

# RADYR CHAIN



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Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

December 2020



*The photograph was taken by Hubert Jackson who lived opposite the Comprehensive School on Heol Isaf.*

*It is taken outside his house looking down towards the centre of the village. We think it is the bad winter of 1962/3 but you might know better. We hope that we don't have a similar winter this year to add to our woes.*

PLANT!  
Cofiwch siarad  
Cymraeg â Siôn Corn

## Christmas in Radyr and Morganstown

Christmas will be different in R&M this year but hopefully equally pleasant.

Events will kick off on the evening of Friday December 4th. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff have done Radyr and Morganstown the great honour of agreeing to switch on the Christmas Lights. That is our very own County Councillor Rod and Mrs Sue McKerlich. Because of the restrictions there will not be a Christmas Fair in Station Road this year. You are asked not to congregate in the centre of Radyr to meet with current restrictions and the event will be available on YouTube from 18.50 by using the following link:  
[radyr.org.uk/ChristmasLights](https://www.radyr.org.uk/ChristmasLights)

As well as the lights on the Christmas Tree in Windsor Gardens, the Community Council have ordered new lights for Station Road and new lamp post fitted lights in Station Road, Heol Isaf and on Main Road, Morganstown. The tower of Christ Church will also be lit up as it was to commemorate the end of

World War One in 2018. Two other Christmas trees will be placed in the "Granny Park" in Morganstown and in the Sidings.

The RMA will have put up ten smaller Christmas trees above the shops in Station Road.

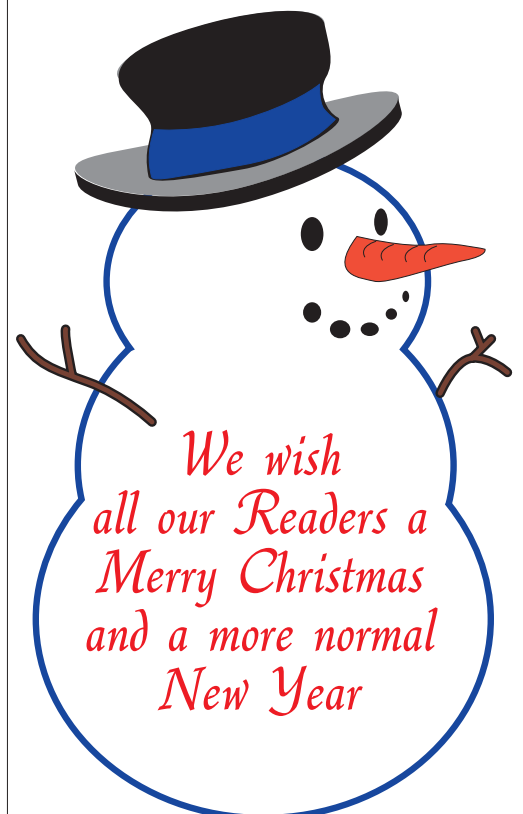


The Community Council have also succeeded in persuading Santa to tour the two villages on the evening of December 4th. Because he has to rest his reindeer for the big night he has borrowed a lovely little sledge from some nice people in Machen. He is expected to arrive in Morganstown about 5 p.m. and will tour the whole area. It is hoped that no child will be more than 100m from a viewing point. His route and rough time schedule is printed elsewhere in this edition. Once again you are asked to view Santa from your front garden or from the nearest point he will pass to your house keeping social distancing in mind.

Look out for Mickey and Minnie walking around the two villages. They were such a success in the summer that they have been invited to visit again and they tell us that

they are hoping to bring some of their friends from Frozen with them.

Because the annual pantomime and school concerts have had to be cancelled our two Primary Schools are hoping to present a special secret event in the run up to Christmas, look out for more details.



*We wish  
all our Readers a  
Merry Christmas  
and a more normal  
New Year*

# Morganstown News

## TfW and Morganstown.

Over the past few weeks Transport for Wales (TfW) have been unveiling their plans which will have a great impact on Morganstown village and parts of Radyr in the short term. The press office for TfW did not respond to a request for a statement from The Chain, so most of this information has been gleaned from various briefings. Unfortunately much misinformation has been circulating on the web and we hope to correct it here.

The Radyr and Morganstown Association held a meeting with four representatives of TfW on Monday 16th of November. Between seventy and eighty people joined this meeting via Zoom. Two senior representatives of TfW and the Contractors were present at the meeting and they have experience of working on both the London cross rail link and the electrification of the main line into south Wales. This meeting and its many interesting questions, is still available to be viewed on the Community web site. A letter on the subject from our County Councillor, Rod McKerlich, is also included in this edition.

- The electrification of the Valley's line is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022.
- Gelynys Farm has been sold to the Welsh Assembly Government as part off the project, we understand that the farmhouse and some of the land around the house, which is a scheduled monument, is not part of the sale.
- TfW has asked Cardiff County Council to use part of

Morganstown Mound Field as a works base for the duration of the work on the line. It will be restored to its present function at the end of the project, in theory and provided that work does not overrun, during 2023. There will a net gain in that both the playing pitches and the changing room facilities will be improved at TfW's expense. One football pitch will remain while the work goes ahead.

- The base will be used overnight and at weekends to access the line and the representatives of TfW addressed the question of noise and light pollution. Deliveries to the base will be during the day, via the lane at the side of Pugh's Garden Village and will come down from Treforest in convoy. No work will take place at the base it will only give access for workers, equipment and materials to get to the line north of Morganstown.
- It will be one of three bases on the section between Radyr and Pontypridd, the others being at Upper Boat and Treforest. Treforest will be the main base.
- A completely separate project will be the building of a bridge over the line between the present level crossing and the motorway. TfW feel that with up to 24 trains an hour on this section of line the present level crossing would be dangerous. No date was given for the completion of this bridge.
- Work on this project would take place in the field at the side of the lane leading to Gelynys farm and the motorway. The bridge and its associated road will start just after the Nant goes under the lane and curve around to reach the river side of Gelynys.

- Work on this project will be during normal working hours, except for a short period when the bridge will be moved into place overnight.
- Concerns have been expressed that a two lane road over the bridge would be a gift to future developers wishing to develop land between the railway and the river. At the moment this land is designated green open space and part of the flood plain.
- The contractors will give a twenty four hour help line which we will publish once it's released.

## Christingle

At Radyr Methodist Church we normally enjoy a really busy and active Christingle Service however this year we are aware that many may feel unable to attend in person, we have therefore created a Christingle in a bag which we will be delivering to the new houses on Plas Dwr as a gift from the church, we have about 300 bags to deliver. We are then holding a zoom Christingle Service on December 6th at 6 o'clock for those who would like to make the Christingles with us. If you would like to take part and haven't received a bag you are really welcome to gather your own orange, cocktail sticks, dolly mixtures, candle and red ribbon and see us online on Zoom.

Joining details below

Meeting ID: 868 1401 6597

Passcode: 485030

If you would like to contact me for more information or to let me know that you would like a bag if we have any spare please do contact me,

Judith.Holliman@methodist.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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

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## Radyr Garage Ltd.

Andrew Jones and James Greenman purchased the garage situated in Radyr Train Station on 14th December 2012 and now have over 60 years of experience in the trade between them. Many residents will have met Andrew as the manager of the garage; James, however, manages our sister garage in Fidlas Road (Llanishen Garage) although you may have met him when Andrew has been away.

In 2012, we promised the local community an excellent service at competitive prices. We trust that, eight years on, we have come through with that promise and would like to thank all our customers for their loyal custom. Even through the difficult year we are currently experiencing, our customers have helped us to keep the garage open.

We were forced to close in the initial lockdown for two months but then reopened and now expect to continue to be a reliable service to the community. For your information, we are remaining open even during the car park closure at the train station - just ask staff at the bollards to allow you through to the garage.



We have a friendly, approachable team of five, two of which are qualified MOT testers and look forward to welcoming any new customers who may not have been aware of our existence - we're in a great spot to Park and Ride for Christmas shopping too. We can cater for almost all your vehicles needs including MOT's, servicing, tyres, computer diagnostics, clutches, brakes, exhausts, steering, suspensions, aircon and repairs - a member of staff will be happy to help between 8.00am and 6.00pm

from Monday to Friday, please note we will be closed Christmas week until 4th January.

We can assure you that we have safety measures in place due to Covid19 and are able to offer a collection and delivery service for those more vulnerable customers who understandably feel uncomfortable going out this winter. Please call us to book on 02920 844437

*We would like to wish all our current and future customers a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2021.*

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## From The Rectory

Dear Reader,

*Unto us a child is born....*

A good friend recently announced that since its been a crap year we should cancel Christmas - then as a symbol of his disgust that the pandemic began with greedy people hoarding loo rolls and looks set to run and run he posted this Advent ring on Facebook.



I thought for a fleeting moment about cancelling Christmas Services and ordering three of his offerings for my churches and then I restrained myself! We cannot and will not cancel Christmas, not for the sake of our families, for the look on our children's faces when they open their presents nor for the pleasure it gives us being with those we love but because it was into this world of sh.. and suffering that our Lord and Saviour was born a tiny and vulnerable baby. It was here that his mother gave birth on a dirty stable floor with the smell of animals perfuming his arrival. It was here in the mess that we have made of our lives that he taught those who would listen to live more generously. It was here in the heart ache of loss and bereavement that he wept at the tomb of a friend and it was here on this earth that his life was snatched from him when he was a young man. It was to our world and his that he came and died...as lonely as any other who has suffered, mourned or died this year, feeling the ache of abandonment and the agony of human fragility.

As 2020 draws to a close we have learned something of the Christian

gospel whether we know it or not - that in the face of our losses and sufferings we need each other, that in the pain of bereavement we need to feel the love of others and that in the anxiety and confusion and fear for the future we need a guiding hand.

And that is why Christmas in Radyr will not be cancelled nor your Vicar silenced. We shall still proclaim as we do each year that light will overcome darkness and that nothing will separate us from the love of God seen in the face of a tiny baby, a dying man and one who welcomes us and comforts us when it seems that all is lost.

Just as once upon a time Jesus changed the way that people did faith and saw God so this year we shall celebrate these life-giving yet heart aching truths in new ways in The Parish of Radyr

I hope you will join us in church or in our Zoom Room  
Zoom ID 214-843-1624 Password  
Radyr 2019) for Zoom Services

### CHRISTINGLE

**Sunday 13th December 5pm  
ON ZOOM**

Children - please join with an orange, a red ribbon to tie around it, one small candle, 4 cocktail sticks and some sweets or dried fruit to push onto each stick during the service

### THE CHRISTMAS STORY

**Christmas Eve 4pm ON ZOOM**

Children do join dressed up as characters from the nativity angels, shepherds, wise men

### COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**Friday 18th December at 6pm ON  
ZOOM**

A service of readings, poems and Christmas Carols

### A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

**on Saturday 19th at 6pm and  
Sunday 20th at 6pm IN CHRIST  
CHURCH RADYR**

### CHRISTMAS EVE IN CHURCH

**The First Eucharist of Christmas  
9pm St John's (Danescourt)  
Midnight Mass 11.30pm Christ  
Church**

**CHRISTMAS DAY IN CHURCH  
8am and 11am Christ Church  
9.15am St John's**

Best Wishes,  
Vicki  
Rev'd Vicki Burrows

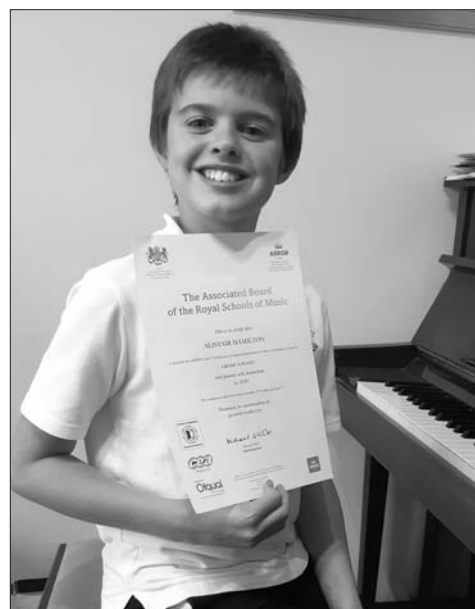
**The Rectory , Rectory Close  
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029 2084 2417 or 07515 965781

## Christmas Tree Festival Past and Present

at Christ Church  
on Saturday 12th December  
10-5pm

Do come and see trees  
decorated by local  
Community Groups

## Congratulations Alistair



Well done to Alistair Hamilton who achieved a distinction in his Grade 8 piano exam at the age of 10, which is a tremendous achievement.

Alistair is a pupil at Bryn Deri Primary School and is a keen member of the school orchestra. Last Christmas he enjoyed playing the piano for the carol singing at Tredegar House.

Previously, Alistair received the Dorothy Grace Atkinson Prize for Grade 6 piano and has performed at the Gala concert for the South Glamorgan Festival for Young Musicians.

He has recently joined the RWCMD Junior Conservatoire.

# Radyr Cricket Club

As Christmas looms into view can I on behalf of all the club's members wish all the readers of The Radyr Chain the compliments of the season. As the oldest sporting organisation in the villages of Radyr and Morganstown, the club is immensely proud of the part it plays in the life of the Parish. As the area expands with the new developments, the club looks forward to even more members and more visitors in the years ahead. To those who have never visited the ground might I suggest a stroll on a summer's evening along the Taff with the river on one side and the ground on the other: is there a more attractive vista in the whole of Cardiff? Since 1890 Radyr CC has been playing the great game of cricket and introducing both boys and girls to this most sociable of clubs and I'm sure next season will be no exception.

Whilst this time of year is not really cricketing weather it is the period when the preparations for next season begin in earnest. The seeding that took place in September has now taken hold and both pitches have a verdant look which augurs well for 2021. The next task will be the first cut, an almost reverential moment, which sets the tone for how the ground will look for the next twelve months. The machines have been serviced, the captains chosen, the fixtures studied and suddenly the excitement starts to build: cricket is just around the corner.

The works in and around the club are proceeding and each day there are visible changes. The pavilion extension should be finished in January, which will be a minor triumph given all the obstacles the club has had to face. The front of the pavilion has been repainted and the rear elevations will get their turn in the Spring. A new patio adjoining the pavilion will be laid for the use of the players, their families and visitors and it should be a wonderful place from which to watch cricket. The management of the ground's natural resources never stops, with another large tree falling courtesy this time of Storm Barbara, whilst the bushes and hedges are always in

need of a trim. The result of all this work and especially the maintenance required to the trees, has left a large amount of logs lying around the periphery of the ground. As has been said to a number of people who have contacted either myself or other members, the logs can be taken though a minor contribution to club funds would be gratefully received.

The enthusiasm for the game and the club should never be underestimated and this year could well see the first ever net session on Christmas Day. The three lane nets were given a makeover following February's flood, with the works helped by a significant donation and it would be a fitting testament to a challenging 2020 if the weather allowed the fun to proceed. Who knows, Santa, leg before wicket to an Elf, might make an interesting photograph for the next edition? Interestingly a number of years ago a member of the club actually suggested a game on Christmas Day only to be extremely miffed when no opposition could be found.

As it has been a difficult year for everyone and we all need a bit of cheering up I thought it would be fun if the club ran a Christmas competition. The two prizes will be Radyr CC tops, similar to that shown in the photograph.



The wonderful shirts are sponsored by the estate agents Michael Graham Young and their support is greatly appreciated. The competition will be incredibly simple, open to members and non members, boys and girls, men and women. There will be three questions and the answers, along with the name of the entrant plus a telephone number should be sent to christopherhitchings@btinternet.com by no later than December 31, 2020. All correct answers will be placed in a hat and the winners chosen randomly. They will be informed by telephone in the first week of January.

The three questions are:

**When was the club formed?**

**How many lanes are there in the club's net facility?**

**What does LBW stand for?**

Can I wish everybody good luck with the competition and I look forward to seeing two people walking around the village in their new top.

*Once again can I wish everybody a Happy Christmas and a wonderful cricketing 2021 from Radyr CC.*

**Christopher Hitchings**

Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

## Cardiff Food Bank

Ruth and Mike Diment will be making a collection for the Cardiff Food Bank from their home, 30 Pentwyn, between 9 a.m and 6 p.m. on Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th December. A box will be placed outside number 30, or if you need help in unloading please knock.

Suggestions include tins, biscuits, pasta, rice, pet food, toiletries, personal care items, and even selection boxes. Please no perishables including mince pies.

Money donations may also be made. Please put your gift in an envelope and mark the envelope Food Bank and push it through the letter box.. One of the things they are collecting for is a new van.

*LET'S MAKE THIS A BUMPER CHRISTMAS.*



## Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

With Christmas fast approaching and vaccines on the way, I'm starting to remember how life used to be before Covid. Let us hope that we can all get through this winter as safely as possible - with a view to returning to a more normal life in the spring.

In the meantime, the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has continued with its work, under the difficult circumstances we all face.

Following a fairly grim and dismal 2020, and with so much of Christmas cancelled (no school plays, no pantomimes, no Christmas parties etc) the Community Council has decided to bring some festive light into the community, as follows:

We will be enhancing our Christmas display, with new and improved lights along Station Road, Christmas decorations on lamp posts in the centre of Radyr and Morganstown, more lights in Windsor Gardens - and beautifully decorated Christmas trees in the Sidings, the Granny Park and Windsor Gardens

we have invited Father Christmas to visit Radyr and Morganstown. He will be touring the community on 4 December in his spectacularly decorated sleigh, stopping briefly at Station Road to meet Cardiff's Lord Mayor (Cllr Rod McKerlich) and to present his 'Zoom Christmas message' to our children (if the technology works!)

we have also asked Micky and Minnie Mouse to repeat their much-loved lockdown walkabouts - and they will be doing so on 19 December (weather permitting)

we are also launching a Christmas Competition! There will be prizes on offer for the best decorated houses. You can read more about this in a separate article in this Chain.

Mickey and Minnie will find it safer to walk around Radyr and Morganstown, of course, thanks to the three new zebra crossings that Cardiff Council has been busy installing. This will make it easier for residents to cross our main road at key points along its length. We also want to see the old zebra crossings made safer (by tabling them, for instance). We will continue to discuss this with Cardiff Council.

In addition to the zebra crossings, we are now living in a 20mph zone.

Slowing traffic makes roads safer. The majority of pedestrian casualties occur in built up areas - and research has shown that there is a fatality risk of 1.5% at 20 mph versus 8% at 30 mph. Some people are concerned about the impact of slower speeds on pollution levels, but with ever cleaner cars and a ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars from 2030, this should not be a problem.

Another transport issue is the work on the South Wales Metro. This will involve electrification of the Valleys Lines and the introduction of brand new trains (much of which will be built in Wales). In addition, the number of trains travelling from Radyr into Cardiff, and vice versa, will increase from 6 to 12 trains per hour.

A major concern, however, will be the creation of a large 'works compound' on the Mound field site in Morganstown. Transport for Wales tell us that this will facilitate the building of a new vehicle and pedestrian bridge over the railway line, which will replace the existing pedestrian crossing near Gelynis Farm. With 24 trains per hour (12 heading north, 12 heading south) the existing crossing will no longer be safe. The compound will also be an access point onto the railway, where work will take place at night to install the infrastructure needed for electrification. This is of immense concern to Morganstown residents living near the compound, who will face noise and light pollution through the night. The Community Council will discuss this matter before responding to the proposals.

Now, for some more unfortunate news. Although we live in a great part of Cardiff, with a great community, we are visited sometimes by acts of ugly vandalism. The latest incidents happened on the night of 14 November, when the nurse and soldier silhouettes in Windsor Gardens, commemorating the 100th anniversary



of the end of World War One were destroyed, leaving razor sharp edges on the remains.

It is hard to believe that the persons responsible gave any thought to what they were doing. During the war, over 700,000 British soldiers were killed, defending our way of life. Some of those soldiers came from Radyr and Morganstown. Some of their families live here to this day. The level of disrespect was sick and disgraceful. At the same time, lights and candles displayed to celebrate Diwali were smashed and destroyed - showing huge disrespect to our much-loved Hindu, Jain and Sikh friends. Again, we utterly condemn this stupid and moronic act.

We encourage anyone who knows anything about these incidents to contact the police on 101. If you feel nervous about doing so, why not talk to someone else first? We cannot, and will not, live with ugly acts of vandalism in our community. Although the vandals may live outside Radyr and Morganstown, if anyone involved is reading this article, please know that we hope you are found - and that the sentence for criminal damage includes community orders, which can include up to 300 hours of unpaid work - whilst being supervised by the Probation Service for twelve months. Any subsequent criminal record has to be disclosed to employers, potential employers and in applications for places in University.

In the meantime, other work continues. We are working with the residents of St Philbert Street to challenge how Redrow Homes and Cardiff Council propose to improve drainage at the site (Cllr Rod McKelrich has written an excellent letter to Cardiff Council about this) - and we continue to work with Cardiff Council following the award of a Welsh Government grant for them to investigate serious drainage issues at the Drovers Way playground site.

We continue to look after our treasured Radyr Woods, with coppicing underway recently, thanks to the excellent Cardiff Conservation Volunteers.

A Welsh language version of this report is available on our website (under 'Our work' / 'The Chair's Blog').

Best wishes to all.

Cllr Huw Onllwyn Jones  
*Chair*  
*Radyr and Morganstown Community Council*  
November 2020

# New Christmas Competition!

Following a difficult year - and with the cancellation of so many Christmas events, Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has decided to bring some festive cheer to our community, by organising a Christmas Competition.

On offer is £100 worth of prizes for the houses which our judges decide are the best decorated houses in Radyr and Morganstown. Obviously, this will involve outdoor decorations only!

If you would like to enter the competition, simply send up to three photographs of your house to

clerk@radyr.wales. **Entries should reach us by 18 December.**

We will draw up a shortlist of homes, which our judging panel will view 'from the road'. They will do so whilst safely socially distanced - and only if Welsh Government rules in place at the time will allow them to do so. If they are unable to view the houses, we will judge the competition on the basis of the photographs.

The winning house will receive a £50 prize; the second best will receive £30 - and the third best will receive £20.

The judges will all be members of the Community Council's Christmas Working Group (which has also been busy arranging improvements to our festive street lighting).

*The judges be looking for:*

- Colourful displays
- The 'spirit of Christmas'
- Display impact
- Taste and style - or just fun elements
- The amount of lighting.

With the house owners' consent, we would like to post a picture of the winning houses on our website.

As with all competitions, the judges decision will be final!

No prizes will be awarded to any of the Council's staff or councillors.

We hope this small, fun event, will help us all get into the Christmas spirit!

Take care! *Radyr and Morganstown Community Council*



## Santa's Itinerary on December 4th



*Please note timings are approximate*

**17.15 Ravensbrook**  
Heol Syr Lewis

**17.35 Ffordd Treforgan**  
Meadowfield Way  
Mae y Gwair

Heol y Cwm  
Heol y Crofft

**17.55 Ty Nant Inn**  
Main Road, Morganstown  
Bryn Derwen  
Cae'r Graig  
Pentwyn  
Cae'r Graig  
Bryn Derwen

**18.20 Hazel Tree Close**  
Bryn Derwen  
Dan-y-Bryn Ave  
Windsor Ave  
Windsor Road  
Station Road

**19.15 Kings Road**  
Fisher Hill Way  
The Sidings

**20.00 The War Memorial**  
Heol Isaf  
Llantrisant Road

**20.15 Heol Rufus**  
Heol Roald Dahl  
St Philbert Street  
Clos Park Radyr  
Llantarnam Drive  
Drover's Way.

# News from Bryn Deri PTA

Bryn Deri PTA have been coming up with ideas to fundraise for the school during this Covid-19 era. Our Halloween disco and Christmas Fayre are unable to go ahead this year, which are normally two of our biggest fundraisers, so we are having to be creative!

Despite Coronavirus making things a bit more challenging this year, we were still able to organise a Rags2Riches collection with socially distanced bag drop-offs at the school. We raised a fantastic £201.60 so it was worth the extra work to keep this going.

The PTA feels it is important to support those who are helping us get through the pandemic. Bryn Deri PTA have therefore established a Rainbow Fund, with proceeds being split equally between Bryn Deri Primary School and an NHS charity. Our first fundraising event for the Rainbow Fund was our Rainbow Day, held on Thursday 22 October. For a small donation, pupils were invited to wear a colourful top to school. We wanted to keep the day simple for parents but also fun for kids. We raised an amazing £646.50, which will be split between the school and this event's charity, the Noah's Ark Children's Charity. We are incredibly proud of the school community for contributing to this day.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the Co-op and its members who once again selected Bryn Deri PTA as their local cause. The PTA have received an incredible £2,348 from the Co-op, which means that with the Co-op's help we have exceeded our fundraising target for our Multi-Use-Games-Area and have now raised enough to pay for the MUGA entirely. We couldn't be more thrilled, and more grateful to the Co-op. The MUGA has been thoroughly used and enjoyed since



it was built last year, but it has been especially helpful this year in allowing for socially distanced playtimes at school.

If any members of the community have a fundraising idea or opportunity they'd like to share, or would like to be involved in activities, the PTA would love to hear from you. We can be contacted via the school.

Stay safe and well everyone.

Bryn Deri PTA

## From Valerie Convery

Since the recent death of my dear son Neil, I have received a great many letters, cards from friends expressing their sympathy and care.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and comfort in these darkest days.



# Peter Borrow

1935-2020



Despite receiving a terminal prognosis of Neuroendocrine cancer in January 2019, Peter continued to take an active interest in lifelong hobbies such as opera, classical music, Egyptology, gardening, walking, and would like nothing more than to debate current affairs with friends ... and anyone who would engage! Although his health was failing, Peter and his second wife, Hilary, continued to enjoy holidays in the UK, feeling fortunate to have explored many parts of the world together during their 33 years living in Radyr. Peter died at home on 3 October, his funeral being held in Christchurch, Radyr, twelve days later.

Many local residents will have known Peter as an enthusiastic member and volunteer of Radyr Golf Club. Others will have heard his rich bass voice when rehearsing and performing with Radyr Parish Music Group over many years.

Growing up in Carlisle, Peter found his singing voice in St Cuthbert's Church choir, and practised his sporting skills playing cricket all over the north of England, although, then, he would have preferred his batting average to go up just as, later, he would desire his golf handicap to go down!

Despite leaving school at 15, Peter built successful careers in two different fields, first as an engineering draughtsman, and later in the financial services industry as

salesman, trainer officer, and regional manager.

Peter was loyal, trustworthy and respected, an altruistic philanthropist, helping his first wife, Delysia, run the local scout group in Bramhall, acting as a School Governor, serving as a Liberal councillor on Stockport Council, volunteering with the Citizens' Advice Bureau in Cardiff, and always ready with practical help for friends and neighbours.

Proud of his sons, Tim and Jeremy, Peter was especially thrilled to have musically talented grandsons, Tom (piano), Guy (violin), and Joel (yet to be chosen!). Remember Peter with joy and gratitude for a long, fulfilled life. Out for 85 - a definite improvement on his batting average!

## The Penrhys Pilgrimage way



You may have noticed some newish blue and yellow signs in Radyr or further afield. They are direction signs for walking the Penrhys Pilgrimage Way, an ancient 28 mile

## Green Waste

Although Green Waste collections have been suspended until April, there will be a one off collection in January for Garden waste and Christmas Trees.

Look out for the date on the Web site.

pilgrims route from Llandaff to Penrhys beyond Tonyrefail.

Passing through Radyr the route goes down Pantawl Lane, over the M4 and the old railway bridge and then on its right hand side hugs the field fence all the way up to the outskirts of Pentyrch.

It's a pleasantly wooded walk, well sunk in parts, with good views of the Severn Estuary as you ascend.

A moderate walk taking 30-40 mins with boots being useful as in places there are roots and boulders.

The only difficulty is that it can become nigh impassable through mud in places at times due to wet weather.

The pilgrimage was to a statue of the Virgin Mary.

The old wooden statue was removed and burnt under Thomas Cromwell's direction.

It had reportedly been a nice little earner for some local monks!

There are details and maps on the internet.

Martin Jeeves



# Pauline Gutteridge

1937 – 2020



Pauline was born and brought up in Leicester, where music and the Methodist Church were a large part of family life. Pauline's love of the works of Gilbert & Sullivan, opera and musicals began when she was old enough to join her mother Gladys singing in Leicester Choral & Dramatic Society. A talented pianist and organist, Pauline studied for a music degree in London and one of her proud memories was the opportunity to play the Grand Organ in a student concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

In 1967 she married Tony and moved to Peterborough where Tony worked in a bank. As well as private piano pupils, Pauline taught music at Stamford High School and she and Tony, an accomplished tenor, joined the local Operatic Society. Tony's job took them to Norwich and eventually to their home in Radyr.

They joined Radyr Methodist Church where Pauline played the organ and Tony became a lay-preacher on the local Methodist circuit. They also joined Penarth Operatic Society where Pauline later became their Musical Director. Pauline taught piano at home and in their spare time she and Tony entertained audiences at local care homes and churches. In 2003 Pauline joined Radyr Parish Music Group as accompanist and immediately became an indispensable fixture for the next 15 years. Tony occasionally performed in some of the shows and concerts.

They both enjoyed many holidays on Britain's canals and as members of The Caravan Club enjoyed frequent caravanning trips, taking with them Pauline's parents and a succession of spaniels. These holidays were not without incident and Pauline often

regaled us with some of the adventures. After Tony died in July 2019, Pauline made a few trips with the caravan and Chloe, their spaniel, to a favourite site in Devon, meeting up with friends they had known for many years.

During lockdown and right up to the week she became ill, she enjoyed playing her grand piano, learning new pieces and revisiting old favourites. It's a testimonial to Pauline that, since Tony's death and during lockdown, her neighbours, and friends from church and RPMG were always there to support and help her in so many ways.

Over the years she instilled her great love of music and music-making in church choirs, amateur singing groups, and in the hundreds of children and adults she taught to play the piano. Judging by the tributes from the many people who knew and kept in touch with her, she was well-loved and will be greatly missed by us all.

## Recycling Update

I would like to thank everyone that has been collecting the pet pouches and bread bags for me over the last year.

Sadly Ellie's Fund, the charity that I was collecting for, has decided to drop both these waste streams from the list of items they collect. Apparently they have been having problems with Terracycle, and feel that it is better not to waste the time of all the volunteers involved, as they have not been credited with the expected money for various reasons.

If you are passionate about recycling and reducing the plastic pollution in our environment then please contact Ailgylchy/Recycling in Caerfilli on 07521984221, or see their Facebook page for more details.

They collect plastic from a wide range of waste streams, including pet pouches and bread bags, and the money goes to a variety of local charities and causes, including Velindre hospital.

They have been operating a weekly collection on a Saturday from the car park behind the shops in Whitchurch.

It just remains for me to say another huge thank you to everyone who has taken the trouble to collect for me.

**Nicky Aubrey**

Creature Comforts Wales

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Blackberry and Raspberry Almond Bake

This is basically a pudding of fresh fruit incorporated into a sponge base. The sponge is made with ground almonds which give flavour, texture and moisture. It serves 8, but will keep in the 'frig. for a few days and would freeze. I like to use frozen fruit, then the juices will burst when you cut into them.

150g (5oz) unsalted butter

1 teaspn. vanilla extract

140ml maple syrup

3 medium eggs

300g (10oz) ground almonds

1 teaspn. baking powder

300g (10oz) mix of fresh or frozen fruits.

(blackcurrants give a tangy flavour)

cream, creme fraiche or yogurt to serve

Grease and line 20cm round or square tin. Easier with a loose bottom

Preheat oven 180C/160fan/Gas 4

Beat together softened butter, vanilla + maple syrup until smooth

Add 3 eggs gradually beating continually to combine

Fold in ground almonds + baking powder to mix

Scoop into tin and smooth the top

Gently press in all the berries until even

Bake for 40 minutes

(You can turn heat up a little for last 5 minutes for a golden top)

Leave to cool slightly

Delicious warm

A.M.P.

## Fundraising for those living with Dementia in our community

The local Alzheimer's Society fundraisers were delighted to hear that they will remain as one of the Co-op local causes for another year. This is a way that the Radyr and Morganstown community can help raise funds for the society with very little effort. All that you need to do is become a member of the CO-OP (cost £1) you then build up a cash reward of 2p in the pound for every CO-OP product that you purchase for yourself and if you nominate the Alzheimer's Society as your chosen charity we will get a similar donation too. We would like to thank everyone who supported us through this process last year and are delighted to report that we received over £3,400 from the CO-OP to support those living with dementia in 2020.

We are also collecting jewellery of any type - costume, or gold / silver – even single earrings or broken chains are acceptable. These will be recycled or repurposed, so this is another way that you can support our fundraising.

Please post any unwanted jewellery in an envelope through the door of Gaynor at 5, Bryn Coed or Pat at 25, Drovers Way.

We are very grateful that at this time when fundraising opportunities for those living with dementia are so difficult the community of Radyr and Morganstown can continue to support us in this way.

*Thank you*  
The Radyr and Morganstown Alzheimer's Society fundraising group

## A letter from our County Councillor, Rod Mckerlich

To enable electrification of the valleys lines, TfW has to replace a level crossing at Gelynis Farm with a bridge and also carry out substantial work on the track between Radyr and Pontypridd. To facilitate these works, TfW is negotiating a license to occupy a substantial part of Mound Field, Morganstown to create a temporary works compound. I completely approve the replacement of the level crossing and the benefits of valleys lines electrification; I can see other potential legacy benefits such as enhanced facilities for Radyr Rangers and some planning gain monies.; however, given past experience of dealing with projects carried out on behalf of railway companies, I am anxious that the benefits are not gained at the cost of considerable detriment to local residents over some three years.

Normally I would seek to control this mainly through planning conditions. However, the terms of the license to occupy could augment this by including sensible conditions. If TfW intend to behave reasonably that will present no difficulty; on the other hand, if they intend behaving like an occupying army ( which the predecessor company has done elsewhere in my ward on numerous occasions) these conditions will be essential. As a starting point, these conditions should include hours of work, measures to restrict noise and light pollution, working practices, use of access road, repairs to access road, number and timing of HGV movements, car parking for staff and other users of Mound Field and S106 contributions. Based on the helpful and constructive attitude of the staff liaising with our community and the fact that TFW is owned by the Welsh Government, I hope that these will be agreed.

*Regards*  
**Rod McKerlich**  
Phone number 029 20842764

Tony Decaro, Radyr Postman who retired at the end of October sends the following to residents of Radyr



*"To all the Radyr people who I got to know with such fondness over many years, I would like to say a big THANK YOU for your kind words and generosity to mark my recent retirement – it's been overwhelming!*

*Thank you all so much*

*Kind regards and keep safe.*

Tony Decaro, the postman, Radyr

## History Society

The R&M History Society had its first meeting via Zoom on Thursday 26th November.

The talk by Radyr resident Chris Dale was entitled, Will you come to my Birthday Party. It looked at some slips of wood with writing on them used as Roman notelets. The noteless were found at Vindolanda on Hadrians Wall

Everything from the terrible Northumbrian weather and requests for warm clothing to the famous invitation to a birthday party was discussed.

Most people will know Chris as a Roman specialist, he did after all teach Latin at one time, the talk was given with his usual energy and excellent slides.

The Community Association have bought a subscription to Zoom which is available to all the Societies who are part of the RMA. We encourage all of you to use this facility at least while live meetings are no longer possible.



**Remember that Radyr and Morganstown now has a 20 m.p.h speed limit from the Llantrisant Road to the Ty Nant.**

## New Cookbook celebrating local, seasonal and sustainable Welsh produce...

The recent pandemic has changed many habits and during lockdown cooking came to the fore as a popular way of relaxing during a worrying time. Many people also realised the importance of supporting local independent shops, which became "an essential haven" according to Nerys Howell, a food industry specialist and author of a new bilingual cookbook.

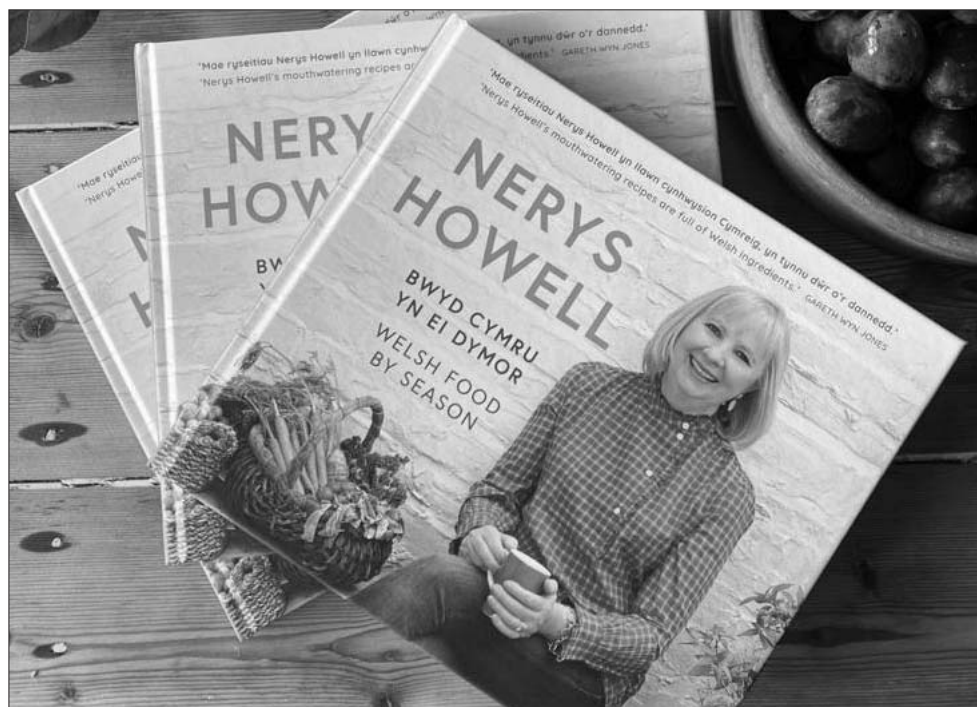
*Bwyd Cymru yn ei Dymor / Welsh Food by Season* (Y Lolfa) is full of both traditional and modern recipes that have been created by Nerys Howell. Nerys has appeared on BBC Radio Wales, BBC Radio Cymru as well as being a contributor to S4C's *Prynhawn Da* and a regular at Welsh food festivals. The book is a celebration of local, sustainable Welsh produce and aims to encourage people to eat seasonally.

Nerys says:

"Eating a diet full of local produce is important for our bodies, for our communities and the world in general. To make this happen we need to change how we perceive food. Instead of choosing what's convenient we must think what is at its best at particular times of the year. Apples are available from August to January, strawberries and tomatoes from May to September, and there are plenty of cabbages, onions and potatoes throughout the year. The taste of produce eaten in their season is so much better!"

Nerys Howell owns Cardiff-based food company Howel Food Consultancy and has years of experience of working in the food, drink and hospitality industry. Nerys says:

"After returning to Wales over twenty years ago I quickly realised that as a nation we were not the best for beating the drum about our fantastic produce and it has been my mission since then to share our secret. I feel passionate about the quality and choice of our produce here in Wales



and I'm keen to spread the word!"

Photographer Phil Boorman's wonderful images are a brilliant illustrative accompaniment to Nerys' tasty and nutritious recipes. The recipes are suitable for beginners and experienced cooks alike and offer ideas that will provide pleasure, enjoyment and of course good food.

The foreword has been written by farmer and television presenter Gareth Wyn Jones. Gareth says:

"As a farmer, I'm so pleased that Nerys has concentrated on local, seasonal and sustainable food in her new book. The meals in this brilliant book are a celebration of the choice of food and quality available to us in Wales. By supporting local produce we get an unique taste of an area, whether it be butter, cheese, meat or wine. I hope this book stimulates your pleasure in food and cooking and encourages us to buy locally and seasonally, and to grow food in a sustainable, healthy and environmentally-friendly way."

Nerys hopes the cookbook will also contribute to solving the wider challenges we face:

"I hope *Welsh Food by Season* will contribute towards further discussions about the future of the food chain in Wales, the importance of a healthy diet and the requirements of the future of our environment."

*Bwyd Cymru yn ei Dymor / Welsh Food by Season* by Nerys Howell (£14.99, Y Lolfa) is available now.

### Notes

Over the last few months Nerys Howell has been holding live cookery lessons by Zoom for groups, such as Côt Canna. These sessions - 'Coguno' (a combination of the Welsh words 'cookery' and 'unity') have proved very popular. Group classes by Zoom can be arranged by contacting Nerys directly.

Nerys Howell has travelled all over the world promoting Welsh food and drink and has appeared on both radio and television programmes in both Welsh and English. She owns Howel Food, and her previous bilingual cookbook, *Cymru ar Blat / Wales on a Plate* (2009) reached the shortlist of Gourmand International Cookery Book Awards (2010).

### Some of the recipes:

#### Spring

Laverbread breakfast burger; Sesame and soy salmon with spring greens; Honey, thyme and almond cake

#### Summer

Cardigan Bay crab cakes with cockle and laverbread sauce; Caerphilly cheese, onion and pepper tart; Summer fruit syllabub trifle

#### Autumn

Perl Las cheese and pear salad; Welsh beef, leek and rösti potato pie; Courgette, lime and pistachio loaf

#### Winter

Welsh beef winter salad; Venison sausages with leeks and ale; Beetroot and chocolate vegan cake

# Remembrance Day

Like so much else this year, Remembrance Day was very different. A shorter service led by the Vicar and the Minister of the Methodist Church, followed by groups laying wreaths at various times during the day. It might have been less formal but it was no less moving. Vicki and Judith are to be congratulated on the service.

Both the ceremony at the Cenotaph in London, the 100th anniversary of the use of the cenotaph and the ceremony at the National War Memorial in Cardiff, were scaled down but equally moving. In 1920 it was not the Portland stone edifice we know today that stood in London but a wood and plaster prototype designed by Sir Edward Lutyens.

Much will change as a result of Covid, I wonder whether Remembrance Day will change its format 100 years after the first one.



# British Legion Poppy Appeal

As a consequence of the COVID19 pandemic, the Royal British Legion decided to suspend all sales of poppies by means of the usual individual, door-to-door collections. Local organisers were, however, still able to make poppies available through key local outlets, where it was expected, suitable safety measures would be in place. This made it possible to promote the appeal through two of the Primary Schools in the Parish of Radyr, as well as a few well-patronised local retailers.

As a result, it is really pleasing to announce that the Appeal in the Radyr and Morganstown area has raised getting on for £1250. Regrettably, this is only about half the sum usually raised by our area, but nonetheless, a very worthwhile contribution to British Legion funds.

Most successful contributor was Bryn Deri Primary School, who raised over £473 mainly through sales of 'Kids' Pack' poppy-themed school items, such as rulers, pencils sharpeners and stylish wrist snap-bands. That amount did, though, also include a substantial sum from a 5-kilometer run organised by school pupils' parents. As the other Primary School in the Parish of Radyr, Danescourt Primary raised over £261 through sales of poppies alone, closely followed by newsagents McColl's of Station Road, who raised over £232. Both Danescourt and Radyr Co-op stores also raised quite substantial sums.

Sincere thanks must go to our Primary School head teachers and staff – as well as parents – for their marvellous, continued support for the Appeal, as well as our local retailers. Should anyone wish further information about this worthy charity, or involvement in its annual activities, please contact [i.ogden88@btinternet.com](mailto:i.ogden88@btinternet.com) or 029 20 848511. Thanks everyone.



# The Return of the Light

For most of us Christmas is the Festival of the Return of the Light coming as it does only a few days after the daylight begins to lengthen again. A tradition that we inherited from our ancient past. Many people now believe that the winter solstice, the return of the light, was the most important of the Festivals celebrated at Stonehenge.

But other religions celebrate it at different times. This year, to show the multicultural nature of R&M, Windsor Gardens was decorated for Diwali by children from The Green. Diwali is a Festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains to welcome a new beginning and the return of the light. The children had been busy beavering away to make very colourful and beautiful candle holders for the lights. Huge thank you to all involved and especially to our Community Councillor Vina Patel for making this happen.

We don't know if Halloween is a Festival of light or a Festival of darkness. But it was magical to see Windsor Gardens lit up with pumpkin heads. Thanks to Evie, Frances, Morgan, Rhys, Menna, William, Thomas, Sofia, Rocco and Sebastian for all their hard work.

