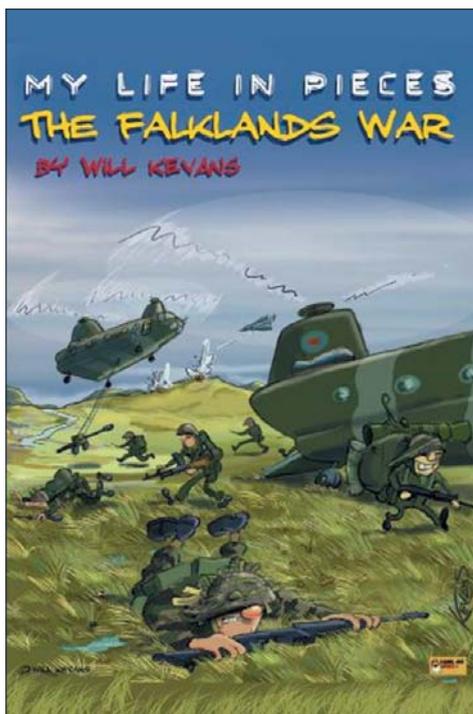


## Shakespeare and the Falklands War!

What has Shakespeare to do with the Falklands War? Well, they are both literary events at this year's Festival. On Wednesday, 4th May, cartoonist Will Kevans will talk about his cartoon book, *My Life in Pieces*.

From the Battle of Hastings to the Falklands War, artists have tried to make sense of these conflicts and delivered their own interpretation of events that shaped history.

Will Kevans was brought up in Ceredigion and enlisted in the Welsh Guards as a teenager and suddenly found himself on the way to the Falklands.



Will has turned his passion for drawing into a career and since leaving the army has worked as a cartoonist on such animations as Dennis the Menace and as a designer of video games "For me it was Catharsis", says Will.

Simon Weston, OBE, said "My Life in Pieces" is a brilliant perspective of one man's view of a time ... I have read a number of books on the Falklands over the years and Will's book, I can honestly say, is one of my favourites".

In November, 2014, Prince Harry saw Kevans' artwork at an exhibition at Westminster Abbey



and revealed that "I don't read many books but I love comics". The Prince also said "I might actually read that".

2016 is also the four-hundredth anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare. Fluellen, the professional theatre company based at the Grand Theatre in Swansea, are celebrating the event in a major way. But did William write the plays attributed to him? Many people, from the dramatist Christopher Marlowe to the Earl of Southampton, have it is claimed, written these works. Fluellen have come up with the definitive answer. It was a Welshman called Taffy Shakespeare.

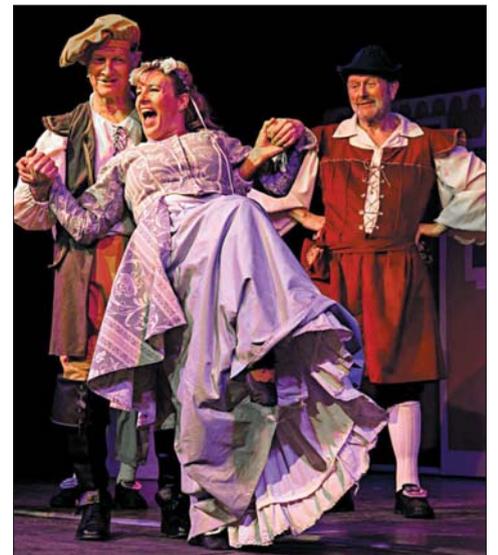
This delightful new play by Francis Hardy, stars Swansea's favourite comedian, Kevin Johns. Kevin is heard regularly on Swansea Sound and appears annually as the dame in the Grand pantomime. He has previously been to Morganstown in Fluellen's hilarious version of The Odd Couple. Don't miss this side-splitting play.

Will Kevans can be seen at Radyr Golf Club on Wednesday, 4th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £6., concessions £5., students £3.

Taffy Shakespeare will be at the Morganstown Village Hall on Wednesday, 11th May at 7.30pm. Tickets £9., concessions £8., students £4.

## KISS ME, KATE

First and last impressions are the most telling when you go to an amateur show and the RPMG's "Kiss me, Kate" scored highly on both. It's a cold wet night as you step into an uninviting school foyer, but the warmth of the welcome strikes you at once. A bevy of front-of-house staff, immaculate in their evening attire and red carnations are seamlessly organized. You pass smoothly from ticket sales to interval drinks orders, raffle tickets and a very professionally produced programme and finally to the ticket check. They've done this before. Well actually they've even done this show before – in 1999 – and tonight there are around a dozen of the original cast on stage.



This year the orchestra has moved from the side to the 'pit' and this is a welcome change. Nineteen enthusiastic players can produce quite a sound, but this is what musicals are all about and they never overcame the company on stage. Indeed, the musical director, Ben Pinnow, had a firm hold on all his forces, conducting with precision and willing his singers through every single word. At his disposal was a find and disciplined young band, with particular strengths in every department.

"Another Op'nin', Another Show" – well, with a suspicion of a couple of "Anotha Rop'nin's" – but this blemish was not a taste of things to come. The chorus got stuck into its words and off we went. Movement around the crowded stage had been impressively

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## Connie Fisher to Headline at Festival

The singer / actress Connie Fisher will headline at this year's Radyr and Morganstown Festival.



Connie Fisher shot to stardom in the television series *How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria* and went on to play the part of Maria in *The Sound of Music* at the London Palladium and on tour for a period of two years. In 2011 she discovered a problem with her vocal cords which cut short her

singing career but has continued as an actress and presenter. She became a regular as Amanda in *Casualty* and currently introduces series like *Songs of Praise* and *Cardiff Singer of the World*.

Although born in Northern Ireland, Connie is most closely associated with Pembrokeshire and began her professional career at the Torch in Milford Haven.

Each year the Festival Charity organises a concert. This year's charity, Velindre, have organised a concert by the Welsh Pops Quartet and guests, featuring hit songs from your favourite films and musicals from *Hello Dolly* to *Dr. Zhivago*, which will be introduced by Connie. The Welsh Pops Quartet is a new concept in musical entertainment, great music brilliantly performed.

### B.B.C's The Voice.

The concert will also feature rising star, singer/songwriter Bronwen Lewis. Bronwen hails from Seven



Sisters and made a considerable impression on the BBC's talent series *The Voice*. Sir Tom Jones was visibly touched when he was not allowed to select her for his "team".

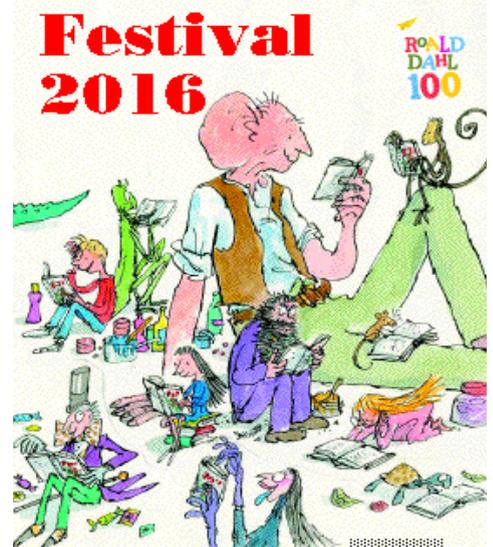
Mathew Warchus, the film and stage director, immediately booked her to take part in his film *PRIDE*. *Pride* tells the unlikely but true story of a Gay and Lesbian group from London who came down to support a group of Welsh Miners during the 1984-5 Miners Strike.

Bronwen's debut album will be released during the early summer of 2016 where she will again be backed by the Welsh Pops Quartet.

The Velindre Concert will take place at Christ Church, Radyr on Sunday 15th May at 7.30. Tickets £10.

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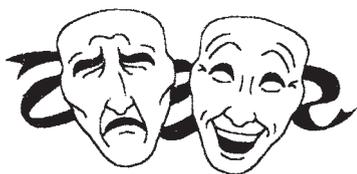
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The 2016 theme is 'Roald Dahl' our Festival Charity is 'Velindre'  
Thank you for your continued support

## COMING EVENTS



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

**Mon 11 April** 16:30 Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Summer Productions! Radyr Old Church Rooms. The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy runs fun drama classes for children age 4-18 years. Rehearsals for our summer shows are starting! Places are available in some classes. All children can join us for a free trial lesson- no audition necessary! For further details: [www.helenogradysouthwales.co.uk](http://www.helenogradysouthwales.co.uk)

**Mon 11 April** 19:30 Yoga Class. Radyr Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Drop in Price £7.00. Block booking £35.00 Contact Sarah Tovey Tel: 07593 597425. [sarah.tovey@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.tovey@btinternet.com)

**Mon 11 April** 19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI Meeting. Fashion Show featuring fashions from Samantha B. Contact Ginny Jenkins, tel: 029 20843500

**Wed 13 April** 19:30 RCTS - The Railway Society. Loco-hauled Passenger Trains in the Era of Privatisation - Geoff Brockett

**Wed 13 April** 19:30 Radyr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club. Auriculas - Illustrated talk by Richard Williams. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf Talk will be preceded by our (short)AGM For more information : Richard Gregory 029 20842084

**Wed 13 April** 20:00 NEW Yoga Class. Radyr Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Drop in Price £7.00. Block booking £35.00 Contact Sarah Tovey Tel: 07593 597425 [sarah.tovey@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.tovey@btinternet.com)

**Thur 14 April** 10:00 Yoga Class. Radyr Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Drop in Price £7.00. Contact Sarah Tovey Tel: 07593 597425 [sarah.tovey@btinternet.com](mailto:sarah.tovey@btinternet.com)

**Fri 15 April** 07:30 Charity Auction. Art Auction in aid of the Meningitis Foundation by Claire Taylor - local artist.

**Tue 19 April** 19:00 Neighbourhood Watch Meeting Whitchurch Rugby club. All welcome to a presentation by the British Transport Police - 'Don't throw your life away'

**30th April - 15th May** Festival 2016 - See enclosed Programme for all events during the Festival.

**Thur 5 May** 19:30 Tenovus Festival Quiz. New School Rooms Radyr. Teams of 8 (help provided, if needed, to complete team) Bar. Raffle. Tickets £8 to include light supper. Please ring 20842096. All welcome.

**Fri 6 May** 07:30 Twinning Jazz night. This popular festival event is usually a sell out so book early. To reserve you place phone Maggie on 2084 2995. Bar raffle and light supper. More details to follow.

**Sat 7 May** 19:30 RPMG presents "The Fantastic Mr Dahl". Radyr Parish Music Group brings you a musical tribute to the wonderful work of Roald Dahl, as part of the R&M Festival celebrations. Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets £10 or £8 concessions, available from Maggie on 2084 2995 or Radyr Eye Care, or on the door.

**Wed 11 May** 06:00 Beetle Drive. Radyr Guide Centre, Brynderwen 6-7.30pm. Come along & join in the fun. Easy to play paper based game. All welcome. Admission £2 pay on the door. contact Julie Davies 029 2084 2923

**Wed 11 May** 19:30 RCTS - The Railway Society Strictly Freight Only - Brain Ringer

**Fri 13 May** 18:00 French Visitors arrive in Radyr 30th Anniversary of R & M /St.Philbert Twinning Fellowship

**Mon 16 May** 08:00 French visitors depart Visitors from St.Philbert leave Radyr

**Wed 18 May** Tenovus Cancer Care Van Collection. 12 noon - 2pm. Collection at the Guide Hall, Bryn Derwen, Radyr. Saleable goods for Tenovus shops please. Ring 20842096 if you have any queries.

**Thur 19 May** 19:00 PACT Meeting. Old Church rooms, Park Road. Come and share village concerns with the local police and County Councillor

**Wed 8 June** 19:30 RCTS - The Railway Society A Broad Gauge Journey from London to Bristol via the South Wales Railway - Brian Arman

**Sat 11 June** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown Choral Society Summer Concert to include John Rutter's Requiem. More details to follow in due course

**Mon 13 June** 19:30 Radyr & Morganstown WI The speaker tonight will be talking about and showing "Hats over the Years". Followed by tea and biscuits and chat. Contact Ginny Jenkins, tel: 029 20843500

## Ydi'r Gallu i Ysgrifennu yn Rhedeg Mewn Teulu?

Cwestiwn allwn ni ofyn i'n siaradwraig gwadd. Mae siaradwraig gwadd Wyl Radyr 2016 nid yn unig wedi ennill Y Fedal Ryddiaeth yn Eisteddfod Wrecsam a'r Fro 2011, ond llynedd chipiodd y Goron yn Eisteddfod Meifod a'r Gororau; mae hefyd yn ferch i'r awdur a llenor enwog Kitchener Davies.

Ganed Manon Rhys yn Nhrealaw, Cwm Rhondda. Addysgwyd yn Ynyswen, Treorci, Ysgol y Porth, Y Rhondda, Ysgol Glan Clwyd, Y Rhyl a cholegau'r Brifysgol yn Aberystwyth a Chaerdydd. Mae'n awdur sawl nofel a chyfrol o straeon byrion, yn sgriptwraig cyfresi teledu poblogaidd megis Palmant Aur a Pobol y Cwm ac yn diwtor ysgrifennu creadigol. Am ddeng mlynedd bu'n cydolygu'r cylchgrawn llenyddol Taliesin. Cyrhaeddodd ei nofel Rara Avis restr fer Llyfr y Flwyddyn yn 2006. Yn 2011 enillodd y Fedal Ryddiaith am ei nofel Neb Ond Ni.

Mae'n briod â T. James Jones ac mae ddau bellach wedi rhoi gorau i goliadau llachar Treganna am dawelwch gwledig Radur. Mae ganddi ddau o blant, ac mae'n llysfam i ddau. Mae'n fam-gu i saith o wyrion.

Fydd Manon yn siarad fel rhan o Wyl Radur 2016 ar nos Fawrth 2ail o Fai am 7.30 yh yn Hen Ysgoldy's Eglwys (Old Church Rooms)

Tocynnau £3 gan Allan Cook 2084 3176 neu wrth y drws.

Crufts lookout! We must have the most intelligent dogs in the UK. Not only can they defecate into a little plastic bag and tie a knot in it, they can even throw it over garden fences in Bryn Derwen. Amazing!

Is there any chance of getting a doggy-do bin attached to a lamp post on the dog walking route? I am not a dog hater - just the lazy inconsiderate owners. If you want a dog, it comes with responsibilities.

Brian Tucker, 2 Graig Lwyd

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

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## Shocking Lifesaving Equipment brings Lifesaving changes to the Community of Radyr

Wales leading first aid charity St John Cymru Wales (St John Ambulance in Wales) has joined forces with the Radyr and Morganstown Association, to bring lifesaving equipment to the streets of Radyr. Later this year the first public access Automatic External Defibrillator [AED] will be brought into the area. The AED will be situated outside Radyr Eyecare on Station Road.

Ralph Vaughan from the Radyr and Morganstown Association wrote in a recent article that the "Association had been looking to provide an AED in the village for some time but was concerned about the lack of community CPR training". The Association was therefore delighted when St John re-established their volunteer division in Radyr last November and they immediately agreed to assist with that training.

Every year over 170,000 people die from sudden cardiac arrest in the UK. A cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. A person's chance of survival falls by about 10% for each minute that passes without defibrillation. However, many can be saved if their heart is defibrillated (shocked back into rhythm) with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). In a non-hospital environment, victims only have a 5% chance of survival but if a trained AED operator can treat the casualty in time, the survival rate can rise to a massive 80%. An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses and treats life threatening cardiac arrhythmias through the application of electrical therapy, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

St John Wales Radyr Division along with other parties, Cardiff West Rotary, Cardiff Lions and the R&M Community Council managed to raise vital funds to purchase an AED.

St John Radyr is now calling on the members of the community of Radyr and Morganstown to learn how to operate the AED by attending a Free Course. Courses will be around 4 hours long but will teach you everything you need to know, from CPR, recovery position, recognising heart attacks, getting to know the AED and using the AED. Participants on the course will be issued with a certificate from St John.

As an organisation St John Wales mission is to have a first aider on every street in Wales by 2017.

Aled Treharne, St John Wales Divisional Officer for Radyr Said "We are extremely grateful to all the parties involved for allowing St John to bring lifesaving equipment like the AED to the streets of Radyr. St John Wales has had a well-known presence for many years in Radyr and this year we would like to increase our presence across the community whether it be through first aid training, to events cover at local events for the community."

Details of training course dates will be posted on the Radyr.org.uk website and St John Wales Radyr Division Facebook page and on Twitter @sjcwRadyr.

For further information on St John Wales Radyr Division from becoming a volunteer to first aid courses or medical event cover, please contact the Divisional Officer, Aled Treharne on aled.treharne@radyr.sjaw.org.uk or call on 01633 533103.

*St John Cymru Wales Radyr Division meets every Tuesday evening from 7pm in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr.*

## History Society

The History Society announced a full and interesting programme at its AGM in February.

Here is the programme for the early part of the year.

### 21st April

Old Church Rooms at 7.30.  
Peter Fortune will give a talk on the Taff Vale Railway.

### 19th May

Lunch in the BBC Club and a guided tour of Llandaff Cathedral.

### 30th June

A coach trip to St. Mary's Warwick and Kenilworth Castle.

### 15th September

Lunch and a guided tour of Llancaiach Fawr.

Non members are welcome to our meetings and on our visits, subject to availability.

For more information contact  
Allan Cook  
on 20 843 176

## Radyr Food for Thought

*Venue:*

The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

*Time:* Tuesdays 12.15 - 2pm

*Membership Fee:* £20.00 Lunch: £6.50

*Talk only:* £2.00

Summer Programme 2016

### 12 April

Billie Blythe – Bill Clinton  
A Political Journey. Margaret Benedict

### 19 April

From the Egg to the Race  
Jim Hooper

### 26 April

Trip to Bradford on Avon  
and Durham Park, near Bath

### 3 May

A Literary Life Phil Carradice

### 10 May

The Welsh National Opera Exposed. John Richardson

### 17 May

Crossing the Green Line  
Jeanne Harvey

### 24 May

Trip to Aberglasney, Carmarthenshire

Next Term begins on  
11 October, 2016

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# FILM NIGHTS

FESTIVAL FILM NIGHT

## The Danish Girl

The Film Club's presentation for the Festival is the romantic film, *The Danish Girl*. This much praised film, set in 1920's Copenhagen, follows the life of Danish husband and wife, Gerda and Einar Wegener. Loosely based on a true story it follows Einar's journey, leaving behind his identity as he becomes his alter ego, Lili Elba. Eventually Einar decides to undergo, the then ground breaking surgery, of sexual realignment.

The film stars Eddie Redmayne as Einar/Lili, a part for which he was once again nominated as best Actor in the Oscars. Alicia Vikander, won the Oscar for the best supporting actress in her role as Gerda. The *Telegraph* said of her performance, "The film's secret weapon is Vikander, who's been blessed with a role that has no truck whatsoever with the usual supportive wife



banalities, at points she's effectively its lead character".

The film is directed by Tom Hooper who directed *The Kings Speech* and *Les Miserables*.

The *Danish Girl* can be seen in the Old Church Rooms on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30. (Doors open at 7.15) Tickets £4, from the Festival Box Office.

### Radyr & Morganstown

## Afternoon Tea Club

Up until two years ago Radyr & Morganstown had a thriving Good Neighbours Scheme and lunch club. When Cardiff Council budget cuts stopped the funding for the scheme, sadly the club folded.

A number of members of our community have expressed support for a new club. After initial meetings, the idea has emerged that an afternoon tea could be held for older residents of Radyr and Morganstown, including those who may appreciate some help to get out and about. Although nothing is cast in stone, thoughts are along the lines of providing a weekly afternoon tea on a Thursday afternoon in the Weir Room of the Old Church Rooms and providing transport to help people to attend.

Potentially the club could start with an activity, such as bingo, a quiz, or a talk. Volunteers would be welcome

to join in with the activities and take tea with the guests, to make it enjoyable for all.

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council would like to actively support the club. So there are lots of ideas, but what next? As with any new venture, there is a myriad of things to think about – insurance, DBS checks and food hygiene just for starters. Age Connect have been very helpful and will be able to help with publicity and finding volunteers.

**BUT** the key to this working is people. We will need volunteers in a variety of roles and will be grateful for all offers of assistance.

We are currently looking for a reliable co-ordinator, who can organise a rota of volunteers, whether they are providing food, driving or entertainment.

Are you interested? Can you help? If this is something you feel you could do, please let us know at [clerk@radyr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radyr.org.uk) or phone 029 2084 2213.

## Radyr Drama



Presents

## *Barefoot in the Park*

a comedy by Neil Simon.

Premiered on Broadway on October 23rd, 1963, this play is a *not to be missed* romantic comedy focusing on a pair of newlyweds, Corrie and Paul, as they begin married life in a tiny 6th floor apartment in a Manhattan Brownstone. Paul is a straight-laced attorney while Corrie is a far more spontaneous free spirit.

As the young couple contend with a lack of heat, a leaking sky-light, several long flights of stairs, an odd-ball neighbour Victor Velasco and Corrie's well-meaning mother, they must reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges.

This all makes for an evening's entertainment with a new, talented cast by a master of comedy.

At Morganstown Village Hall

at 7.30 pm.

The performance dates are Thursday 21st April, Friday 22nd and April Saturday 23rd April.

Tickets :- £10, Concessions - £9, Students/Children - £7.

Order your tickets in advance at our Box Office ... 0292084 2585

Tickets are also available at ... Enerchi, Station Road, Radyr.

# News from Radyr and Morganstown WI

Our speaker for 8th February was Ms. Joan Webster. Joan is a holder of the Queen's Police Medal for distinguished service which she received at Buckingham Palace in 1997. She had two careers; one in the WRNS and later, as a police officer where she rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Chief Constable, prior to retirement. Her talk entitled "A Woman of Substance" was very much enjoyed by members, being both thought provoking and amusing.

On Thursday, 27th February, a group of members visited the National Museum for a guided tour called "Highlights of Art – Impressionists and Modern Art". Our museum's most famous painting is Renoir's "Blue Lady" but it also houses one of Europe's finest collections of impressionist works. The sisters, Gwendoline and Margaret Davies from Mid Wales amassed one of the greatest British art collections of the twentieth century. Together they bequeathed 260 works to the National Museum on their deaths in 1951 and 1963, completely transforming its art collection in character, quality and range.

In spite of the bitterly cold weather, we are, at last enjoying bright spring sunshine and fortunately, it was a beautiful spring day when the annual "St. David's Day walk" of our local link group took place. This actually happened on leap year day – 29th February. Twelve members from Radyr joined members from Treforgan, Tongwynlais and Pontcanna for the walk from the Bay to Morganstown Village Hall. There were "joining spots" along the route for the less fit. Rumour has it that one errant group stopped for coffee in the Secret Garden Café in Bute Park and still made it back in time for the superb lunch provided by Treforgan WI. The soup – home-made leek and potato – was excellent, as always. Participants maintained it

was the best St. David's Day walk so far, no doubt because of the soup and the sunshine!

We are now half way through March and our local primary schools have each held an Eisteddfod on St. David's Day in order to award the WI millennium cups to the winners for creative writing. The winner in Bryn Deri was Chloe Thomas in Year 6 and the cup was won in Radyr Primary by Kayla Brennan, also in Year 6. The winning poems were read out at the March WI meeting on Monday 14th and congratulations conveyed to the two young writers.

Our speaker for the March meeting was Lynne Butterworth whose talk was entitled "Forever Living". This was a well illustrated and informative talk on the cultivation, history and uses of the Aloe Vera plant. Its history has shown it is one of the oldest mentioned plants on record and was known to the ancient Chinese and Egyptians due to its medicinal properties. It is the gel contained in the leaves that is used in treating burns, wounds and fever. The Romans cultivated it to use in the treatment of wounds in order to speed recovery. Lynne's talk sent me rushing to "Google" more about it. This is one of the joys of WI – we are always learning something!

Both our Institute and the Glamorgan Federation are planning walks, talks, meals and events for the Spring/Summer seasons. In addition, Radyr Festival will soon be with us. It is our turn to "do the teas", so see you all there!

If you would like to get involved, contact our President, Enid Brooker on 029 2084 3412. Our email is <mailto:radyrmorganstownwi@yahoo.com> or just come along to a meeting as a visitor. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr, CF15 8DF.

L.J.H.

# Radyr, Morganstown and District Gardening Club

At long last gardens are starting to dry out enabling us to get outside and catch up with all those jobs that should have been done over the winter. Seeds in the greenhouse are starting to germinate so it should not be long before the new plants can be taken outside, hardened off and put in the ground. Let us hope for a kinder and settled summer.

In February, we welcomed Dr. Ray Tangey of the National Museum of Wales to talk about "Mosses". This is a genus of plants that is worldwide and is one of the earliest surviving plants, being found in fossilised form in many parts of the world. Dr. Tangey discussed the wide-range of habitat in which mosses are found and the many species of the plants. A recent research project and visit to the Falkland Islands was used to illustrate the talk.

Sadly, due to damage caused by the high winds on the day, our speaker had to withdraw at the last minute so our March meeting about Victorian Parks had to be cancelled. However, Rosie James has offered to return and give her talk later in the year.

Our 2015/16 winter programme concludes with :

## 13th April – "Auriculas".

An illustrated talk by Richard Williams of Neath/Port Talbot College who will discuss growing, showing and propagating auriculas. The meeting will be preceded by our AGM which will be kept as short as possible.

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December).

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. We share an interest in gardens, plants and generally growing things. So come along – you will be very welcome.

All meetings (apart from visits) are at the New School Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see village notice boards and Radyr website ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member, or our Chairman – Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084)

## Kiss Me Kate

...from back cover

choreographed and despite the many opportunities for trips and spills there were none.

The musical theatre demands a lot from its players: you need to be able to act, sing, dance ... and not to be short of athleticism and stamina. "Kiss me, Kate" needs the strong leads it had in Mike Gelder's Fred/Petruchio and Lesley Collier-Roberts' Lilli/Katherine. Although their "Wunderbar" didn't quite lilt into its full Viennese swing,



they came well into their stride with Kate's splendid "I Hate Men" and Fred's all too believable "Wivin' it" wealthily in Padua. It also calls for a seductive Lois/Bianca who can shimmy and wiggle beneath a Colgate smile – a role confidently assumed by Sarah Jones with much success. The parts of the gangsters (Dan Collier-Roberts and Andrew Massocchi) are a gift to character actors and it has to be said that with their impeccable timing and glorious facial expressions these two 'seasoned professionals' stole the show more effectively than their counterparts in a recent production at no less an event than the BBC Proms. Their several verses of "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" may have been originally written to cover a scene change, but the audience would

willingly have heard them all again. Bill/Lucentio has perhaps the hardest job in this show<sup>3</sup>, as his character is less well drawn than the others, but Gareth Hurman gave us what we needed. It would be invidious to pick out anyone from among the smaller parts, save to say that there were one or two voices worthy of greater prominence next year.

The five dancers were a real plus – a splendid set of varied routines, well executed and with their "Too Darned Hot!" a real highlight. As always, the mixed age chorus, in this case the servants, suitors and villagers, threw themselves into their roles with much enthusiasm and some subtle stage business. Bravo!

Off stage we had much to be grateful for: a great deal of work had gone into the design and construction of an ingenious well-lit set which looked and worked well for both indoor and outdoor scenes. Thanks to sterling efforts by wardrobe and make-up everyone appeared "just right" for their part, with a few pretty nifty costume changes along the way.

Leading the production team was the Director, Bev Jones, demonstrating real assurance in her first show as producer and choreographer. Not only that, she was on stage as a member of the aforementioned dance troupe. If she had stepped forward at the end, there is no doubt she would have received a special round of well-deserved applause!

Last impressions: out we went amid a warm babble of conversation from folk who had clearly enjoyed their evening. Who would have thought that such vibrant music was composed by a man who had been permanently confined to a wheelchair by a riding accident! Someone then reminded us that Welsh National Opera will be doing this show next season. It will be different, but will it be more fun?

**Colin Johnson**



## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### Whole orange cake with mascarpone icing

As an option you can add mixed spice] A delicious, special and very moist cake using a whole orange which is boiled and pureed,

It is important to use a thin-skinned orange

- 1 small thin-skinned orange
- 275g (9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz) SR flour
- 2 tspn baking powder
- 250g (9oz) caster sugar
- 275g (9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>oz) soft margarine or butter
- 4 medium eggs
- 1 tspn cinnamon
- 1 tspn mixed spice (both optional)

Heat oven 180C/350F/Gas 4

Grease and line 2 x 20cm (8") sandwich tins

Place whole orange in small pan and cover with water

Boil for 30 minutes and leave to cool

Cut in half and remove pips

Place in a processor, blend until medium-chunky

Transfer to a bowl

Reserve 3 tbs for icing

Place all cake ingredients in processor

Blend until just smooth (do not overbeat)

Remove blade

Stir in orange pulp

Divide between tins and bake for 30/35 minutes

Should be golden and slightly shrinking from sides

Cook and peel off paper

For icing:

50g (1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> oz) softened butter

175g (6oz) sieved icing sugar

250g (9oz) full fat mascarpone cheese

2 tbs orange pulp (reserved from above)

Place butter in bowl

Use hand mixer to gradually add icing sugar

Add mascarpone and beat until smooth

Add orange pulp, mix until smooth

Cut each cake into two

Divide icing between each layer

Finish with a layer on top

You could decorate with candied orange rind

A.M.P.

## Treforgan WI

Spring is here and Treforgan WI ladies have been out enjoying it. To celebrate St. David's Day, Treforgan ladies joined sixty others from WIs around Cardiff to walk from the Wales Millennium Centre to the Bay, along the Taff Trail, to Morganstown Village Hall. We were lucky enough to have a sunny spring day to enjoy and keep our spirits high and tired feet going. The steps up from Gelynis Farm to Morganstown were the final hurdle to overcome but the reward soon revived everyone. There were refreshments and more friendly Treforgan faces at the hall, which was decorated with Welsh flags and daffodils. A huge thanks goes to those who cooked the lunch.

As well as our monthly meetings, the book groups, craft groups and lunch groups have continued. We also have just enjoyed a craft day led by Christine Thomas who came and taught us about using soldering irons with synthetic

textiles. We had a fun filled day experimenting and will enjoy showing off our creations!

Treforgan WI meets at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month at Morganstown Village Hall. Visitors Welcome. For more information, look us up on Facebook. In April we will be welcoming Fruitylicious to talk and May will be our annual meeting.



## St David's Day at Radyr Primary

The whole school celebrated St David's Day on Tuesday 1st March. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and outfits—the hall was a sea of red and green.

The day started with Foundation Phase pupils celebrating in song. Everyone was excited to hear the winners of competitions in art, poetry and handwriting. The winner of the instrumental played the piano to entertain us all. The dances performed by the winners in this category were very entertaining.

Next it was the turn of Key Stage 2 to meet in the hall and hear the results of their competitions. Everyone was keeping a close eye on the house points score.

The last session of the day saw the whole school come together for the Chaining of the Bard. Kayla in Y6

was the winner of the Millennium Cup presented each year by Radyr and Morganstown Womens Institute. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Hanson and Mrs Billington to present the cup. When all the scores were totalled Blue House were the winning house this year. House Captains Bobby and Sophia were delighted to receive the Trophy on behalf of Ty Glas /Blue House.



## YOUTH CRICKET AT RADYR CRICKET CLUB IN 2016

The 126th cricket season at Radyr Cricket Club begins in the week commencing Monday, 25th April, 2016. All young people between the ages of 6 to 17 are welcome to join. Whether you are new to cricket or an experienced cricketer there is a place for you at the Club. We are always keen to have new members in all age groups.

Radyr CC is one of the few clubs in the area to have a girls specific training session for girls new to cricket in U 11 and U 13 age groups.

*The training nights are:*

U7 Year 2 – Tuesdays 5 to 6pm

Girls and boys mixed session

U9 Years 3 & 4 – Fridays 6 to

7pm Girls and boys mixed session

U11 Years 5 & 6 – Tuesdays 6.30 to 8pm

U13 Years 7 & 8 – Thursdays 6.30 to 8pm

U15 Years 9 & 10 – Mondays 6.30 to 8pm

Girls training Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 Thursdays 6.30 to 8pm

Our website is

[www.radyrcc.co.uk](http://www.radyrcc.co.uk)?

Click on to Youth section tab and you can download the registration form and Code of Conduct for 2016. The fee for the season is £45. Bring the completed forms with you when you come to training on the night for your age group in the week commencing 25th April.

We are at the Riverside Ground, Station Road, Radyr, CF15 8AA. The road leading to Radyr Cricket Club is next to the station car park. Follow the road under the railway line, through the gate and along the path to the Club.

*We look forward to welcoming you to Radyr CC.*

# Roald Dahl and Radyr

2016 is the centenary of Roald Dahl's birth and it will be celebrated all over the UK. Several of the R & M Festival events will be connected with him.

Roald Dahl was born on the 13th September 1917 in Villa Marie, Llandaff, to Harald Dahl a wealthy ships chandler and docksman and his wife Magdalene. They soon needed a larger house and they moved to Ty Mynydd in Radyr, a house that the young Roald remembered in *Boy* as large with turrets, a farm, pigsties, chicken pens, a cowman a ploughman and two gardeners.

It was while they lived at Ty Mynydd that Roald's eldest sister died of appendicitis followed a few weeks later by his father Harald. They are buried in the

parish Church of Radyr, St. John's, now part of Danescourt. His indomitable mother moved the family to a smaller and easier to run house, Cumberland Lodge, now part of Howells School in Llandaff

It was in Llandaff that he started school, first at the local dame school, Elm Tree House and then at the Cathedral School, at that time on the Cathedral Green. Most of the sites associates with Roald's

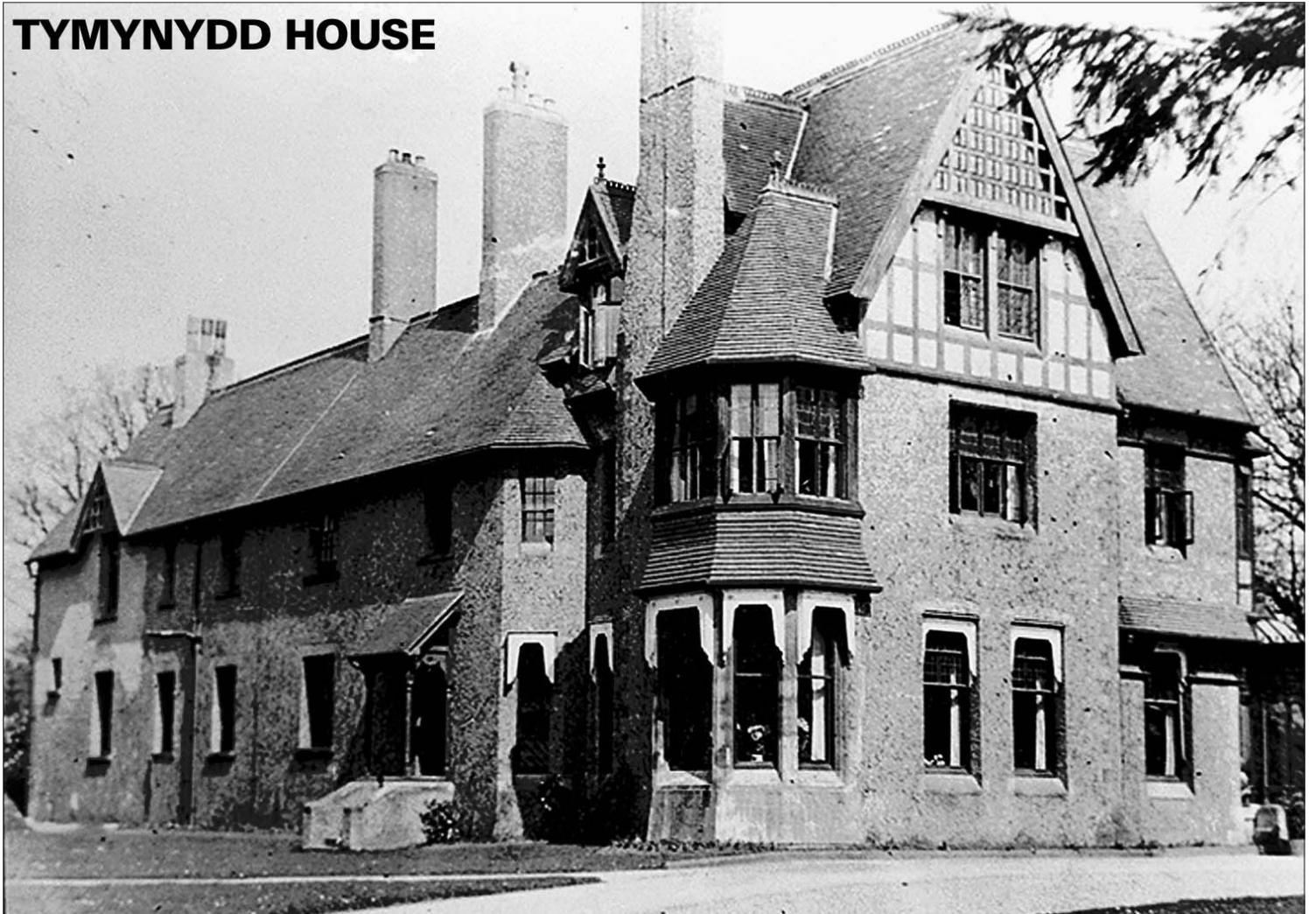
childhood have blue plaques including Mrs Pratchett's sweet shop which is the site of one of his most memorable pranks.

The Radyr and Morganstown Community Council will be unveiling a blue plaque on Ty Mynydd Lodge, next to the Scout Hut, during the May Festival. Ty Mynydd itself was demolished in the 1960's to make way for Maes yr Awel.

*Here are some of the events taking place.*

1. **Sat. 30th April.** Festival Parade, 11.30 onwards at the Old Church Rooms. Local children will dress up as characters from some of Dahl's stories.
2. **Sun 1st May.** Festival Walk. Meet at St. John's Church Danescourt at 2.30. We will walk the sites in Radyr and Llandaff associated with Roald. Free.
3. **The Junk Challenge.** Individuals and organisations in Radyr and Morganstown are asked to create sculptures out of recyclable material on a Dahl theme, all over Radyr and Morganstown. On view throughout the Festival. Collect a map in the Library.
4. **The Magical Mr. Dahl.** An evening of music associated with Roald Dahl presented by the RPMG. Saturday 7th May, Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30. Tickets £10, concessions £8.

## TYMYNYDD HOUSE



# Lunchtime Concerts

The ever popular lunchtime concerts series will once again be a feature of the 2016 Festival. They will take place at the Methodist Church at 1pm on both Fridays of the Festival.

Friday, 6th May sees a piano recital by a rising star, Nuno Lucas. Nuno hails from near Lisbon in Portugal where he started to play the piano at



*Nuno Lucas*

the age of eight and where he trained at the Academia de Musica in Lisbon. Winner of innumerable prizes in his native Portugal, he now studies at the RWCMD where he is starting to collect another batch of prizes including the Eric Hodges Beethoven Prize, the Mary Rees Chopin Prize and the RWCMD concerto Competition. He will play works by both Beethoven and Chopin in his recital.

Friday, 13th May sees a welcome return by singers from Dennis O'Neill's Welsh Academi of Voice. Soprano Louise Wayman originates from Dorset and studied at the Birmingham Conservatoire. She has won prizes for Oratorio, English song, Leider and Opera and has performed with Oxford International Inks, Operamus and Midlands



*Louise Wayman*



*Bongani Justice*

Opera. An experienced concert performer she has appeared in Handel's Messiah, Mozart's C Minor Mass and Haydn's Creation and Nelson Mass.

South African bass baritone, Bongani Justice, studied voice at the University of Cape Town where he too won numerous prizes and appeared in the Operalia 2015 competition in London. He has appeared extensively with Cape Town Opera as Papageno in the Magic Flute, The Commandatore in Don Giovanni and Figaro in The Marriage of Figaro as well as several parts in the Tales of Hoffman and at Houston Grand Opera. In 2014 he was chosen to perform with Bryn Terfel on Bryn's South African tour.

They will be accompanied by the international artist, Jane Samuel. Tickets £6., concessions £5., students £3.



## Radyr and Morganstown Choral Society's performance of Handel's Messiah

On Saturday 19th March 2016 Peter Esswood and the Radyr and Morganstown Choral Society welcomed the Welsh Chamber Players and four fine soloists to Christ Church Radyr for a performance of George Frideric Handel's oratorio Messiah.

The fledgling choir had not aspired to such a large work so far in its three year existence but an enthusiastic audience seemed to suggest that such an undertaking was not now beyond the scope of the Society and gave the performance a most warm reception.

Having excellent links with the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Peter Esswood's small orchestra and the smaller ranks of choristers meant a leaner sound that was appropriate to the church setting. The players produced a fine balance of tone to which the four soloists, again chosen by Peter, were able to reach splendidly high standards of projection. Soprano Anastasiia Golovina, contralto Olivia Gomez, tenor Andrew Henley and Bass Bertie Watson are all making names for themselves on the national stage and Radyr was fortunate to have been able to secure their presence at what was a memorable occasion for the village.

If you would like to know more about future performances of the R&M Choral Society or how to become a member, contact the Secretary.