be almost upon us and hopefully some element of normality will have returned to the club. However if there is anybody who feels they can help us



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The above may seem to be overwhelming but, even with the travails suffered, the club is continuing with its plans for the season. This is not only on the field but off it, where the

new pavilion extension, generously supported by the Community Council and miraculously untouched by the flood, will be completed in June. Both the senior and junior sections have not been knocked off track, with indoor winter nets continuing well into April, and the club is delighted to outline their plans for the season. ...continued on page 23

## Spring Floods

Following two named weather fronts that dumped up to six inches of rain on our side of the Brecon Beacons which made it the wettest February on record, it was inevitable that the Taff should flood. On the whole we were lucky in Radyr and Morganstown only the lowest lying ground around the Cricket Club was underwater - see separate article. The Pentre Poeth area of Morganstown - around the Ynys Bridge roundabout - was not so lucky and many of the industrial units were flooded. One of these was the Royal Mail depot that services Radyr and Morganstown. If you have to collect your mail from the Sorting Office the Royal Mail will inform you of the nearest collection point.

The photographs show the aftermath of the floods, the Cricket Club and the hydro-electric generator at the weir being particularly affected.

