

RADYR CHAIN



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Festival Returns

We are happy to announce that the Radyr and Morganstown Festival will return this May virtually at full strength. It will run from Saturday April the 30th to Sunday May 15th. Popular events like the Concert in the Park, the Fete, the Tenovus Quiz, the open gardens, the Jazz night and the Vintage tea party will return, while a new event Hats for Headway will take place on Monday 2nd of May.

Among the arts events are the return of the popular lunchtime concerts on the two Fridays at 1.15 in the Methodist Church. The first is by two singers from the RWCMD, Charlotte Forfar, soprano and Lluis Calvet, baritone; the second is by pianist Dominic Ciccotti, winner of the coveted Beethoven prize, who was scheduled to play for us back in the 2020 Festival.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

For obvious reasons the planning of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations have been left late by Central Government. A Committee of many organisations including the Community Council and RMA had been set up in Radyr and Morganstown. Central Government has moved the Spring Bank Holiday to June and it will run from Thursday 2nd to Monday 5th. The official date of the celebration is June 2nd and they have asked for beacons to be lit at 9.45pm on that night.

The local committee are working fast and have so far decided on a huge picnic in the grounds of the Comprehensive School on Thursday



The theatre event will be a tribute to Cardiff born composer and lyricist, Ivor Novello. Novello and Son will look at the complicated relationship between him and his formidable mother Dame Clara Novello Davies. It will include many of his better know songs.

This year's charity is Headway, a small charity which looks after people with head injuries. The RMA have already started working with them and look forward to working further with them. Headway have already booked well known television personality Sian Lloyd, to open the Fete on the first Saturday. The full programme is enclosed in this copy of the Chain.

Two small changes to the published programme. The Jazz night will now be on Friday 6th of May and not on the 13th. One additional event will be an open day at the Quarry on Saturday 14th May. This is a free but

2nd June which starts at 6.00 p.m. with a pirate entertainment for the younger children, there will be bands and the evening will finish with the lighting of the beacon and fireworks. There is also a childrens' competition to make crowns out of recycled material and the best will be on show.

Residents are invited to bring chairs, blankets and picnics to the event. The RMA will run a full BBQ and a licensed bar. The committee is looking at the most suitable gift to give our Primary School children and we have already heard of several street parties being organised.

We have also heard that the Methodist church is organising a Labyrinth on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the weekend.

More details in the next edition of the Radyr Chain which will come out early in time to give you full details of events.



Sian Lloyd

ticketed event. For times and to book please contact Allan Cook at cookatradyr222@gmail.com or on 02920 843 176.

Inside this issue are your Festival 2022 Programme of Events and Draw Tickets

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN ASSOCIATION

FESTIVAL 2022

**Festival Theme:
'Happy Hats'**



**Programme of Events
30th April to 15th May**

**IN AID OF
Headway Cardiff
and South East Wales
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**Headway
Cardiff &
South East Wales**



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COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website
Please check that they are going ahead
www.Radyr.org.uk

Tue 5 April **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West** "A Literary Life" - by the broadcaster, story teller and writer Phil Carradice - an illustrated talk being given at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Mon 11 April **19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI** We will be meeting at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Jason Hall will be speaking to us about the work of the blood bikes. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 14 April **18:00 Maundy Thursday Meal and Worship** Come and share in a meal before a service at Radyr Methodist Church for Maundy Thursday. For more details contact Rev. Judith Holliman radyr.org.uk/methodist/about

Fri 15 April **11:30 Methodist Walk for Good Friday** A service of reflection a Radyr Methodist Church followed by making crosses in Radyr Woods and then on to Rev. Judith's house for Hot Cross Buns. All are welcome, contact Rev. Judith for more information. radyr.org.uk/methodist/about

Fri 15 April **16:00 Cuppa with a Copper** Radyr & Morganstown Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at Pughs Garden Centre Food Hall Cafe 16.00 - 17.00 on the 3rd Friday of the Month. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Sun 17 April **10:30 Easter Morning at Radyr Methodist Church** A warm welcome to all at Radyr Methodist Church to celebrate the glory of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. radyr.org.uk/methodist/services

Mon 25 April **19:30 Radyr Hustings** The RMA are hosting two hustings events ahead of the elections on 5 May 2022. Come along and hear how your candidates for the Principal Council are

planning to represent you. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Fri 29-30 April **19:30 Play: Last Tango in Little Grimley** As this is Radyr Drama's 40th year - it will be year of celebration, starting in April with a one act play, a 15 minute play and a monologue. Morganstown Village Hall radyr.org.uk/clubs/drama/

Sat 30 April - Sun 15 May **12:00 RM Festival 2022:** Your Festival Programme listing all events is inside this edition along with a book of Festival Draw Tickets.

Thur 5 May **Polling Day** 5 May 2022 is Polling Day for the Local Council and Community Council elections. No matter who you vote for, just make sure you vote! radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

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Fri 20 May **19:30 Hat Tricks** Fundraising Games Night at the New School Rooms in aid of Headway Cardiff & South East Wales. Join us for an evening of games, puzzles and prizes as we celebrate 'Hats for Headway Day' with this fun-filled event! Bring your team along and see if you can take home the trophy, all whilst raising money to help those affected by an acquired brain injury. headwaycardiff.com

Thur 2 June **18:30 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event** The RMA and Community Council are working together to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the double bank holiday weekend in June 2022. This evening will feature the Platinum Jubilee Beacons. Gathering in the grounds of Radyr Comprehensive School, we will have entertainment for all ages, Picnic area with BBQs and Bar before lighting the Beacon and a firework display. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Thur 2 June **10:30 Probus Club of Cardiff West** "Only an Officer, Only a Chap" (a talk by Rosemary Chaloner describing the rush to enlist in World War 1) given at the Radyr Golf Club. For more information please phone Geoff Foot on 07780 990 847. Coffee and tea at the start, plus lunch afterwards are all available. If you think you might like to join our Probus men's club, you are welcome to come along too. radyr.org.uk/events-summary/

Radyr Chain Deliverers

The *Radyr Chain* is produced 6 times a year. I am the main distributor for the Chain and have over 50 fellow volunteers who deliver to 3000 homes in Radyr & Morganstown. Recently there was a vacancy for a volunteer to deliver to roads including Blaen y Coed and I was delighted with the response for my request, thank you to all those who offered their time.

I do need help with delivery to the new houses in Parc Plymouth. I would like someone to be a distributor which involves collecting enough chains for the area (currently 200) from me and then giving them to the deliverers. I also need a volunteer to deliver to St Johns Crescent, Lon y Pererinon and Clos y Fwyalchen Wen.

Thank you to all the volunteers who ensure we get the Radyr Chain and I look forward to hearing from those who could give up about an hour of their time every other month.

Chris Wills
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Alzheimer's Support Group

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us by shopping at the Co-op and selecting the Alzheimer's Society as their preferred charity. We will recommence our fundraising activities with a stall at the Radyr Festival Fete on Saturday 30th April and hope to see you there.

Please note earlier copy deadline
THE JUNE EDITION OF THE CHAIN WILL GO TO PRESS PROMPTLY ON THE 10th OF MAY.
WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by May 10th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion.

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Merched y Wawr, Bro Radur



Ar nos Fercher 2 Chwefror cawsom gwmni Efa Lois, yr arlunydd a dylunydd medrus.

Daw Efa yn wreiddiol o Aberystwyth lle cafodd ei haddysg yn Ysgol Gyfun Gymunedol Penweddig. Dilynodd gwrs mewn pensaernïaeth yn Lerpwl am bum mlynedd, ac enillodd sawl ysgoloriaeth. Adeg Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Caerdydd a'r Bae, 2018, creodd Efa Lois ddarluniau o ardaloedd yng Nghaerdydd gan gynnwys, yn y darluniau, eiriau gan Morgan Owen.

Cawsom hanes cefndir creu'r lluniau hynny. Esboniodd Efa eu bod yn darluni manau adnabyddus yng Nghaerdydd: e.e. Stryd Womanby, Pontcanna, Y Sblot, Treganna, Y Rhath, Radur a'r Mynydd Bychan.

Soniodd Efa am ei blog a'i gwaith diweddar ynglyn â merched enwog megis Non a Gwenllïan yn ogystal â merched sydd wedi cael eu hanghofio yn ein hanes. Teitl y prosiect ydy Drudwen, a hyd yma rhoddwyd sylw i 80 o fenywod.

Clywsom fod pwyslais amgylcheddol bwriadus yn ei gwaith drwy ei defnydd o siopau sy'n gwerthu pethau ail-law. Dywedodd ei bod yn hoff o ddefnyddio patrymau o'r 1970au, a dangosodd enghreifftiau o hyn yn ei chyfraniadau i Wyl Tafwyl ar ffurf poster sy'n cynnwys lluniau lliwgar gyda neges. Hefyd Efa fu'n llunio baneri Tafwyl er 2020. Ers iddi raddio, mae bywyd Efa wedi bod yn un prysur a chynhyrchiol.

Diolchodd sawl un iddi am gyflwyniad deheuig, a dymunwyd yn dda iddi yn ei gwaith newydd gyda Chomisiwn Dylunio Cymru yng Nghaerdydd.

Ar nos Fercher 2 Mawrth, siaradodd Emma Berry o Benarth gyda ni am gefndir elusen Achub y Plant, a'i thaith i India yn 2019 fel rhan o'i gwaith fel gwirfoddolwr er 2006.

Er gwaethaf cyfnod y clo, bu cangen Penarth yn weithgar yn codi arian,

gan ymuno ar Zoom â changhennau eraill ar draws Cymru i drefnu gweithgareddau megis rhedeg ar rannau o lwybr yr arfordir.

Mae Emma Berry a'i chydweithwyr yn bwriadu rhedeg stonin yn ystod wythnos yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yn Nhregaron eleni. Bwriadant werthu planhigion a bylbiau i'w plannu er budd yr elusen, ac roedd Emma'n agored i syniadau aelodau'r gangen hon o Ferched y Wawr.

Cawsom hanes Eglantyne Jebb a ddechreuodd yr elusen ar ddiwedd y Rhyfel Byd Cyntaf. Clywsom iddi gael ei geni yn Ellesmere, Swydd Amwythig, ac iddi dreulio sawl gwyliau yn un o fythynnod ei thad cyfoethog yn Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant. Pan oedd yn byw yn Llundain, lle roedd yn athrawes, daeth yn eiriolwr cymdeithasol gan chwarae rhan allweddol adeg Streic y Glowyr a'r Streic Gyffredinol yng nghanol y dauddegau. Brwydrodd i gael llaeth am ddim i blant ysgol, a chysylltw'n ei henw â'r Datganiad am Hawliau Plentyn a Chonfensiwn y Cenhedloedd Unedig ar Hawliau Plant.

Cawsom weld y daith i Rajasthan a Delhi, yng ngogledd-orllewin India, drwy gyfres o luniau a dynnwyd adeg y daith yn 2019. Soniwyd am y llygredd yn yr awyr a achoswyd gan ffermwr oedd yn llosgi cnydau, a hynny yn gymysg a'r traffig trwm, gan beri bod gwisgo mygydau'n angenrheidiol. Gwelsant sawl buwch yng nghanol yr hewlydd, gan fod yr anifail hwnnw'n cael ei ystyried yn sanctaidd.

Calondid wedyn oedd gweld merched ifanc yn dilyn cyrsiau gwnïo, teipio a gweinyddiaeth – cyrsiau sy'n cael eu hariannu gan elusen Achub y Plant – yn hytrach nag ildio i'r pwysau i briodi yn ifanc, weithiau mor ifanc â 12 oed.

Gwelsom luniau o'r Ganolfan Iechyd sy'n lle diogel i'r merched gael cyngor, ac mae rhif *Childline* yn brysur iawn yn yr India gyda chynrychiolydd yr elusen yn eu cefnogi.

Gwelwyd Ysgol Kasturba Gandhi, wedi'i henwi fel sawl ysgol arall ar ôl gwraig Gandhi. Dyma ysgol breswyl yr ail gyfle, lle roedd y merched, er yn meddu cyn lleied o eiddo, yn amlwg yn ddiolchgar am

gael addysg fyddai'n eu galluogi i osgoi tlodi yn y dyfodol.

Diolchwyd i Emma am ein goleuo, a gobeithiwn allu cadw mewn cysylltiad â'i hymgyrchoedd lleol.

Bydd ein cyfarfod nesaf yng ngofal y Dysgwyr ar Zoom ar 6 Ebrill.

Gwen Emyr



Emma Berry



Eva Lois

From The Rectory



Dear Friends,

For the last two weeks we have looked squarely into the face of evil as Russian troops have destroyed the very fabric of a civil society. We have seen barbaric acts of terror inflicted on the lives of innocent Ukrainian men, women and children. We cannot begin to imagine the suffering of Ukrainian people, or what is going on in the minds of perpetrators or victims. How did it happen that a society like ours has been decimated before our watching eyes. Day by day tears well up in our eyes, and we feel both angry and helpless as we watch countless acts of barbarity. Could this be the beginning of WW3 we wonder.

But even now light shines in the darkness. Millions have been raised by charities and yesterday at least 44,000 of us helped to crash the newly introduced government refugee scheme. We want to do our little bit to help not just for a hurting world but for real people just like us. In this global world these are our neighbours. At the beginning of the twentieth century my own father came to the UK as a child refugee from Poland. Most of his family perished in Buchenwald and Auschwitz. We are the lucky ones.

Jesus told a story about this. We call it the Parable of the Good Samaritan. He told that story as a wake up call to those pompous religious people who had begun to believe they were so pure and so perfect that they should neither touch nor be touched by those other tribes and nations with their strange practises and beliefs. In the story a man travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho is beaten up and left for dead on the side of

the road. Religious people walk on by but a much despised outsider, a Samaritan, tends to him, feeds him and provides him with hospitality. When Jesus has finished telling the story he shames his religious listeners by challenging them, "which one of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers". And of course even the religious ones who had tried to separate themselves from the real world knew the answer. Just imagine the look on their faces.

As Easter approaches we are reminded that despite the best efforts of the religious people and the occupying forces of a distant brutal regime who nailed the outspoken to crosses not just his stories, but the life-giving and Holy Spirit of Jesus still lives on in hearts and minds whether we know it or not. And this is resurrection.

For three short years Jesus drew around him a little group whom he inspired through his words and actions. He taught his closest friends how to be truly human, some would even say divine sons and daughters of God, made in his image. In the end his challenge to the religious and political status quo led to his physical destruction. Like the prophets before him and the whistleblowers after him he tried to paint a picture of a world where there is no them and us, where we love our neighbours as ourselves and where the only power worth having and giving is the power of love.

After just three years this Easter will be my last in Radyr. As we move to pastures new in Hereford I leave with some sadness for I will miss many of you but I hope and pray that the Easter story, that speaks not simply of a dead man walking, but of a love that has the power to bring down the mighty from their thrones might yet prevail in our broken and hurting world.

Wishing you many blessings this Easter Vicki X

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Easter Services in Holy Week for Christ Church & St John's

10th April – Palm Sunday:

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church

9.15am Holy Eucharist - St John's

11.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church

6.00pm Palm Sunday Praise service (with a Garth Ministry Area choir) - Christ Church

14th April – Maundy Thursday:
7.30pm - Christ Church

15th April – Good Friday:
10.00am - Christ Church Family Service
2.00pm - St John's

7.30pm - Christ Church. *At the Still Point of the Turning World.*
An evening of specially chosen music and poetry for Good Friday, with the Morganna String Quartet. Over the centuries the story of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus has inspired composers and writers, like J. S. Bach and Arvo Part, John Donne and T. S. Eliot, to create some of the world's greatest works of art. This is an opportunity to reflect on the profound meaning of the day, and to invite friends and neighbours who perhaps might not attend a traditional religious service.

Admission free. Donations to DEC Ukraine Appeal

17th April – Easter Day: Usual Services in each church, i.e.

8.00am Holy Eucharist - Christ Church

9.15am Holy Eucharist - St John's

11.00am Holy Eucharist (with Easter Egg hunt after the service) Christ Church

6.00pm Evening Prayer - Christ Church

Cardiff Replacement Local Development Plan

And How it Could Impact You

Residents should now be well aware that at the beginning of December Cardiff Council opened a ten-week consultation period into the strategic options for a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP). That consultation period ended on 8th February. Under consultation were three options, all of which predict further population growth and the need for increased housing numbers above and beyond those in the current LDP.

Under this RLDP process, Cardiff Council have invited submissions for further sites for housing development (Candidate Sites) - parcels of land within Cardiff that could form new strategic sites for housing development.

There are two Candidate Sites status within our community, one at Radyr Station Car Park and the other, much larger area, on the fields bounded by Pant Tawel Lane, Radyr Golf Club, Rhydlafer and the M4. If you live in Chestnut Tree Close, Oak Tree Close, Hazel Tree Close or Willow Tree Close, this second development will be physically extremely close to you, but the impact will also be felt by many others in the community

The Pant Tawel Lane site is already in the current LDP as an area of "potential future expansion" but many may rightly feel that this is one of Radyr's last green spaces. Why is there a need to build houses on it? The Annual Monitoring Report for the LDP highlights that house building on already-allocated parcels of land within Cardiff since 2016 is well behind target. The LDP requires 29,201 dwellings to be completed from 2016 to 2026, on seven strategic sites. **The actual performance to the end of 2021 was 6,472.** The highest annual house completion figure for Cardiff was 2,300 in 2006 but over the last fifteen years the annual average has been only 1,070. So, house builders

cannot even build the number of houses they're supposed to, on land already allocated!

But are the houses still needed? Data might suggest not. The 2021 population of Cardiff was estimated at 368,000 and the forecast population growth (used to support the present LDP) by 2031 is 379,000. However, the 2021 Census results for Cardiff are due in May of this year and these will be the basis for future projections on which the RLDP will be based.

Concerned, Interested or Worried? Then get involved. The Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) have submitted formal responses to the consultation, which are available on the RMA website along with details of how to join and help: radyr.org.uk/clubs/rmldgroup/

Further information on the activities of the RMLDG will be reported on that website, and in future editions of the Radyr Chain.

Incredible Achievement!

Reuben Burns attends Radyr Primary school, current Yr 6. He is an avid gymnast, winning medals at his club and for Wales and was due to attend trials for GB in September 2021.

However, In June last year he fell and cut through his arm, severing his tricep muscle, vein and nerve. As you can imagine this was devastating and after a 4 hour operation the prognosis was bleak, his 2 fingers and part of his hand were left without feeling.

Reuben spent 3 days in hospital and was back in gymnastics within a week! Stretching every other part of his body so that he would remain fit! For him it wasn't an option that he wouldn't compete again. He also encouraged his peers and was a role model for them.

From then he has trained for hours as well as enduring physiotherapy. In November he broke a knuckle on the same hand, setting him back again but still remained up beat and

positive (with the help of Mrs Sainsbury, his well-being teacher).

On Saturday 27.2.22 he competed in the Under 12 Welsh Championships. He placed 2nd over all and also took 2 golds and a bronze for individual apparatus!! What an achievement, he has been such an inspiration to those around him. We are absolutely delighted as is he.

Dog Mess around Radyr

I am very disappointed that I have to write about this in an area such as Radyr, but it is getting more serious with the amount of dog mess where irresponsible owners are not cleaning up after their dog.

As a dog owner myself, I find it very frustrating that I have to watch out that neither myself or my dog tread in this and take it back to the house, so I can understand non-dog owners will feel even more strongly. This has always been a problem since moving to Radyr nearly 10 years ago but more recently with people buy lockdown dogs, there are now a lot more dogs in the area.

With the fields being very wet it seems a lot of people are street walking and not only letting their dog mess the street and not cleaning up, but not even stopping to let their dog go to toilet in one position – making it more of a mess and more to avoid!! If the house building goes ahead in these fields it will become a bigger more constant problem. Although you should clean up after your dog wherever it is I'm sure you are all proud of the area you live in and fully aware of the dangers to children that dog mess can cause.

Please consider those around the area and clean up after your dog, there are plenty of bins around and dog poo bags are reasonably cheap and can be purchased at supermarkets and pets at home.

Name and address supplied.

Jane Parry



Wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, friend, Jane was a truly remarkable person who touched the hearts of so many - both those gathered here today and the many more who became part of her long and happy life.

And what a life. Born in the war when her father Richard was stationed in Africa with the RAF. Jane lived with her mother Mabel along with her grandparents William and Emily and she always spoke about them with such love. With three dotting adults all to herself she appeared as a rather remarkable intellect, reading Rupert Bear books sitting in her pram. It was only when she went to school that she realised there was more to reading than memorising the words.

On VE Day Jane was joined by her sister Susan and then a few years later by her sister Janet known to many as Liz. As a child, Jane was desperate to go on holiday and pestered her parents until they arranged for her to go and stay for two weeks with her Grandfather and Auntie Lizzie in Maerdy. Therefore it is so appropriate that we have the Pendyrus with us here today who hail from just down the road in Tylorstown.

Another remarkable trip Jane experienced was when she was chosen to represent the Guides in the World Jamboree in Windsor Great Park in 1957. She often told a rather amusing story about how she and her fellow partners in crime put fruit stones in the pockets of the

mannequins in a shop in Windsor. She was soon on the other side of such pranks when she left school and began working, first in Seccombes and then David Morgans. Starting in Dress Fabrics, followed by Haberdashery and Giftware then moving to the Cookshop before finding her home in the China and Glassware department. Here she worked closely with Estelle Ash for many years, always encouraging and supporting her fellow members of staff.

Jane met Alan in their mid-teens at the youth choir rehearsals in Victoria School in Penarth. They fell in love and were married on the 2nd of March 1962 in Holy Nativity in Cogan. A strong and loving marriage that lasted nearly 60 years. Having grown up surrounded by so much love Jane soon passed that love on to her own family first Helen, then Sandra. Followed by son-in-laws Tony and Mike, granddaughters Rhiannon and Lara, grandson-in-law James and most recently her first great grandchild Mali.

Jane always showered us with such unwavering love that we were able, like her, to be independent, free to do our own thing. Knowing that her love would always remain constant.

Throughout her life Jane like to travel taking us on day trips to Bristol Zoo, fruit picking in Worcestershire or walking round Cosmeston Lake, There were family holidays to Cornwall, West Wales and Norway, holidays in France with her granddaughters or to far flung places such as Egypt, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Thailand either with Alan, her sister Sue and family or friends such as Janet Boyce. But as Helen says - Mum's life took many paths but her favourite was always by a beach whether it be Spain or Penarth.

I'm sure Jane would agree that one of the best paths she and Alan ever took was the one that led them to live in Radyr. It has been a community where Jane has felt so at home. We can see this in the number of lifelong friends she has made many of whom have written to us to say just how much they will miss her friendly, warm, inspiring presence.

Her friendships, however, were not

just about sitting and chatting over coffee, Jane was deeply involved in the planning, running and support of many of the organisations in Radyr. She was president of WI. Branch secretary of Mothers' Union, committee member of the Local History Society and Gardening Club. Along with being a founding member of the Tuesday Walking Group, Book group, Canasta and Ancestry afternoons.

Somehow alongside all of these local activities Jane joined Alan after he retired on many rambling trips including CHA holidays to Llandudno, Eastbourne, Bournemouth and Scarborough. The Ramblers soon came to appreciate Jane's fantastic baking just as the people in Radyr and we as a family have done. The mince pies being mentioned time and time again in messages we have received lately. Alongside baking Jane loved history, mythology, classical music and opera, a love she particularly enjoyed sharing with Rhiannon.

Within all these groups, just as she was to our family, Jane was always an encourager. She urged us and supported us to use the talents we each had to become the best we could and to help us live life to the full. As Lara said the greatest sources of encouragement whilst at university was knowing her graduation picture would join the proud display of photos in the lounge.

Jane faced her illness as she did every knock in life. Refusing to let it dominate her days. Even when lockdown and deteriorating health stopped her going out she maintained her social links by sitting in the porch. Talking to the many friends who made the journey to visit while they were out walking. We thank you very much for all these occasions.

Waiting for Mali's Birth gave Jane a purpose in the long days of isolation and we have all been so blessed by the 6 months they had together.

Jane's death leaves a massive gap in all our lives that cannot be filled but we are so grateful to have been able to spend so many years in the presence of such an inspiring, encouraging, energetic, loving lady.

News from Bryn Deri Primary School PTA

Over the years, the PTA have raised thousands of pounds by organising Rags2Riches collections for unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories. These collections have been especially valuable while covid has prevented us from holding school fayres and discos. Thank you to everyone in the community who donated to our collection on 8th March (postponed from 18th February due to storm Eunice, bags already donated were stored in school). We raised £76.36 which will go towards the modernisation of the school library.

Our next collection is on 10th June 2022. If you have clothes, shoes and accessories in good condition that you've finished using and would like to raise funds for the school, please bring your donation in a sealed plastic bag to the school playground between 4 and 6pm on **Thursday 9th June 2022** and leave them in the wooden gazebo. Please visit the Rags2Riches website to see which items we are able to accept <https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/> - thank you for your support.

The Bryn Deri PTA is looking forward to the warmer weather and hope to be able to run more of our traditional fundraising events in the coming months.



News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

This year started with the sad news that one of our former WI Presidents, Jane Parry, had passed away at the end of January and we send our condolences to Allan and family.

For our meeting in February, we had already decided to have another zoom meeting before restrictions were lifted. Our speaker was Ruth Watson, a Medical Herbal Practitioner, who gave a very interesting talk on how ancient Romans and Greeks used plants to heal and, if treated by a registered practitioner, we can still use plants

and herbs today to help us. She also gave examples of how medicines we take today originate from plants, Digoxin derives from Foxgloves, Morphine from Poppies being just two examples.

The W.I. encourages different activities within groups and the latest we have is a gardening club run by Jane Woodward, Hilary Georgian and Jan Deem. We started with an outing to Painswick Rococo Gardens to see their display of Snowdrops which were a sight to behold. Despite the torrential downpour as we arrived, after a stop off at the café for coffee, the rain stopped and we were all able to enjoy ourselves.

In March, with some covid restrictions having been relaxed, we

were finally able to meet up for our meeting and we had a session of Chair Yoga with Carol Young which involved gentle exercises whilst sitting on a chair as well as standing behind the chair. It was an enjoyable evening and having been shown by Carol the exercises involved with Chair Yoga, it is something we can all carry on doing at home.

We meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DF. All are welcome, current and new members, email us to find out more atradyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.co.uk.

Details of further meetings can be found on the Events section of the Raydr & Morganstown web site.

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Sesame and soy salmon with spring greens

This is a flexible and speedy supper dish where you can use any combination of green vegetables and other fish such as mackerel, trout, cod etc.

Serve with rice or add some cooked noodles to the stir fry.

Serves 2

Ingredients

- 2 salmon fillets, skin on
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tbsp lime or lemon juice
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1/2 sliced onion
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 4cm piece fresh ginger, grated
- 120g seasonal greens such as cabbage, kale, spinach
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil

Method

1. Mix together the soy sauce, honey and lime juice for the marinade. Put the salmon in an oven proof dish and pour over the marinade turning the fish so that it is completely covered.
2. Leave to marinade for at least 20 minutes then sprinkle with sesame seeds and cook for 10 minutes in a preheated oven at 180°C/Gas 4.
3. For the vegetables -heat the oil in a wok over a high heat and add the onions, garlic and ginger and cook for a minute. Then add the cabbage and kale and stir for a further 2 minutes. Finally add the spinach leave and leave to wilt before adding the soy sauce and sesame oil.
4. Serve the salmon with the vegetable stir fry.

Nerys Howel

Radyr & Morganstown Litter Pickers

Talking Rubbish!

On 12 March, four of our volunteers - Alison Harris, Ian Hughes and Brian Gaynor and Brian Leaf - collected 20 bags of rubbish from the stream and its banks alongside Ffordd



Morgannwg in Morganstown, including a pile of fly tipping which we have reported to Cardiff Council.

Add this to the other 15 instances of fly tipping we have reported to the Council since we started in June of last year and the almost 400 bags of litter collected - and 64 bags of leaves. Some achievement - but it saddens us that there are still those who spoil our villages in this way.

Our AGM on 7 March was attended by 21 people. We elected a committee including Jeanette Cadogan, David Probert, Roger Thomas, Martin Edwards, Peter Fortune and Aashi Lodhi and Ayesha Negi who will manage our social media.

We are organising a Family Litter Pick during the Radyr and Morganstown Festival, please look out for full details in the Festival Programme and we will support the Festival and the RMA by helping to clear up after the Jubilee Concert on 2 June and the Concert in the Parc on 7 May.

We have 25 members who regularly go out and about solo picking and we organise group picks - the next one is Tuesday 5 April 10.00 at Radyr Hub - this will be during Keep Wales tidy's Spring Clean Cymru.

However, it is not just our job - cleaning up is the responsibility of us all. Please do not drop litter - and especially do not throw your empty food and drink cartons out of your car or van windows.

Please contact us on rmlitterpickers@outlook.com for more information.

Jeanette, David, Roger, Martin, Peter, Aashi and Ayesha - the Committee of Radyr and Morganstown Litter Pickers.

Supported by Radyr and Morganstown Community Council.



Pentyrch Bowling Club in invites you to have a go!

Our small and welcoming lawn green bowling club is looking forward to a new season of friendly and competitive bowls from the middle of April. We are offering free taster sessions this year for anyone between the ages of 9 and 90. Look out for our adverts on the local Facebook hubs from the middle of March. Just bring some flat-soled shoes with you and we will provide everything else. The free taster sessions are run by fully qualified coaches on a Monday evening, starting at 6 pm. Don't worry if you cannot make it at that time because other days and time slots can be arranged to suit your needs.

We also run a number of social functions for members and friends, including two quiz nights, a race night, lucky numbers draw and a monthly coffee morning. COVID-permitting, the coffee mornings will resume on **Friday 25th March, 10.30 am in the Bowls Pavilion**. So, why not come along and take a look at what we have to offer?

The bowling green is located next to the Rugby Club and tennis courts at Parc y Dwyrlyn in Pentyrch (CF15 9QJ). You can find out more about us on our website (www.pentyrchbowlingclub.co.uk).

Alternatively, you can phone the club's information officer, Brian Ilbery (07979 658481) for further details.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**YOUR LOCAL PLAID CYMRU
AND GREEN PARTY
CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNTY
COUNCIL ELECTIONS
(MAY 5th 2022)**

Plaid Cymru and the Green Party have joined forces for this year's local authority elections and are working with community and activist groups across the city to forge a new type of politics based on debate, discussion and a shared common ground. The candidates standing in Radyr and Morganstown are Michael Deem and Dr. Radha Nair-Roberts.

Michael came very close to being elected as the Councillor for R&M in 2017 missing out by less than 200 votes. He has been involved in community politics here since an early age when as a pupil at Radyr Primary School he spent many a weekend knocking doors and collecting thousands of signatures with Councillor Marion Drake to oppose plans to build a huge asphalt plant overlooking his home in Morganstown. That campaign was a great success and ever since he's had the bug for protecting and improving his local community. In recent years he has sat on the Community Council, was instrumental in securing 20mph zones around our schools and regularly takes up casework on behalf of residents.



Michael Deem and Dr. Radha Nair-Roberts.

Radha trained as a post-doctoral scientist and worked in biomedical research for much of her career before her life was changed forever in 2017 after suffering a sudden relapse of progressive MS. Her incredibly positive outlook on life led her and supporters to create the community association 'Exercise for All Wales', with the aim to improve disabled peoples' lives, by informing the public about inequalities faced by disabled citizens, and campaigning for better access to services. She lives in Clos Parc Radur with her husband and two children.

Radha and Michael are both passionate about protecting the environment and preserving community life. In recent years hundreds of houses have been built along Llantrisant road but no

investment has been made for infrastructure improvements or local services, whilst facilities such as Radyr park still remain closed to children after four long years. On top of this the plans put forward by Cardiff Council to further expand greenfield development has led to new sites being identified for building such as Pant Tawel Lane and Radyr Station, despite Welsh government projections showing that there is enough land currently earmarked to cater for Cardiff's housing needs. Michael and Radha are committed to opposing these plans and promise to fight for the investment our community is rightly entitled to.

If you have any questions please get in touch by emailing MikeDeemPlaid@gmail.com or phoning 07875 703648.

Who's That Girl?

Here's a story to restore your faith in human nature. On Monday afternoon, March 14th, I was out on my motorbike. I filled up in Bridgend then made my way home to Ystrad Mynach, taking a nostalgic detour through Radyr as I was brought up and went to school here.

Well, after filling up I must have left my wallet on the rear seat which is where it stayed til I was riding through Radyr and then finally succumbed to gravity.

When I got home and discovered my loss the inevitable panic set in, followed a flurry of urgently cancelling and reordering cards.

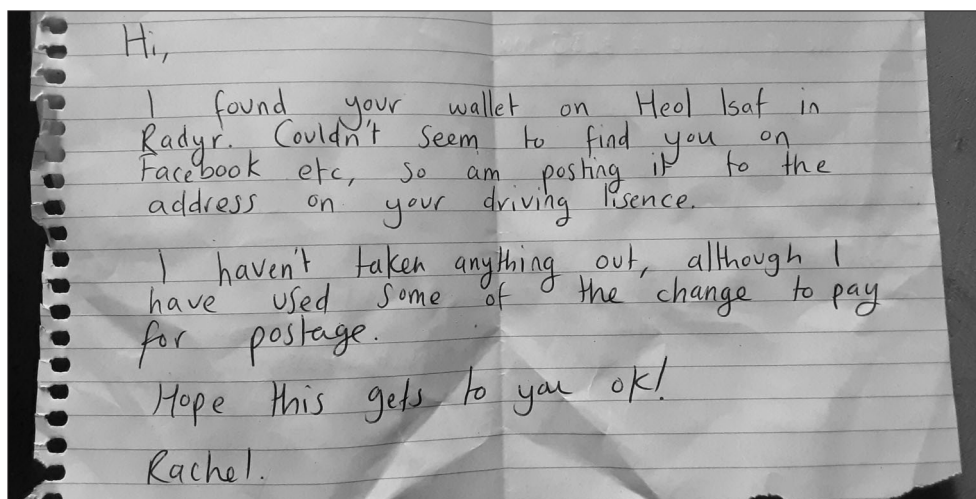
Well, I needn't have worried as within a couple of days a package containing my wallet dropped through my letterbox, the actions of a

person so thoughtful and unassuming that she didn't even seek recognition.

May I convey my huge gratitude to the enigmatic Rachel through your publication and also a message to mum and dad. Your daughter is a credit to you!

Older, and I mean 'properly older', readers may remember my name. I was one of a family of four boys who lived in 2 Kings Road between 1976 - 1994. Dad ran a cleaning business called Servicemaster.

Tom Bartram



Radyr Cricket Club

As the season looms into view, with the first friendlies being over the Easter weekend, quickly followed by the opening League game on April 23rd, it always amazes me how good the ground looks at this time of the year. This is due totally to the incredible work of those dedicated individuals who want to make the club one of the best places to play cricket in South Wales. Throughout the winter every Wednesday and Friday, they have been cutting, rolling, painting, erecting and generally improving the ground: not a moment goes by when these members rest on their laurels. It is also the time when the club updates all its information to ensure that the sought after ECB Clubmark award is maintained. From ensuring that the Constitution is fit for purpose, to estimating how many members, both male and female, at all ages play cricket or help the club function, the exercise is amazingly thorough. However probably the most important document in the panoply of paperwork is the Development Plan, which shows what the club wants to achieve in the short, medium or long term. The great thing when reviewing the previous version, which was signed off in October 2020, is we have achieved so much of what was placed in the medium term box: the Womens XI, last year had its first full season and brought a buzz and energy to the club, with their great cricket on Sundays and their engagement in its social life; the Fifth XI which had been a dream for a number of years took to the field and achieved far more than we had a right to expect. So the choice of what the club looks to place in the three categories this time will be challenging as RCC has a track record of success.

One of the other big tasks undertaken by the club over the winter period was to prepare for the change from whites to coloured clothing. Last season the First XI and the Women's XI started the ball rolling, whilst it was decided at this year's AGM that the remainder of the club from Under 13s upwards

would be provided with a new shirt. As you can imagine this has been an incredibly difficult task, co-ordinating an order which was originally thought to be about a hundred shirts, with individuals names and club numbers, and eventually ended up at least thirty more. The cost to the club is huge but it was decided to bite the bullet and it has proved possible due to amongst others, the wonderful help of the Community Council. As usual they have helped the club out when it really mattered and as on so many occasions in the past, RCC is eternally grateful.

Again this coming season the club will play host to the University of South Wales Cricket Club and hopefully the weather will prove kinder to them than it did last year, when two out of their three home games were cancelled due to the weather. The connection between the two organisations is now so strong that a number of the USW players will turn out for RCC in League cricket this year. Also their logo has been modified to incorporate the Plough which is the symbol of RCC and has been since inception over one hundred and thirty years ago. The club realises that the students of USW and other Cardiff institutions are likely to prove, along with our junior members, as the lifeblood of the future.

Talking of the younger element brings me onto the Junior Section, who will have their full complement of matches to look forward to. The club is already running visits to the local schools to enthuse the youngsters with the great game and the season is anticipated to begin on Monday April 25th. New players of all ages are welcome and any information can be obtained by emailing the Junior Chairman, Trevor Thompson, on thrthompson@hotmail.com who is waiting to hear from the boys and girls of Radyr and Morganstown.

The 2022 training schedule for the Junior Section will be as follows:

Mondays - 6.30-8.00pm - Under 13s (school years 7&8) and Under 15s (school years 9&10).

Tuesdays - 6.30-8.00pm - Under 11s (school years 5&6).

Fridays - 5.00-5.45pm - All Stars (reception, school years 1&2).

Fridays - 6.00-7.00pm - Dynamos (school years 3&4), mixed and girls only session available.

For more information and to book places for All Stars and Dynamos, please visit the following links.

All Stars www.ECB.co.uk/play/all-stars and/or Dynamos www.ECB.co.uk/play/dynamos cricket

There will also be an Under 17 side and the practice and match nights are yet to be concluded. However if you wish to play, please contact the lead coach Ben O'Neil whose email address is bencricket@live.co.uk

At this time of year the club always likes to thank all those organisations who have helped us financially. These are companies in the village or sometimes farther afield. These include our main shirt sponsors Michael Graham Young, CGI, Rees Wood Terry the club's solicitors, Pugh's Garden Centre, Radyr Garage Limited and Jon Griffiths Personal Wealth Solutions. Without your help the club wouldn't be able to offer the quality of facility it does to its members.

So as the paint is drying and the smell of mown grass penetrates the nostrils, the club, like a creature awakening from hibernation, begins the final countdown to the season. The mobile covers on the second ground will see a new sponsor, the sight screens on the main ground will be spruced up and the club will take delivery of almost a hundred brand new balls. Some will last the distance, others will end up in the river or the long grass, but this is the sure sign that once again the cricket season is here. So here's to wishing every single member of RCC, of whatever age and from whatever team who wears the RCC colours, good luck and let's hope for a brilliant season.

Christopher Hitchings
Radyr Cricket Club - Chairman

Janet Thomas



It is with great sadness that we report the death of Mrs Janet Thomas of Ravensbrook, Morganstown.

Janet spent her whole life in Morganstown, her early years growing up (as Janet Watkins) on Cwm Farm, and ever the farmer's daughter she was undoubtedly committed to village life until the end.

She served as a Community Councillor many years but her heart lay with the upkeep, maintenance and protection of Morganstown Village Hall, never wavering in her commitment to maintaining the Hall at the heart of the village. During her time on the Management Committee, as a former Chairperson and more recently as the Secretary, she along with her colleagues were instrumental in many activities over the years; including Float Parades, the Duck Race, the Children's Tea Party and arranging for the millennium stone in Morganstown to mark the year 2000, to name but a few of her contributions to the community.

She was also a member of the Radyr Parish Music Group for over 15 years and appeared in chorus in many shows and performances and took great comfort and peace from attending Bethel Chapel until its closure and more recently Radyr Methodist Church.

In addition to her tireless work for the community around her she will also be remembered by many for running the Sunday School in Bethel Chapel, as a Dinner Lady in Radyr Primary and most recently until her retirement 4 years ago working in Pugh's Garden Centre, bringing her own style of compassion, love of gardening and local knowledge to those she so happily served.

She was without doubt an oracle of local information and her kindness and modesty were reflected in everything she did. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and the community around her that she gave so much of her life too.

A Message from Calum Davies and Christopher Harries, your Conservative Party Candidates

Calum Davies and Christopher Harries were selected by the local Conservative Party branch in November to fight the Radyr ward in the upcoming election, and have already knocked on every door twice to hear the views of local residents.

Calum, 25, is a communications officer with experience working in the housing sector. He comes from a farming family who also run a small tourism business, and is a Welsh-speaker. He moved to Cardiff four years ago after graduating with a first-class degree from Manchester University and stood in last year's Senedd election in the Cardiff Central constituency.

Christopher, 32, works in Compliance for a Financial Services company. Originally from Pembrokeshire, he moved to Cardiff to study at University and chose to return to the city to progress his career.



They recently collected nearly 300 signatures across the ward in opposition to proposals to build on the green spaces to the north and west of the golf club and on top of the train station car park, stopped only by the petition submission deadline.

Calum and Christopher delivered the petition to current Conservative councillor for Radyr and Cardiff Lord Mayor Rod McKerlich outside County Hall and hope to use it to demonstrate the strength of opposition in the area. Both estimated that 90% of people asked to sign on the doorstep did so, with others emailing in their objections after flyers were sent out across the ward.

Calum and Christopher also want to keep council tax low after it has hiked by nearly 50% in the last ten years. Cardiff Conservatives said a freeze without a sacrifice to services was possible this year after an uplift in central government funding, but it was still increased by 2% regardless.

Other priorities they have include forcing progress on the dilapidated Drover's Way park, ensuring residents are heard on the current recycling bins trial, and restoring bus services in Radyr and Morganstown.

They are also acutely aware of the pressure on school places in the area as the local high school recently had 384 applications for a mere 240 spaces and the congested roads that often see too much speeding. Both are issues that will only be exacerbated by proposals to build enormous developments nearby while the current Plasdwr project is still in its infancy. Calum and Christopher can be contacted at info@radyrconservatives.com

Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours



The Trustees of the Radyr and Morganstown Good Neighbours (RMGN) are delighted to announce and introduce the newly appointed coordinator Louise Beesley.

Louise is passionate about making a difference and is keen to work with the community to find out what residents want and need in the locality.

An initial coffee afternoon to meet Louise, share what you want in your community and participate in craft activities to welcome spring has been organised for the 1st of April 2-4.30pm in the New School Rooms.

The plan is to have these coffee sessions every first Friday of the month 2-4.30pm, at the New School Rooms. It would be great if you could join us, no need to book and everyone is welcome.

Contact details for Louise are:
0755 346 676
coordinator.rmgn@gmail.com

A Message from Helen Lloyd Jones and Tyrone Davies, your Labour Party Candidates



When talking with you, as residents, the overwhelming message we have received is one of frustration, frustration that your genuine concerns have not been listened to.

What we hear and recognise is: too much housing development, too fast, with transport and other infrastructure not in place, and remaining green space threatened. We both attended the first meeting of the Radyr and Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) which Helen convened and chaired.

Modification of the Replacement Local Development Plan is paramount. There are two areas, at least, where we must seek to get the LDP amended. These are the two areas targeted for development, the first near Radyr Station, the second the land between Radyr Golf Course, Pant Tawel, and Church Road in Pentyrch. We both feel very strongly, as many of you, about the future of these sites and we will ensure that the community's concerns are fully voiced at County Hall.

We will work energetically to re-establish a local Youth Centre and provision for a youth worker based locally to develop support and services for our young.

Road safety is a key concern. Many of you have told us of your unwillingness to let your children cycle to school because the traffic is so heavy. You can't send them by bus because the bus timetables don't work and the service itself is unreliable. You believe in active travel, but the public transport provision is not fit for purpose, especially the bus service into Morganstown.

We have already arranged for the Leader of Cardiff Council to come and see for himself the problem

people from The Sidings experience every morning getting out onto Heol Isaf. We will take this opportunity to articulate a way forward for our community's other issues, such as finally reopening and equipping the children's park at Parc Radur.

Recycling is important, but we need a better scheme than that recently piloted and more frequent green waste bin collections.

Other concerns you have flagged up range from the sale of Cwm Farm, the lack of litter bins around Radyr Gardens, the non-play area in Clos Parc Radyr, to the uneven paving stones along a number of our streets.

Councillors should be an integral part of the heart of our communities. We will do our very best to serve Radyr and Morganstown well, and as Labour councillors, we will have substantially more influence in County Hall.

Rhiain Phillips

Un o Flaenau Ffestiniog oedd Rhiain – merch i chwarelwr, Fe symudon nhw i Dalsarnau i gadw tyddyn. Collodd ei brawd yn yr Ail Ryfel Byd ac yna ei thad, a gorfu iddi hi a'i mam symud i d? yn y pentref.

Aeth i. Brifysgol Bangor, a graddio yn y Gymraeg. Yno cyfaru a'i gwr, Glyn O Phillips. Roedd Glyn eisoes wedi graddio mewn Cemeg, ac wedi aros ymlaen i wneud ymchwil..Aeth Rhiain i ddysgu yn Reading er mwyn dilyn ei darpar wr oedd yn gweithio yn Harwell.

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Roedd Cymru a'i hiaith yn anrhaethol bwysig iddi - ble bynnag

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Radyr Drama Society

Membership of the local amateur drama society has dwindled to four. Time for dramatic action. There's only one thing that sells tickets these days - sex. But how will the locals react to the promise of a sizzling sex comedy? All is revealed in this fast-paced comedy of an Am-Dram in trouble. David Tristram's hilarious play requires only the simplest of props and no scenery.

Radyr Drama Society Presents...



Last Tango in Little Grimley

BY DAVID TRISTRAM



As part of our 40th Anniversary year, we present a 1 act play plus a number of monologues to complete the evening!

Friday 29th - Saturday 30th April
At Morganstown Village Hall
Curtain Up 7.30pm

Tickets: (£12) available via Ticketsource
www.ticketsource.co.uk
(Search Radyr Drama)

Or phone: 07881206745 / 02921154398

This amateur production of "Last Tango in Little Grimley" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

'Recently Radyr Drama have been lucky enough to welcome some new members. In their next production, in April, you will get to see 2 of those people alongside some of their stalwarts. As this is Radyr Drama's 40th Anniversary year, they are making their April production slightly different, whilst their November production will still be a full length play. They also plan to hold an Anniversary party in September as well as a murder mystery fund raiser.'



Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Community Council News

Like so many other people across the world, Radyr and Morganstown Community Council's thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine, as they continue to face the devastating consequences of Vladimir Putin's decision to invade their country. Not since Adolf Hitler's reign of terror have we seen such an evil man bring death and destruction to so many innocent men, women and children. We can only hope that his invasion will fail - and that this disgusting tyrant will face defeat, humiliation and justice. In the meantime, the Community Council is very proud to fly the flag of Ukraine alongside our war memorial on Heol Isaf.

Any residents wishing to provide homes for Ukrainian refugees can, of course, register their interest in doing so on the Homes for Ukraine website:

homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk

In the meantime, our work has continued:

We responded to Cardiff Council's second consultation on the replacement **Local Development Plan**. We urged Cardiff Council to consider as much available and accurate data as possible to assist with its planning of new housing.

Current Welsh Government data indicates that the biggest rise in Cardiff (by far) will be single occupancy households (from 56,596 to 66,253 between 2022 and 2036). As such, any new housing should cater for those households - and should reflect their needs with regard to location, local facilities, transport, lifestyle, money available to buy homes - and other factors. They may well prefer an inner-city location, rather than a house on the city's periphery.

We also asked Cardiff Council to bear in mind the fact that the Welsh Government has declared a climate emergency. A significant factor, therefore, should be consideration of the impact of new housing - and each option (such as brownfield or

greenfield sites) on climate change. Options with the least impact on climate change (at construction stage and long term) should be preferred.

With this in mind we drew Cardiff Council's attention to a recent Transport for New Homes report, which notes that housing developments on former farmland are adding hundreds of thousands of extra car journeys to England's roads. The report further states that despite plans for vibrant communities with local shops, leisure facilities and community services, the visions of developers have not materialised. This, we feel, highlights the risks of building on greenfield sites rather than developing brownfield or windfall sites within established communities, where local facilities already exist (including good public transport services).

We also urged Cardiff Council to protect green spaces, especially woodlands and other spaces enjoyed by the public, and / or which provide green spaces for walking for leisure or to travel between communities. These spaces also offer habitats for wildlife. Cardiff Council should stand firmly opposed to any developer wishing to destroy such habitats (such as the land to the west of Pant Tawel lane, to the north of Radyr Golf Club - and the woodlands to the east of De Braose Close).

Similarly, we urged Cardiff Council to ensure that developments underway with regard to the current LDP deliver fully on the agreements with regard to green spaces, woodlands, wildlife protection, safe cycling, woodland walks etc.

As we continue to respond to Cardiff's LDP consultations we will need to bear in mind that they will be developing this replacement LDP in line with relevant procedures and legislation. There will be certain things that they can take into account - and other things that they cannot. It's a bureaucratic process - and they will follow it, step by step. We need to focus our response on

the things that count - and at the appropriate stages of the process.

Apart from the LDP we continue to work on other issues. These include some exciting plans with regard to the **Old Church Rooms**, where we are in the process of appointing an architect to develop ideas aimed at improving the building and creating an additional meeting space.

We are also hoping to appoint someone to help us look after our **parks and other green spaces**. If you have some experience of gardening, horticulture, landscaping - or know someone who does - please get in touch.

We have also appointed a **new Clerk**. David Collins will be joining us in April. He will bring a tremendous amount of experience to the role, having been the Clerk for Cwmbran Community Council for over ten years. We look forward to having David with us - and we hope that he will receive a warm welcome across Radyr and Morganstown. Our thanks go to Nadine Dunseath who served as our temporary Clerk for many months. She will be leaving us when David joins us. Nadine provided us with excellent and professional service - and we wish her all the best for the future.

County and Community Council **elections** will take place on 5 May. Following this, we will have a new council for Radyr and Morganstown. We are looking for new councillors with fresh ideas! In the meantime, this will very likely be my last Community Council News, since we are sure to have a new Chair in May. It has been an absolute pleasure leading the Council and working to benefit our community. I wish all of you the very best.

Huw Onllwyn Jones

Chair

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council

15 March 2022

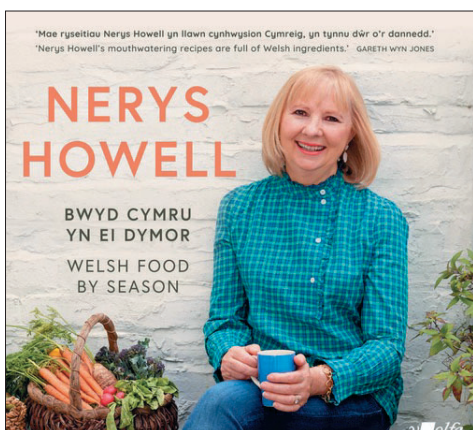
Send your comments to clerk@radyr.wales.

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

Solidarity With Ukraine

The image shows the Ukrainian flag flying at our war memorial to show support from the people of R&M for the people of Ukraine. The blue of the flag against the blue of the sky and the yellow mimicking the daffodils below. A reminder to all that violence, whether on a personal or national level, is not acceptable in the 21st century.

The second photograph shows the prayer room at the Methodist church - to the right of the foyer, you can enter without disturbing anything going on in the main church. You are invited to light a candle for Peace whenever the Church is open.



Radyr resident Nerys Howell has taken over as the Chain cookery writer and will be presenting her own show as part of the Radyr Festival on Wednesday 4th May in the Old Church Rooms.

Nerys is the owner of the Cardiff based Howell Food Consultancy and has years of experience of working in the food, drink and hospitality industry. She is a regular on S4C, BBC Wales and at Food Festivals.

Nerys says, "eating a diet full of local produce is important to our bodies, communities and the world in general. To make this happen we need to change the way we perceive food. Instead of choosing what its convenient we must think what is best at a particular time of 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."



In Memory of Lynn Butterworth

On the afternoon of Sunday 13th March John Butterworth joined friends and neighbours from Radyr and Morganstown as they gathered to remember his wife Lynn who very sadly passed away in December last year, not long after they had moved to Devon to be closer to their family. He unveiled a memorial bench in Lynn's name which has been placed in a beautiful spot just opposite the house where they used to live in Ravensbrook, Morganstown and scattered some of her ashes there too. Lynn loved

to sit and chat and it's hoped that others will enjoy the bench for that purpose too.

With grateful thanks to Lynette Nicholls and Lyn Masefield for the inspiration behind the bench, to anyone who donated funds towards it and also Pugh's Garden Village for their help with building it.

