

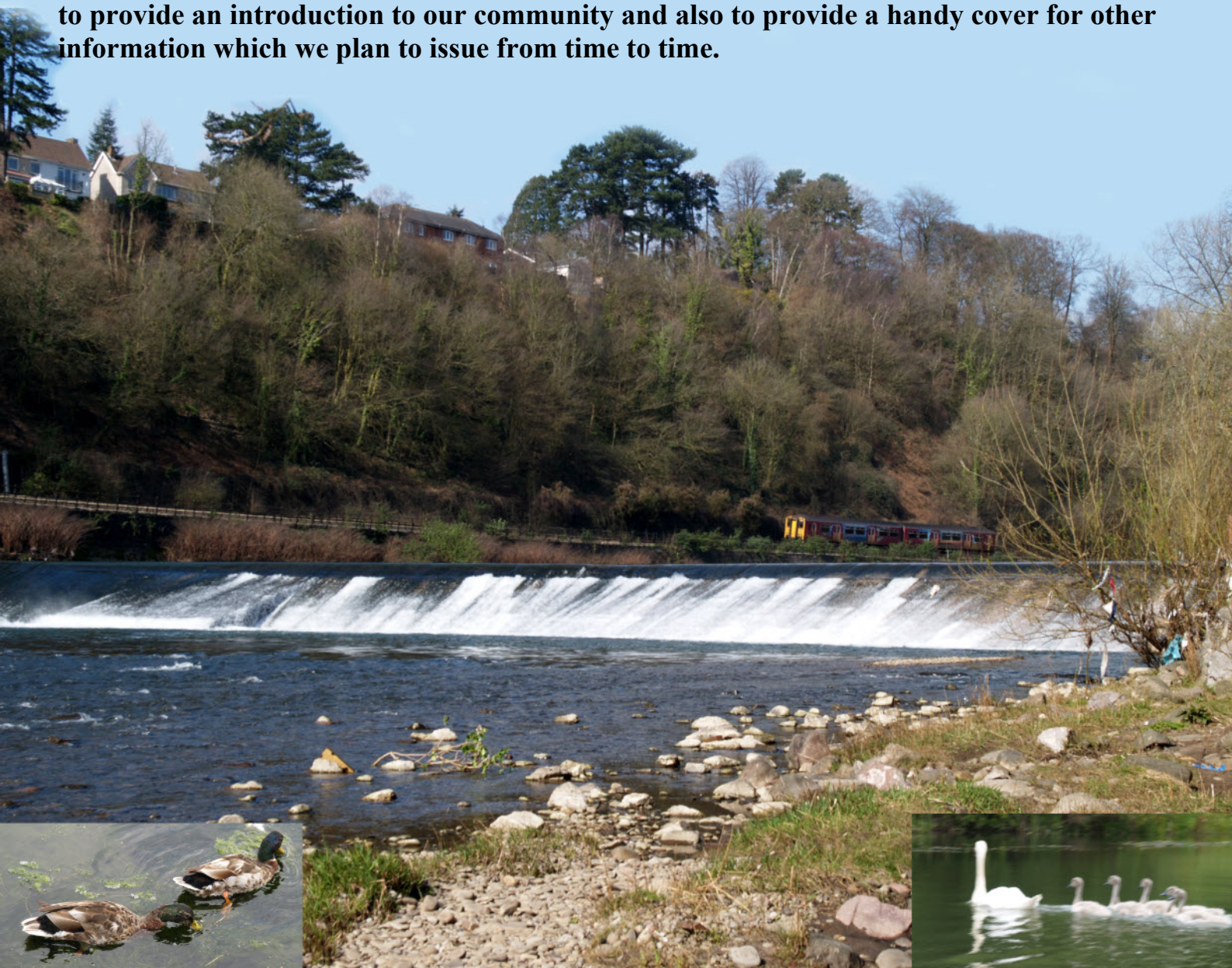


Welcome to Radyr and Morganstown

A village lying beneath the Garth Mountain along the edge of the River Taff, which runs down to the City of Cardiff via the Radyr Weir. Radyr and Morganstown is divided by the M4 motorway running from London to Carmarthen. The main highway, Heol Isaf, runs through the village following the banks of the river, creating a linear route to the Valleys on the north side and the Vale of Glamorgan on the south. Across the valley stands Castell Coch, a fairy style castle built in the 19th century by the Bute family.

Radyr and Morganstown has a vibrant community with three quality schools, three churches, a golf course, tennis club, cricket club, recreation fields and various play areas for younger children. There are numerous voluntary organisations along with charity groups, drama and music societies, scouts, cubs, brownies and girl guide troupes, all meeting in local village halls. Radyr Woods provides a natural wildlife area adjoining an history railway sidings junction.

This little pamphlet has been produced by the Radyr and Morganstown Association both to provide an introduction to our community and also to provide a handy cover for other information which we plan to issue from time to time.



Demography of the Village

The 2001 census data showed Radyr with a population of 4658. This has now grown by almost 50% with the development at Radyr Gardens, Parc Radur and Radyr Sidings. Approximately 15% of the population are Welsh language speakers.

Dan y Bryn Cheshire Home was once the private house of Sir Lewis Lougher MP, who owned land to the north of the village, now known as the Dan y Bryn and Lougher estates. These developments were completed in the 1970's. A new wing was added to the Cheshire Home in 2010.



The Old Church Rooms



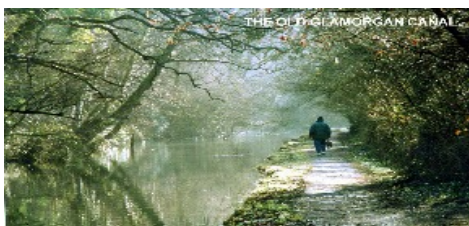
Built in 1880 by the Church in Wales, the Old Church Rooms was originally a School and a church. It was used during wartime as a dining room for the local primary school. This is remembered well by a former resident, the past First Minister for Wales, Rhodri Morgan. The building now owned by the R & M Community Council and managed the R & M Association has now been extended and is used as the village community centre. The hall is used each Sunday by the R&M Baptist Church.

Morganstown Village Hall was built in 1953 and provides facilities for plays, concerts, judo, indoor bowling, keep fit and children's parties. The Radyr Drama group present a number productions in this hall, which is also used for Festival concerts.



Christ Church situated by the war memorial in Heol Isaf, was designed by the Architect George Halliday and opened in 1904; the chancel and tower were completed later in 1910. It is now the main Parish Church

There is an historic **Motte and Bailey** in Morganstown on an alluvial terrace close to the banks of the River Taff. It is likely to become a heritage visitor attraction.



Radyr Woods is designated as a site of Nature Conservation Importance whilst the adjoining Hermit Woods is designated a Local Nature Reserve. The woods are a habitat for some interesting and rare ground flora with over 50 species of wildflowers. The woods and the water features provide a perfect habitat for mammals, birds and insects.

Education

Radyr Primary School dates back to 1896 with new classrooms being added in 1968. It accommodates some 300 children from the ages of 5 to 11. In 1976, a further primary school was built on the Castle View Estate and named **Bryn Deri School**. Both primary schools are feeder schools to the local comprehensive school in Heol Isaf. **Radyr Comprehensive School** was opened in 1971 and now accommodates over 1400 pupils from across west Cardiff. It has a large sixth form college with around 300 pupils, and a well equipped leisure facility. A **Youth Club** and active **Adult Education Centre** are located on the same site. There are a number of nursery schools around the village. **Park Road Nursery** and **Cylch Meithrin** meet in the Old Church Rooms every weekday morning. Other nursery schools meet in the New School Rooms at Christ church and Morganstown Village Hall. There is an after school club in the Scout Hall every afternoon in term time, the **Latchkey Club**. Clubs are held regularly at the Youth Centre and the Methodist Church in Windsor Road.

Transport

A regular daily bus service operates through the village on a half hourly basis, running from Ynys Bridge in Morganstown through Castle View and Dan y Bryn estates to Cardiff. Trains run from the valleys, calling at Radyr Station at regular intervals, stopping at Llandaff North, Queen Street and Cardiff Central. There is an alternative line which runs west of the river via Fairwater and Grangetown to Cardiff Central. There are a number of local taxi services.

Village Organisations and Services

There are many organisations meeting regularly in the village. Details of these groups can be found in the enclosed booklet which we intend to reissue regularly. Full information can also be found on the village website - **www.radyr.org.uk**, which is sponsored by the Community Council, The R&MCC has twelve councillors representing three wards within the village and meets regularly at the Old Church Rooms, where they have an office. The local Cardiff County Councillor is Cllr Rod Mckerlich, who holds surgeries and meetings from time to time around the village. Notice of these meetings and other events can be found on the street notice board in Station Road shopping area. A public house - "The Tynant Inn" located in Morganstown, backing on to the quarry and opposite Pugh's Garden Centre.

Policing



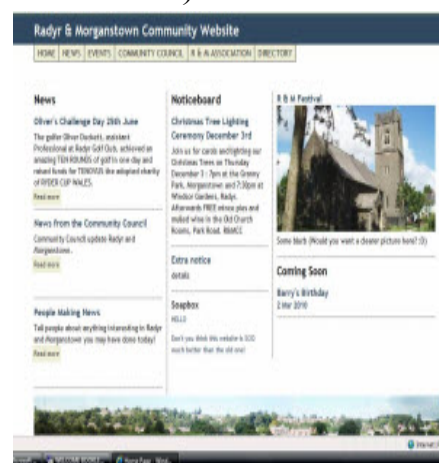
There is an occasionally manned police station attached to the Old Church Rooms in Park Road. The village has a dedicated Police Community Service Officer (PCSO) and a beat officer who operate from nearby Fairwater Police Station. A regular Partnership and Community Together (PACT) meeting is held to discuss matters of concern and current police information. The village also has an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is managed locally based primarily on police information provided through email messaging and a telephone system. Further information can be found on the village website of all these organisations

Village Website - **www.radyr.org.uk**

The village has an active website providing details of all organisations in the village and their activities including an online diary. It includes a "soapbox" enabling everyone to share their concerns and interests with other members of the community - (Please use it!) The more active groups do, from time to time, update their pages with comments and pictures of events.

The website is managed by a small group of volunteers who update the site and monitor any unwanted items. There is a separate area for young people to download items of interest. All the organisations operating in the village can be found on the website along with the contact name and telephone number of the leaders.

The website was relaunched in 2010 with a new webstyle and format.



Festival Celebrations

Each year the village holds a two week May Festival organised by the R&M Association . It takes the form of 40 different events run by the various groups, the aim is to bring the community together in a social environment and raise funds for a nominated charity. Over the last 22 years these events have raised over £50,000 towards good causes and brought together friends and neighbours having fun.

Events include sport, concerts, plays, dancing, competitions, fetes and music, not forgetting the crowning of the May Festival Queen on the Bank Holiday Monday.

In the early days the Festival held a float parade, but this had to be abandoned for Health and Safety reasons. In 2009 we moved to a "parade" of several hundred children dressed in costumes made from recycled materials

and celebrating "The Mabinogion". The parade, led by the Festival Queen and her attendants, marched and danced their way through the village to the Carnival Fete at the Old Church Rooms. It is now planned to make this a regular feature for future Festivals.



Recreation and Leisure

The Mound Field in Morganstown has football, and rugby pitches and a skate park for the use of young people of the village . Radyr Rangers has been formed to provide football for under 14 year olds. The Comprehensive School has a leisure facility including a gymnasium and large hall for indoor sports, which is open to members of the Community. Radyr Golf Club is one of the best inland golf courses in Wales and has stunning views from the 11th hole across the Severn estuary. Radyr Tennis Club is open for membership and has ten courts, including three grass courts. Four of the courts are floodlit for out of season play. Radyr Cricket Club, established in 1890, supports a number of teams in the South Wales league. The game of Bridge is played in a number of the village halls with a very active group meeting in the Golf Club. Morganstown Village Hall provides indoor bowling, karate, judo, drama and dance facilities.

There are a number of play areas around the village for younger children with swings, slides and roundabouts.

