

COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website www.Radyr.org.uk

JUNE

- 4 R&M Diamond Jubilee Prom Concert
Everyone is invited to this free prom concert at Radyr Golf Club. Music includes local youth bands, Radyr Parish Music Group, The Plums and students from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama who will play the Music for the Royal Fireworks. We will end by lighting a Jubilee Beacon and fireworks around 10pm. Contact : Helena Fox 20842213 2.00pm
- 5 Jubilee Children's Party. A free tea party with entertainment for children under 11. At Morganstown Village Hall, Syr Lewis. Contact: Maggie Roberts : 20842995 4.00pm
- 7 Radyr Drama Society Play Reading In the Upper Function Room, Christ Church - 'Plaza Suite' by Neil Simon. New members are very welcome. 7.30pm
- 11 Radyr & Morganstown WI Old Church Rooms 7.30pm
- 12 Monkey Music Award winning Pre-School Music classes for children from 3 months to 4 years old. Radyr Methodist Church. Contact Mandy 029 2065 5794 for Complimentary class 10.00am
- 13 Rail Correspondence & Travel Society Old Church Rooms. Dr Paul Salvesson "Community Rail Development". All Welcome. Vistors £2 incl coffee. 7.30pm
- 14 Radyr Drama Society Play Reading In the Upper Function Room, Christ Church - '3rd Week in August' by Peter Gordon. New members are very welcome. 7.30pm
- 16 BRYN DERI SUMMER FAYRE.
Everyone welcome to enjoy a morning filled with games, refreshments, go karts, bouncy castle and much more. Adults £1 children free. All proceeds to Bryn Deri PTA, we look forward to seeing you. 10.00am
- 18 R&M ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING, OCR. 'Getting Involved' - the future of the R&M Community. A joint meeting with the R&M Community

- Council. All Welcome. 7.30pm
- 19 Monkey Music. Award winning Pre-School Music classes for children from 3 months to 4 years old. Radyr Methodist Church. Contact Mandy 029 2065 5794 for Complimentary class 10.00am
- 21 Radyr Drama Society Play Reading. In the Upper Function Room, Christ Church - 'Dry Rot' by John Chapman. New members are very welcome. 7.30pm
- 28 ANNUAL TRIP. This year's annual trip by the Local History Society is to Salisbury and Wilton House. If you are interested in joining us on this visit please phone Allan Cook on 20843176. 8.45am
- 28 Radyr & Morganstown Community Council. Main monthly meeting of R&MCC. Chain Room, Old Church Rooms. 7.30pm

JULY

- 1 Tenovus Sponsored Walk and Strawberry Tea. The walkers will start at Cardiff Castle and will receive a free Strawberry Tea at Christchurch Radyr from 3.15pm. Please tel. 20842096 for sponsor forms. Non walkers are very welcome to the Strawberry Tea. Please tel.20842887 for tickets: £4.50 adults, £2 children under 11 years. 2.00pm
- 3 Monkey Music. Award winning Pre-School Music classes for children from 3 months to 4 years old. Radyr Methodist Church. Contact Mandy 029 2065 5794 for Complimentary class 10.00am
- 5 PACT Meeting. Old Church Rooms. All residents welcome 7.00pm
- 9 Radyr & Morganstown WI Old Church Rooms 6.30pm
- 14 Picnic tedis / Teddy bears' picnic. Bring your teddy for a picnic, with crafts, stories puppets and games. Organized by Cylch meithrin Radur fundraising@cylchmei 12.00noon
- 26 Radyr & Morganstown Community Council Main monthly meeting of R&MCC. Chain Room, Old Church Rooms. 7.30pm
- 27 allthebells.com 8am for 3 minutes ring bells for the start of the Olympic Games, London. To chime on Christ Church bells contact Phil Kitcher 20843520. (15year-olds and over, two short training sessions necessary.) 8.00am

EDITORIAL



On the 25th Anniversary of the Radyr Festival we congratulate all those concerned. This happens to coincide with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 200th edition of the *Radyr Chain*. We have the most original and colourful cover designed by Keith John. The Union Flag may be removed and placed in your window.

Those organising and running the Festival put in many hours of hard work and would welcome new members on to their committee. It's a good way to keep in touch with village life and to make new friends. Why not join the Association?

Apology

The article *Eating for Health* in the last issue did not include the correct name of the author, so here it is again:

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Bob Roberts receiving the Ken Innis Bowl for 25 years service as Treasurer of the Radyr & Morganstown Association

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

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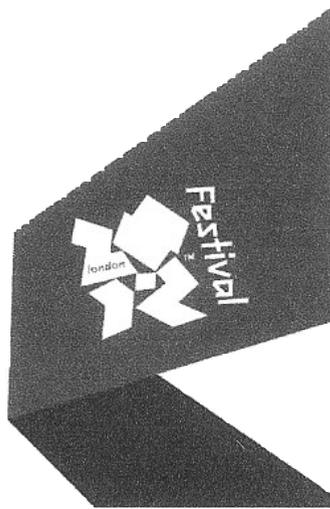
RINGING ON ALL BELLS FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES FRIDAY, 27TH JULY, 2012 AT 8AM

The aim is for all bells available in the country to be rang at 8am for three minutes on the day of the start of the Olympic Games.

In Radyr the bells of Christ Church Radyr will be chimed on the morning as our contribution to work number 1197 by Martin Creed for the Olympic Games. This provides opportunity for any aged 15 plus who wish to be involved to take part. For a 7:50am start it helps if you live near the church or pass it near 8am on the way to work or school. See www.allthebells.com for more information.

Training is required to chime on big bells and this will be provided in two sessions, attendance at which is compulsory. First come first on the list. There are only eight bells. Training dates are Thursday, 12th July and 19th July at 7pm. [Other times can be arranged in the weeks immediately before the games commence].

If you are not ringing on a big bell, how about ringing a handbell? Children can take part and a set of handbells will be available in church



or you can bring your own handbell!
[or you can ring it at home!]

Full circle ringing takes two to six months of weekly training sessions to gain proficiency, hence we are aiming for the lower skill level required when bells are swung gently and then given a short tug so the clapper hits the side of the bell. This is called "chiming", the volume is not quite as great and the effort to pull is a little harder than full circle ringing, but the bell will sound.

On the morning there will be a countdown from the pips on Radio 4 for the start and a whistle for the end of three minutes. If you live near the church please come and join in.

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GETTING INVOLVED – THE FUTURE OF THE R&M COMMUNITY

As we come to the end of another successful Radyr and Morganstown Festival and Jubilee events, concern has been expressed about the future of such events. Although the average age of the population of the two villages has decreased over the past ten years the average age of those organising such events has increased. For obvious reasons this cannot go on indefinitely.

A few facts. There are two main organisations – the R&M Community Council and the R&M Association. The Community Council has an annual budget of £79,000. The money is spent on community halls, green areas, grants to local organisations and community events.

They are asked to comment on local planning applications and respond to the Welsh Government when they wish to consult with communities.

The R&M Association organises the two week May Festival, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, they run the Old Church Rooms (jointly with the Community Council) and organise a number of other events over the year. They aim to nurture the 52 local organisations, most of which can be found on the R&M website. The two organisations work closely together, the Community Council often subsidise Association events.

Both of these organisations are run by volunteers who wish R&M to

keep its unique character. A crisis arose a short while ago when, not only was there no need to have an election to the Community Council, they were unable to fill about 50% of the vacancies. This problem has largely been solved but if you are interested in becoming a Community Councillor then phone Helena Fox, Clerk to the Community Council.

The Association Executive has a similar problem and its members are conscious that it is losing active members to organise large scale events like the Festival and in the end, they will have to scale down such events.

If they are honest, many of the 52 organisations would also admit that they too would like new active members. For instance, the Drama Society and Music Group would like some younger faces on their boards as well as to help backstage. This is probably true of most, if not all, of the organisations. Do these organisations not fill the needs of the younger community? And by younger, we mean people under 60.

The next meeting of the Association on the 18th June at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms will look at Volunteering. Why not come along and see what it involves and to tell us how we can change things to meet the needs of the younger community? Representatives of some of the 52 organisations will be present. An hour or so regularly makes all the difference and it can be both pleasurable and fulfilling.

If you would like to speak to someone about volunteering before the meeting, please contact Helena Fox, Clerk to the R&MCC (2084 2213, clerk@radyr.org.uk) or Nick Hawkins, Secretary RMA (2084 2561, rma@radyr.org.uk).

Congratulations...

... to thirteen year old
Emma Ligthart
for being the First Female in the
Radyr Fun Run.

Well done!
Grandma & Grampy Parsons

Michael Graham Young Sponsor Cricket at Radyr Comprehensive

Michael Graham young recently invested into the local community school sport by providing a significant donation to Cricket at Radyr Comprehensive School.

MGY's sponsorship has provided the boys with a new, full playing kit which they are pictured with, along with Mr Young and his employees Branch Manager, Christine Crean and James Thomas (a former Radyr Comprehensive pupil). James added " I attended Radyr Comprehensive between 2001 and 2007 where I really enjoyed Art and Maths. I represented the school rugby and football teams and went on to represent Cardiff Blues Academy and Wales Age grade whilst still in school. I have recently joined MGY as I am now looking for a long term career and have a strong interest in the property market. I will still try to fit in the odd game of rugby as I currently play for Neath RFC".

Radyr Comprehensive have proven to be a breeding ground for local cricket talent at both school and club



Pupils in Pic L to R. Pat Keane, Mr K Jama, A Keane, J O'Gorman

level. Commenting on MGY's generous donation, Radyr Comprehensive Head of Boys P.E. Mr Khalid Jama said, "On behalf of all the boys I would like to thank Michael Graham Young for their support of the boys getting a quality playing kit which they can wear with pride, allowing them to prosper as a team during this

summers' cricket season."

Company owner Mr Graham Young stated, "We at MGY know the importance of the experiences and values pupils learn due to their involvement in school sport. Helping to increase the pupils' opportunities is something we feel is integral to a business which is locally based."

RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Once again we have come to the end of another successful year and ended our programme of winter evening meetings with the AGM, followed by a talk about the philosophy, current development of the Canton Community Garden and future aspirations; members were given an open invitation for anyone, when in the Canton area, to visit the garden at the Chapter Arts Centre.

Despite the interesting winter programme, attracting new members remains a problem – meetings are publicised widely by posters around the village, through the Radyr Chain and through the Radyr website. However, what is pleasing is the consistency of attendance by members and the small number of visitors attending single

meetings all of which is a reflection of the interest in the programme topics and the club is indebted to our Programme Secretary who each year puts together an interesting and varied programme.

As in previous years we ran a plant stall at the Festival Week Fete. This was well stocked by members and friends and we sold most of the plants; thanks go to all those who helped both growing and selling. In addition, this year we included an activity for children encouraging them to "Make a Pot (from strips of newspaper), Plant a Seed and Watch it Grow". Our thanks to Pugh's Garden Centre who kindly donated seeds and compost.

All that remains is a visit on Wednesday, 4th July to the historic garden of the University of Bristol Goldney Hall of Residence and the University Botanic Gardens. Whilst priority will be given to Garden Club members, the visit is open to non-members and anyone interested in joining us should contact Richard Gregory

(029 2084 2084).

Meanwhile, progress is being made in arranging the programme for 2012/2013 and our first meeting will be on Wednesday, 12th September when we hope to see you. The full programme will be announced in due course via the Radyr Chain and Radyr website.

Meetings are open to all and take place on the second Wednesday of each month from September to April (with the exception of December) with illustrated talks and demonstrations. Some speakers bring examples of the plants they talk about and others bring plants for sale.

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

Please see Village notice boards and Radyr website (www.radyr.org.uk) for programme details and any changes or contact our Chairman, Richard Gregory (029 2084 2084).

Inauguration of High Sheriff of South Glamorgan - Dr. Arun Midha

Dr. Arun Midha of Heol Isaf, Radyr was installed as High Sheriff of South Glamorgan for 2012-2013 at a Ceremony that took place at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama on 4th April. Over 180 guests attended including the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, The Lord Mayor and the Chief Constable of South Wales Police. Many friends and family were also there. Arun was particularly grateful that The Rev. Jenny Wigley has kindly agreed to be Chaplain for the year and gave the bidding prayer at the ceremony. It was pleasing also that The Hon. Mr. Justice Roderick Evans was the Judge to whom the declaration was made. This was particularly gratifying given that Sir Roderick Evans' father had taught his two brothers at Gowerton School in Swansea in the early 1970's. It was also very much a family affair as Sue and Arun's two children, Sara and Ellis, were both amongst the players in the evening's ensemble conducted by Musical Director, Mr. John Leach, who was the founder member of the Cardiff and Vales Music Services (CAVMS).

The Office of High Sheriff is the oldest office of the Crown. Its executive role and its responsibilities have changed over the centuries, but traditions of the Shrievalty remain an important part of British heritage. The primary responsibility of the role is to support the Judiciary. The Office also will provide an opportunity to undertake charitable works. Arun is a keen supporter of the work of Save the Children and in particular the need to tackle the growing problem of child poverty in parts of Wales and is hoping to raise monies during the year to support the charity.

A close friend, Menna Richards, recently retired as Director of BBC Wales was the speaker at the event. In her speech she talked about the fact that Arun had learnt Welsh and was very proud that the family is a bilingual one. She also told the audience that she had remembered being very moved by an interview he gave on *Beti a'i Phobol* (Beti George's series on BBC Radio Cymru) where Arun had talked



about his love of Wales and the Welsh language and pride in the fact that his late father, Dr. Raj Midha, had been one of the first Asian GPs in South Wales. Arun was delighted, following the inauguration, to receive a telephone call from the BBC asking if he would go on to the 'Jamie and Louise' show which is on weekday mornings on Radio Wales. He was able to speak about the role of High Sheriff and his father's journey to South Wales from India in the 1950's as a young doctor. This journey in many ways mirrored the story of the television services 'The Indian Doctor' with Sanjeev Bhaskar.

He tells Radyr Chain that the past few weeks have been incredibly busy but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyable. At the hand-over dinner, a dinner where the role of High Sheriff is 'handed over' to the incoming High Sheriff, Arun was faced with the nerve-racking prospect of making his maiden after-dinner speech. This was made even more so when he heard that the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Judge, would also be attending! He thought it went quite well ... at least the Judge said so!

His most recent engagement was accompanying The Hon. Mr. Justice John Royce, a High Court Judge who is currently sitting in Cardiff Crown Court and his Clerk, Mr. Christopher O'Leary, to the annual Swansea University/Cardiff University Rugby Match - Cardiff won handsomely!

On 26th April, Arun was part of the official line up to greet The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on their Diamond Jubilee visit to Wales. This was a tremendous honour for both him and his wife, Sue, who also attended.

Two days later he found himself having lunch with the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg! In between, he has attended a 21-Gun Salute at Cardiff Castle to mark the Queen's birthday and is currently making preparations for the visit of the Court of Appal to Cardiff in June.

He tells Radyr Chain that he is very much looking forward to the year ahead with many events already in the diary!

If anyone would like to contribute to the Charity that the High Sheriff is supporting this year, they can send cheques made payable to Save the Children (Cardiff Branch) C/o Nanmor, 92 Heol Isaf, Radyr.

RADYR DRAMA SOCIETY

During the month of June the Radyr Drama Society will be reading a number of plays on Thursday evenings in the Christ Church schoolrooms. Amongst the plays to be read are Neil Simon's delightful comedy, *Plaza Suite* and John Chapman's hilarious farce, *Dry Rot*.

Why not come along and join us on one of these evenings. The Drama Society are always on the look out for new blood. So if you've ever fancied yourself trading the boards, directing or just helping out backstage, come and join us for a friendly get together which are always great fun.

For more details, give our Secretary, Sheila Phillips, a ring on 2084 2585.

See you there!

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ST. FAGAN'S CASTLE AND 'OTHER' EARLS

Judy Edwards

So much is taking place at St. Fagans that it seems worth brushing-up on the local history of the castle and its owners. By all accounts the Normans or their supporters were down in South Wales very soon after 1066. The first rudimentary castle at St. Fagans was probably built in 1091 by a Norman knight Peter le Sore after dispossessing Meurig ap Hywel, the last of the Welsh lords in the area at that time. Whatever was built would have been designed to control the river crossing at Ely and to protect the Western approaches to Cardiff. This suggests that later buildings would probably have been built on the same site because of its elevated position, ideal for detection and defence, and later on for the views across the surrounding countryside.

The le Sores were still at St. Fagans in 1165 when a document listed the contents of the family estate which then stretched as far as Somerset and Gloucester. By 1314, however, St. Fagans had passed to the de Vele family through marriage and a postmortem examination following the death of the Earl of Gloucester after the Battle of Bannockburn, revealed that St. Fagans was held by *"the heir of Bogo de Vele"*. The le Sores had remained nearby at Peterston which, according to a 16th century historian, Rice Merrick, was not the best decision, as he claimed that Owain Glyndwr and his followers captured Peterston castle and beheaded the owner, Sir Mayo le Sore.

St Fagans may well have fallen in a similar way given that St. Fagans and Llysworney were reportedly being held by *"the strong hand of Jevan ap Davy"* and the Escheater of Gloucester was claiming an allowance for this. There seems to be no evidence of the castle being occupied after this although a manor is mentioned as being in the hands of Isabella Countess of Warwick in 1430 and William Herbert Earl of Pembroke in the 1440s but each may have just been responsible for collecting rents for a titular child. In any event it was in 1465 that Alice, daughter and heiress to the last male de Vele, married David Mathew of Radyr. The Mathew family are placed at St. Fagans by a famous traveller, John Leland, who wrote in 1538 that the remains of *"the*

Castelle of St. Fagans standeth on a little hille" and that 60 years previously it had been *"in the hands of one Davy Matthew"*.

David died without a male heir so the Radyr land reverted to his brother William who had been knighted at the battle of Bosworth. Their descendants sold the property to a Dr John Gibbon around 1560; he was obviously resident there when he wrote to Sir Edward Stradling of St. Donats Castle in September 1580 asking for some venison. In 1586 he sold St Fagans to his brother-in-law, Nicholas Herbert of Cogan Pill, who had been sheriff of the county twice and MP for Cardiff in 1584. in the Breviat of Glamorganshire (1596-1600) Rice Lewis lists Nicholas as holding St. Fagans *"wherin there i builded a very faire house and hath thereunto lardge Demeasnes and coppie hould lands"*. Nicholas dies in 1603 and his son sold St. Fagans to Sir Edward Lewis of Y Fan, Caerphilly before joining Sir Walter Raleigh's last expedition in search for a mythical gold mine in the upper reaches of the Orinoco River.

What is not very clear from the records is whether it was John Gibbon or Nicholas Herbert who was largely responsible for creating the 17th century St. Fagans. Renovations to the roof were of an English style uncommon in Wales in that period, the structure influencing the overall design of the house. But Gibbon had spent time in London amassing his fortune and may have become interested in the architecture of his surroundings and noting different styles that pleased him. Herbert however could have been influenced by the views of those around him in the fashionable society of which he was part. The roof was more than unusual requiring both a skilled builder and someone with design and construction ability - it was totally symmetrical, the first to have a central porch dividing the house into two equal parts and it was two rooms deep with a long gallery upstairs enabling independent access to the bedrooms. Visitors would have been led through a sequence of rooms each of increasing importance. The house certainly dominated the nearby village which



Anonymous (possibly a follower of Michael Dahl), Elizabeth Lewis, Heiress of St.Fagans and Countess of Plymouth (1709-33) (Oil on canvas, detail, c. 1730-2)

consisted of little more than a church on the green, a few farm houses and cottages and the mill by the bridge over the river.

The attraction for the next owner, Sir Edward Lewis, was unlikely to have been the size of St. Fagans Castle, for his home near Caerphilly was considerably larger. The Lewis's were probably the richest untitled family in Wales at the time and the attraction was perhaps its proximity to Cardiff around which social life revolved. It was the Lewis family who had the rooms panelled and introduced elaborate over-mantle fireplace and it was Sir Edward's daughter Elizabeth who brought St. Fagans into the Plymouth estates and it is her portrait that you see overleaf.

The title *Earl of Plymouth* was first given to an illegitimate son of Charles II and Catherine Pegge, in the year 1675 but it became extinct only five years later when he died and what followed is an extraordinary account of family names beginning with Dixie Hickman of Kew in Surrey. He was the son of Walter Hickman and Elizabeth Staines and christened in St. Stephen's Church, Coleman Street, London in 1590. He was married in the July Of 1616 to Elizabeth Windsor, daughter of Anne Rivett and the 5th Baron Windsor, a title created in

the early part of the 16th century. The Windsor family claimed descent from an *Other* or *Otha* (think of the word 'oath' to get the emphasis of the name) who flourished during the reign of Edward the Confessor.

Dixie and Elizabeth had six children, four girls and two boys, the elder being Thomas (1627 - 1687) a very fortunate young man who inherited the estates of his uncle Thomas Windsor who was then the 6th Baron Windsor de Stanwell. He died in 1642 when Thomas was only a teenager of fifteen. Thomas rather sensibly modified his name to become Thomas Windsor Hickman enabling him to inherit the Barony of Windsor de Stanwell in 1660. By this time Thomas was thirty three, had fought for Charles I at Naseby and been married to Anne Saville for about four years. Anne was the sister of George Saville, the 1st Marquis of Halifax, and when she bore a son in 1659, he became the Honourable Other Windsor. Thomas, at the age of fifty five, was created Earl of Plymouth in 1682 and he retained the title until he died five years later. Unfortunately his son had died before him so the title went to his grandson, another Other (1679-1729), who married a Worcestershire heiress, and it was their son who became the 3rd Earl of Plymouth.

Between 1682 and 1843, the second period of the earldom, there were eight Earls of Plymouth, the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th being Other Windsor, Other Lewis, Other Hickman and Other Archer respectively. It was the 3rd Earl of Plymouth, Other Windsor, who married Elizabeth Lewis, the sole heir of Thomas Lewis of Y Fan and St. Fagans. At the time of his death in 1736 at the age of 25, his son was only eighteen months old. His estates were reported in *The Gentleman's Magazine* as being worth £8,000 in rents alone when, in fact, the estate was deeply in debt and three Acts of Parliament were needed to put them up for sale. But there were Trustees of Elizabeth's marriage settlement who together enabled St. Fagans Castle and estate to be bought for £47,000 and this subsequently became the Glamorgan seat of the Earls of Plymouth. Elizabeth died only two years after her husband at the age of 23. The estate then went from father to son until the death of *Other Archer Windsor* (1789-1833) when the title was again suspended in the face of assorted potential heirs.

There was however, a third creation of the earldom, for in 1855 the abeyance of the Windsor family was terminated in favour of Harriet Clive who was one of the sisters of the 6th Earl. In 1819 she

had married Robert Henry Clive MP and later added the name Windsor to her surname. Sadly the son and heir Robert Windsor-Clive dies before his mother so Harriet was succeeded by her grandson Robert George Windsor-Clive (1857-1923). In this third creation of the title, he became Viscount Windsor of St. Fagans and Earl of Plymouth in 1905. He was succeeded by Ivor Miles Windsor-Clive (1889-1943). His son was named Other Robert and became the 3rd and most recent Earl of Plymouth. It was in 1948 that St. Fagans opened its gates to public after the ancestral Glamorgan seat of the Plymouth family was donated to the people of Wales.

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Additional material from Museum pamphlets, information derived from the New Horizons History Group and the Glamorgan Records Office

Windows vs Ford

For all of us who feel only the deepest love and affection for the way computers have enhanced our lives, read on. At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated,

'If Ford had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon.'

In response to Bill's comments, Ford issued a press release stating:

If Ford had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this part):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash.....twice a day.

2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.

3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason you would simply accept this.

4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.

5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive - but would run on only five percent of the roads.

6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single

'This Car Has Performed An Illegal Operation' warning light.

7. The airbag system would ask 'Are you sure?' before deploying.

8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.

9. Every time a new car was introduced car buyers would have to learn how to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as the old car.

10. You'd have to press the 'Start' button to turn the engine off.

PS - I'd like to add that when all else fails, you could call 'customer service' in some foreign country and be instructed in some foreign language how to fix your car yourself!!!!

Festival 2012

25th Anniversary Celebration

The Festival Queen, Grace Morgan, stated *"I auditioned last year for the position and was unsuccessful but I was determined to try again. I was so excited when I was told that I was to be this year's Queen"*.

Nicky Piper MBE, Commonwealth light-heavy weight champion joined the Camelot Parade to set off our 25th Anniversary Festival. Over 150 children and their parents dressed in colourful costumes and paraded from Windsor Road to the Old Church Rooms for the Fete, opened by Nicky and the Festival King, queen and her attendants. The City of Cardiff (Melingriffiths) Brass Band led the parade followed by King Arthur on his horse and the Festival Queen in her open top car. This was one of the most colourful parades yet, thanks to Jane Morris who organised the schools to make costumes and encouraged them to play musical instruments. It is a big thank you to both primary schools for their support. In the words of the Festival Queen *"It was spectacular and I felt amazing waving to everyone."* The King, Daniel McKerlich commented *"I really enjoyed riding Bella as King Arthur"* April Spiteri *"My favourite was the Festival parade with all the beautiful costumes and being in their roofless car was great fun."*

The Fete, organised by Nick Hawkins and Liz Fraser was centred on the Old Church Rooms. Lower Park Road was closed to accommodate all the stalls and a large crowd followed the parade into the grounds to see dancing from the Nicole Miles dancers and the Zumba class. Thanks to Chris Dale for his technical skills on the sound system. The bouncy castle was well used with young children enjoying a dry sunny day. Teas by the NSPCC, Barbecue, bar and all stalls were busy whilst Imaging 2000 showed off over 60 photos in their annual competition. The winner photograph this year was taken by Hannah Wellbourne.

The Radyr Tennis Club opened its new courts to the general public for the Festival and it is hopeful that their membership will grow. Our local Rotary Club organised a concert with the South Wales Police Band entertaining a responsive audience at Morganstown Village Hall in the evening.

The weather was good on Sunday and the biggest Radyr Rangers Football tournament kicked off at the Mound Fields. The bucket collectors were out for the Festival Charity, George Thomas Hospice Care. This event attracts hundreds of people from across South Wales. Allan Cook met up with a large group at the Radyr Court Inn to start the walk *"in the footsteps of the pilgrims"*, which included a visit to the parish church of St Johns' and to see the remains of stonework from Rebecca's toll house from Radyr Chain. The walk proceeded through Danescourt

covering the first part of the pilgrims trail to Merthyr Tydfil.

The Community Council invited our local MP Kevin Brennan, AM Mark Drakeford, County Councillor Rod McKerlich and Margaret Pritchard of GTHC to the Community Service and Reception. The service was led by Reverend Canon Jenny Wigley representatives from the Catholic Church and the Methodist Church and circuit. Reverend Dr Stephen Wigley gave the address. Margaret outlined the work of GTHC at the reception, which was started by the late Viscount Tonypany, George Thomas. Many families have received benefit from this charity when family members have suffered terminal illness. It was Chris Wills, a volunteer of the Charity, who proposed GTHC for this year's Festival charity.

Monday, the weather was on the decline. Over 100 runners started the 5k run from Radyr Primary School down to the River Taff and back. Mr Jonathan Bussy, head teacher at the school joined the run and was able to recover sufficiently to present the winners with their prizes. The first time in 25 years we had to take the Crowning Ceremony and Maypole dancing indoors. So it was off to the Old Church Rooms – the WI collected all their cakes to set up in the OCR. A temporary pole was erected for the Bryn Deri dancers. The floor was cleared for the folk dancers from Radyr Primary and the Skidmore school of dance. A large crowd packed into the hall with many finding themselves on the stage behind the Queen and her party. Cllr Tyrone Davies performed the crowning ceremony of Grace Morgan, along with her attendants, April Spiteri and Cerys Howard Cook. King Arthur, Daniel McKerlich was there to make sure the proceedings were in order. Grace was heard to say *"This was one of my favourite events as I got to sit on a special throne on the stage, I loved watching my friends dance around the Maypole and I even took part in the Sherman dance in my special dress."* The party then went for the traditional visit to Dan y Bryn Cheshire Home to see the residents and all their lovely new facilities.

More events on Tuesday with staff, governors, parents and pupils of both primary schools, all playing boules under the watchful eye of the Twinning Fellowship. Allan Cook organised a Noson Gymreig inviting Dr Alun Evans who spoke about the Eisteddfod in Caerphilly in 1955.

The weather continued its downward path for the Wardens Walk whilst the audience was assembling at Morganstown Village Hall for the presentation of Joyce Grenfell's amusing comic sketches presented by Rowena Petty from West Wales. Rowena spends a good part of her time in London theatres. She kept the audience amused with sketches from the classroom and songs from a fictional community. A big thank you to Allan Cook who organises all our concert events with a professional skill and balance.

Nick Holmes, the Tenovus quiz master, was in good form for the traditional Festival quiz. This year the Community Council were

missing as they had a business meeting so their title was taken by Geoff Williams' team, who had been training all year at the Golf Club quiz nights.

The Twinning Fellowship Jazz evening was a sell out for the performance by CUBE. Raymond Rivron and his group kept the audience awake and toe tapping with lively traditional jazz music. A very talented group of musicians who perform a variety of popular music. The Twinning Committee thanked them for their generous support.

The car boot sale arranged on behalf of the Horse and Pony Rescue Society had to be relocated to the Old Church Rooms car park as the fields at Ty Gwyn farm were too soggy for vehicles. Although not many punters turned up the sellers seemed content with their morning, perhaps it was because the sun shone on them.

Bev Lewis led the families on their bikes from the allotment on the River Taff down the trail and back. 28 adults and children joined in the fun. No accidents and all enjoyed the experience! Some even went further, which gives Bev the idea that next year the route might be extended!

David Silver arranged the Ceilidh, a traditional barn dance in the evening. He was concerned that ticket sales were slow, but he was pleasantly surprised with the final numbers who danced the night away. This event certainly would suit all families as everybody can get involved. Cat's Claw played with gusto and encouraged all dancers on to the floor with clear instructions to all the steps. The bonus of the evening was that they waived their fee and donated it to the Festival Charity.

Sunday brought us to two major events – the junior cricket which gave young players chance to show off their skills. The club laid on food and drink for the spectators.

ABBA at RADYR - 150 members and residents squeezed on to the patio at the Golf Club to enjoy a meal and listen to Octave take on ABBA. Terry Fitzgerald made sure that everybody had a seat and left enough room for a few dancers in the middle. Despite a strong westerly wind the day was bright and everybody sat out and sang along with the group.

Again the weather took its toll on Pam Williams' Garden Party which had to be relocated to the Old Church Rooms. Despite the weather everybody turned up in force for tea and cakes in support of the Festival Charity – GTHC. All that slogging that David did a few days before, cutting, planting, weeding and pruning was all for nought – they will have to do it again!

Another party on Wednesday, when the Good Neighbours, last year's charity, invited senior citizens and friends to a grand tea party. This was enriched with songs from the Bryn Deri School choir. The girl guides opened the hall for their annual beetle drive, organised by Julie Davies, who tells me it was a lively night. She is still looking for volunteers in the community to help out with guiding.

Rotary in Radyr CARDIFF WEST ROTARY CLUB



Rotary is a worldwide organisation formed in 1905 in Chicago by a lawyer called Paul Harris and by 1910 there were sixteen clubs across America. The first club outside of the United States formed in 1912 in Canada and in 1917 the first club in Wales began in Cardiff. Today, there are 1.2 million Rotarians in 34,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas across the world, offering humanitarian service and promoting world understanding.

Each year one Rotarian is elected as President of Rotary International, setting the theme for the following twelve months. From July, this will be Rotarian Sakuji Tanaka from the Rotary Club of Yashio in Japan and at the end of March, a number of club members were fortunate to attend an evening with Mr. Tanaka where he spoke of his path through Rotary and his vision for his year. His motto for the year is "Peace through service". He spoke to us of how Rotary builds friendships among people and nations and of the importance of these friendships and of community in the pursuit of peace.

The coming months see us looking both back and forward on a number of events. We were delighted to have organised a successful concert with the South Wales Police Band during the Radyr and Morganstown Festival and are hoping to help out at events over the Diamond Jubilee weekend. We are lucky to be part of such a strong community and hope that we can continue to be involved.

Upcoming club evenings of note :

Tuesday, 26th June

Helping children in Mongolia –
Christine Noble Trust

Tuesday, 7th August

Dr. Ralph Vaughan

"In memory of Queen Victoria".

Details of both will be available soon on our website www.cardiffwestrotaryclub.wordpress.com as are our other club evenings or you can email sec.cardiffwestrotary@gmail.com for further details.

GARDEN OPENING FOR NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Norman and Barbara Clewer are opening their garden at 6 Windsor Avenue again this year under the National Garden Scheme (Yellow Book).

The garden will be open on the 22nd July from 11am to 4pm. Admission will be £3.00 and this includes tea or coffee and cake.

Do come along to view our colourful and interesting garden and support the Garden Scheme charities.

Norman & Barbara Clewer, 6 Windsor Avenue, Radyr
Tel. 20313 373

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

SMOKED MACKEREL PATE

This pate is very nutritious, quick and tasty. Serve with hot toast and salad as a starter or as a dip with carrot and celery crudités. Really quick made with a food processor. If not, mash using a fork. It serves 6.

8oz (225g) smoked mackerel
(I use peppered) skin and bones removed

4oz (100g) butter

1/2 small onion

1 clove garlic

Juice and grated rind 1/2
lemon

Little black pepper

Pinch mace and cayenne

1/4 pine crème fraiche or plain
yoghurt

Peel and roughly chop onion
and garlic.

Heat half butter in small pan,
add onion and garlic, cook
until soft.

Combine onion, garlic, fish
and remainder of butter in
mixer and process until
smooth.

Add other ingredients, season
and process.

Check seasoning, then pack
into small pots.

Chill until firm.

To freeze, cover well with film
or foil.

Decorate with slice of lemon.

A.M.P.

Later in the evening the Association celebrated its 25th Festival anniversary with a dinner at Radyr Golf Club. Guests were Margaret Pritchard, her husband Dr John Copley and Nicky Piper MBE. Margaret gave a brief overview of work of the Charity whilst Nicky conducted an auction, which raised the grand sum of £125. He also helped with a fun quiz based upon the life of the village over the last 25 years.

Christchurch was the venue for the lunchtime concert, the next day, when one of local talents, Tomos Xerri entertained a large audience with a first class performance of harp playing. He played pieces from Fauré, Hindemith, Bach, Handel and Chopin making the harp sing. For a twenty one year old prize winning student of Trinity College he should look forward to a glittering future.

Mick Sullivan's preparation of slides and music kept the audience enthralled at the Audio Visual Night with extracts of last year's Festival, a trip up the River Wye, Cardiff flower show and the current year Festival photos. This was followed in the second half with extracts from the Parish Music Group presentation of Iolanthe, Is there Anybody There and Festival 2012.

Friday - this was the end of the second week of activities. Donald Sturrock, Roald Dahl's biographer gave a potted history of his life and times as a child in Radyr, a young man in the RAF and his plane crash, and as an older man and his writings for film and TV, including one of the Bond films. This was in addition to his many books for children, for which he is more famous. Unfortunately little is left of his childhood home "Ty Mynydd" except his reminisces of "the big house, acres of gardens, the greenhouses and of course the pig sty".

The next day we set up the barbecue for another outdoor event – The Festival Gymkhana – where over 25 horses competed for fancy dress, dressage, races and jumping. Another well organised event by Val Allen. The Festival Queen presented rosettes to all the winners.

In the evening it was the turn of the Radyr Parish Music Group to entertain a packed Morganstown Village Hall for their "Little Knight Music" concert. Aply presented by Nick Hawkins as compere. The concert was conducted by Tessa Davies for her last time as both Gill Evans and she are retiring from active duty – they will be missed and hard to replace. Gill gave an amusing poetic account of her open garden day as it slid into next door's garden! Gill raised over £1000 for Velindre Hospital. Cyril Williams, Chairman of the Association presented a cheque to Tracy Wheeler of GTHC for £3000 as a down payment to the Charity.

Sunday – the last day! The Duck Race on the River Taff, started at Gelynis Farm. Daniel commented "I helped release the ducks and then dashed back to see if I was a winner." Grace Morgan, the Festival Queen stated "I enjoyed particularly riding the tractor." This was followed by a demonstration by members of the Radyr Youth Club on their skateboards.

Whilst all this was going on the team were setting up at Lychgate Gardens, Radyr Sidings for the "Val Allen" Dog Show and motor bike exhibition. Over 50 dogs appeared – all very well behaved and all spruced up for the occasion. The Festival Queen and her entourage assisted in presenting all the rosettes to the winners. The week was rounded off with a "Songs of Praise" at Christ church with Gareth Davison leading the singing for the last time. He has presented this event for a number of years and we are indebted to him. The Bryn Deri School choir filled the air with beautiful sounds under their leadership of Gary

Waters. This was the last Festival for the head teacher, Dianne Moverley and we wish her a long and happy retirement at the end of the summer term. Bob Roberts, treasurer of the Association for the last 25 years was presented with the Ken Innes Bowl by the Chairman, Cyril Williams.

All the girls and Daniel have expressed their thanks to Maggie Roberts for looking after them all during the Festival fortnight. Grace commented, "I've had the time of my life and I am very grateful to have had this chance". April said, "I am sad that's it's all over but I have happy memories and lots of photos to keep. I would like to thank Maggie for helping me through this brilliant fortnight." Ceri Howard Cook was heard to say "this was the best time of my life and it was very difficult to choose the most enjoyable event".

On behalf of the Festival committee I would like to thank all the sponsors, advertisers, supporters, barbecue chefs and all those who have given their time and skills in making this Festival one of the best. We still need more help and we are always seeking new members to our team. If you have an interest in working in the community with a dedicated team of volunteers please let us know. (David on 20842034 or Nick on 20842561).

David Cargill - Festival Chairman

Now for all those winners:

Radyr Fun Run

- 1st Radyr boy – Ollie Jackson
- 1st Bryn Deri boy – Daniel Sage
- 1st Radyr girl – Nia Riley
- 1st Bryn Deri girl – Eloise Valsey

Girls 3-4 years

- 1st Jemma Lai
- 2nd Ella Jackson
- 3rd Sian Hughes

Boys 3-4 years

- 1st Alex Griffiths
- 2nd Callum Dyer
- 3rd Jonathan Harris

Boys 5-6 years

- 1st Ollie Jackson
- 2nd Daniel Sage
- 3rd Maxwell Goode

Girls 5-6 years

- 1st Nia Riley
- 2nd Issie Tustin
- 3rd Eloise Valsey

Boys 7-9 years

- 1st Nick Lai
- 2nd Huw Brown
- 3rd Harvey Hughes

Girls 7-9 years

- 1st Emma Lighthart
- 2nd Katie Long
- 3rd Ella Powell

Boys 10-13 yrs

- 1st Jack Gooch
- 2nd Sam Longfield
- 3rd Iona Phillips

Girls 10-13 yrs

- 1st Lucy Harvey
- 2nd Bethan Munt
- 3rd Ffion Brown

Adult Males

- 1st Nick Simms
- 2nd David Welch
- 3rd Tim Green

Adult Females

- 1st Julia Tustin
- 2nd Elaine Whamby
- 3rd Nicola Bowman

Colouring Competition – Original artwork by Keith John Radyr Primary School

Under 8

- 1st Erin Collins
- 2nd Frances Davies-Walsh
- 3rd Tomos Olsen
- Highly Commended
- Emma Harris, Frances Sawley, Bobby.

Over 8

- 1st Emma Harvard
- 2nd Jonathon Harries
- 3rd Amy Healy
- Highly Commended
- Orla Davies, Jacob Cairnduff
- Gaby Rogers, Kate Ais.

Bryn Deri School

Under 8

- 1st Chloe Thomas
- 2nd Katie Houston
- 3rd Sharmeela
- Highly Commended
- Abigale, Theo Felman, Jessica fin Brind

Over 8

- 1st Sophie Thomas
- 2nd Annabelle de Graf
- 3rd Daniel Cole
- Highly Commended
- Drew Cleaver, Rianna Man, April Spiteri
- Lauren Cleall

Festival Prize Draw

- 1st - 2 nights at Laugharne
Karen Whitecross
- 2nd - 4 ball at Radyr Golf Club
Sylvia Middleton
- 3rd- -Sunglasses from Radyr Eyecare
M. Hodges
- 4th - Meal for two at Seasons
David Silver
- 5th - Voucher from Welsh's Greengrocers
Ann Jones
- 6th - Voucher from Headway
J. Waddon
- 7th - Voucher from Radyr Cleaners
Morgan
- 8th - Cardiff Tour
Liz Husband
- 9th - Chocolates from Martins'staff
Sarah Jackson
- 10th - Voucher for Enerchi
Sarah Harris
- 11th - Chocolates
Mrs Wright
- Wine bottles - M. Butler, W.Fortt, Una
Scott and Sarah Jones.

Duck Race

- 1st £50 - 461 Emma Jones
- 2nd £25 - 9 Callum Gough
- 3rd £10 - 455 Ben Farrell



RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COLUMNS

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Clerk/Clerc: Helena Fox

The May 3 election marked the end of the term of office for all our community councillors. Six stood for re-election and were elected unopposed. The re-elected members are Tyrone Davies, David Silver, Judith Marsh, David Suthers, Mike Diment and Clive Morgan. I would like to thank all those members who have stood down for their service to our community : Richard Owen, Ed Watt, Sarah Thomas, Rachel Granger, Ann Martin-Jones and Sue Philpott. In particular I would like to thank Richard Owen for his support on employment issues. Rachel Granger has been a tireless support on financial matters. Sue Philpott has served the community council for 25 years and I will miss her experience and advice. We will be holding a celebratory event for Sue later in the year.

At our May meeting we co-opted six new members so are delighted to be back to full strength so quickly. Our new members are Sue McKerlich, Rod McKerlich, Bethan Cartwright, Cain Thomas, Chris St Leger and Liz Nicholas. I welcome them all to the council and look forward to working with them.

All of Radyr Woods is now in public ownership. Most of it is owned by Cardiff Council but R&MCC became the owners of the most wooded section on March 29, having bought it from the Earl of Plymouth for the nominal sum of £100.00 plus costs. We are now starting to assess what work needs to be done in the woods and the Radyr Wardens will be essential to the management, as they have been for over 25 years. Our area includes the scheduled ancient monument known as the Burnt Mound. Cardiff Council will be installing some information signs about this shortly. We are working with Cadw on a management plan for the ancient site. It is now thought to be some 3,000 years old: a bronze age ritual site perhaps like the sweat lodges of Native Americans. There are many sites like it across Europe but very few in such a built up area so while it is not unusual of its kind it is very unusual in its siting.

Helena Fox - Clerk to R&MCC

LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ

Earlier this year I was offered the remarkable opportunity to partake in the Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz Project' alongside one other classmate. Two places are offered to Sixth Forms across the country and at Radyr Comp these places are offered to one boy and one girl from the Year 13 History Classes where we study controversies surrounding the Holocaust at A-Level. The premise of this project is to "take part in two afternoon seminars and a one-day visit to the former Nazi extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau". Through this we would become Student Ambassadors to the Holocaust Educational Trust and be able to pass on the lessons learnt.

The first seminar introduced participants to pre-World War II Jewish life in Europe before a Holocaust Survivor gave their testimony. Leslie Kleinman was born in 1929 and lived in the small village of Ombod in Romania. In the first week of April 1944, Leslie was moved into the ghetto in Satu Mare on Shabbos

before being forced on a train from the ghetto to Auschwitz, where he arrived on 16 May, 1944. Leslie's testimony was an emotional and insightful experience. The core message that he wishes to share is, in his own words, not hate anyone. *"From hate everyone suffered. We should have love for one another. I speak from my heart. I lost all of my family because of my faith. I want you, your children and your children's children to remember"*.

On 22 February, we visited Poland to see a pre-war Jewish site and take tours of the two concentration camps of Auschwitz I and Birkenau. It was a very demanding experience to personally witness the horrors found throughout both camps, from the prison cells, bedrooms, gallows, shooting wall and the infamous gas chambers and crematoriums. The most emotional moment was seeing the Jewish belongings taken from arrivals at the camps – piles of hair, suitcases, glasses, shoes, clothes and kitchenware. These people initially believed they were being taken to start a new life and those who did realise what horrors awaited them were powerless to prevent it. At the

completion of our tours, we attended a memorial ceremony held next to the destroyed crematoria II, led by Rabbi Barry Marcus. Following this we lit candles beneath the famous guardhouse before beginning the long journey home.

Reflecting on my experience I am able to better understand Leslie's message. That is why I am currently involved in plans to get Radyr Comprehensive School to undertake a 'Pledge Against Prejudice' by getting as many students and staff to sign up as possible. If you/your children attend the school then you can hopefully expect more information soon. Additionally, look out for an update in the Radyr Chain after the project is completed. I personally hope we can get some sort of memorial for this Pledge, such as a plaque or by planting a tree and I also hope that all residents of Radyr and Morganstown are able to sympathise with why prejudice and hate are unnecessary evils in modern civilisation. We know whether it leads.

Thank you,
Jacob Dickens

1ST RADYR SCOUTS – 25 MILE BIKE RIDE

The stated aim of The Scout Association is to “Promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities”.

This was certainly achieved on Saturday, 31st March when two Scout Leaders, David Baker (Skip) and Gareth Jones, one young leader, Kieran Richards and three scouts, James Beadle, Iwan Jones and Owen Goddard took part in the Pedal Power – Marie Curie cycle ride.



The 25 mile ride from Merthyr Tydfil to Pontcanna took just under three hours which they were all really pleased with. They were rewarded with a barbecue at the Pedal Power Base in Pontcanna before they about turned and rode back to Radyr.

Baden Powell once quoted “*The most worthwhile thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others*” and this group from Radyr Scouts made every effort to achieve this.

Simba

NEW ANTIS AT CLYCH MEITHRIN RADUR

Clych Meithrin Radur a Pentrepoeth would like to welcome Anti Donna and Anti Bethan, who both took up their positions caring for our children after the Easter break. We wish them well and hope they enjoy their new roles. The children are delighted with the vibrant, engaging and exciting sessions they have had so far. They have studied colours, travelled the world and learned about the weather, including baking bright yellow sun biscuits and had a wonderful time at the Radyr and Morganstown Festival Parade.

We offer Welsh pre-school sessions for children aged 2? to school age and our doors are open to all families interested in learning through the medium of Welsh, whether you are already Welsh speaking or a complete beginner. Ti a Fi at the Old Church Rooms on a Friday morning gives parents the chance to chat over a cup of coffee while the toddlers get to paint, stick, bake, listen to stories and sing, giving them a taster of what Cylch is all about. The more the merrier so please come along and see what we are all about.

RADYR TENNIS CLUB

There's never been a better time to join Radyr Tennis Club. If you've been wondering whether to pick up a racquet and give tennis a go, there are now three fantastic new all-weather courts and a newly-extended clubhouse for that all important post-match drink.

Thanks to vital funds from the LTA, Cardiff Council, Sport Wales and member donations, there is now the opportunity to play under seven floodlit courts, enjoy social tennis throughout the week and get some vital tips from our head coach, Drew Lumb.

The extensive refurbishment has doubled the size of the old clubhouse, making it the perfect venue for the many social events in the tennis calendar.

With our famous teas still served every Saturday at 4.30pm, there is also Ladies' Night on Tuesdays and Men's Night on Thursdays. Drew runs cardio-tennis three times a week, rusty racquets (for those who've decided to take up tennis after a break) on Wednesdays and social mix-in at other times.

Junior night on Mondays is proving very popular with the younger members and there are plenty of opportunities for juniors and seniors to play competitive tennis.

Each year we also run

two in-house tournaments, with all members having the chance to compete as well as the infamous beer and wine and Celts v English.

If you are toying with the idea of joining, we also offer a three-month £50. membership so you can trial exactly what we have to offer. We keep members fully informed throughout the year with Facebook and Twitter and our newly designed website – www.radyrtennis.co.uk – which tells you everything you need to know about joining, playing and what social event is coming next.

We are looking forward to our official opening on 23rd June, which will be a wonderful celebration of the newly-refurbished development, complete with celebrity guests and plenty of champagne.

For membership, please contact Lynda, our Membership Secretary on 07563 750 542.

For coaching queries, Drew Lumb is on 079 2010 3633.



NEWS FROM RADYR & MORGANSTOWN W.I.

As I write, the Radyr Festival is now halfway through its second week and consequently, our members are very busy in other organisations throughout the village. They are also to be seen supporting all the events of the Festival.

However, our Institute's programme still continues, so here is a brief résumé :

16th April - Meeting

- A fascinating talk on medieval medicine interesting and gruesome!

24th April - Lunch Club - An excellent meal at Creigiau Golf Club

3rd May - Theatre visit - A vibrant, colourful production of Henry V at the New Theatre

7th May - May Day Teas - Superb cakes as usual – event held in the Old Church Rooms owing to atrocious weather. £200. donated to the Festival charity

10th May - Guided Walk and information talk at the Quarry

14th May - Meeting - Resolutions discussion

Events still to take place

30th May - The National AGM in the Albert Hall

11th June - Meeting - Talk by Sue Duffield on the Physic Garden in Cowbridge

14th June - Vintage Tea - A Jubilee celebratory tea in Christchurch School Rooms

20th June - Treasure Trail Walk around Cardiff Bay

5th July - Summer Federation Walk from Oxwich Bay to Port Eynon

For regular, updated information visit our website, keep reading the Chain, or contact our President, Pate Williams on 2084 3843. Email mpwradyr/@btinternet.com

Visitors and New Members are always welcome.

L.H.

CWRT BRYNTEG OLYMPICS HAVE STARTED



The opening event in the indoor "armchair" Olympics at Cwrt Brynteg took place on Thursday, 19th April. Indoor skittles will be followed in the next three months by putting bowls and "tossers". The winner of each heat will contest the finals on Thursday, 16th August.

County Councillor and Mrs. Rod McKerlich received the "Olympic Torch" carried in by Sophia, the 18 month old daughter of the house manager.

GEORGE THOMAS HOSPICE CARE

FUN DAY

CAR BOOT SALE

Come along, pick up a bargain and have some fun

Car boot starts at 9.30am - 1am
Fun Day starts 11am - 3pm

Sat 23rd June, 2012 at Whitchurch Hospital, CF14 7BF

Car Boot Sale • Refreshments • Drinks Tent • BBQ • Dog Display • Pony Rides • Fun Fair • Whitchurch Dog Show

For more information contact Nicky Piper
T: 02920 524150 or visit www.gthc.org.uk

Charity No. 02651028

Radyr Cricket Club receives support from the England and Wales Cricket Trust Grant Aid Programme

Radyr Cricket Club's new £65,000 practice facilities will be officially opened on Monday 4th June.

The club received a £48,806 grant from The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) and £8000 from Cardiff City Council for the development of a three bay synthetic practice facility.

The opening ceremony will be take place at 11.30am and showcase special coaching sessions for junior cricketers. Official proceeding will be followed by a BBQ for members' families and guests.

The EWCT's grant aid programme aims to finance projects which contribute to sustaining and increasing participation in the game.

Radyr Cricket Club was identified by Cricket Wales and by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) as a club of strategic and developmental importance in the Cardiff area.

The club's Ground and Asset Manager, Peter Sullivan, said "We were delighted to receive the grant. The 'all weather' practice area will enable us to provide more practice opportunities to junior and senior players at the club.

"We have four senior teams, over 150 junior cricketers, both boys and girls and an active and progressive junior development programme with our ground and facilities also utilised by Radyr Comprehensive School.

"I'd like to express our thanks to the ECB and Cricket Wales for their support and technical guidance in the development of the project The club also acknowledges the support given to us by the Cardiff City Council and the generosity of our members."

Peter Hybart, the Director of Cricket Wales, said "I am pleased that the club has been awarded the grant because they have an outstanding cricket development programme and they have worked hard to promote cricket in the local school and community. Cricket Wales

recommended Radyr Cricket Club because they have enthusiastically embraced all the ECB development policies and the facility is key to further development of cricket in that locality."

Bruce Cruse, the ECB's National Funding and Facilities Manager said, "Investing in worthy projects like this one allows cricket clubs to make their facilities as welcoming and accessible as possible to members, players and spectators. Having high quality cricket facilities accessible to the community will be key to sustaining participation in grass roots cricket over the coming years".

Brian Havill, EWCT Trustee said, "The England and Wales Cricket Trust is pleased to support projects that sustain high quality participation and enhance facilities. It is important that cricket clubs have access to funding, such as through this grant aid programme, that allows them to make their facilities available to the local community and schools and community groups".

The EWCT will provide up to £5m of interest free loans for clubs over the next 5 years. Eligible projects during this period include the fine turf provision, non turf provision, land purchase for cricketing purposes, clubhouse development and renovation, changing room development/minor works, machinery storage, security, sight screens, mobile covers and cages and scoreboards.

For further information, contact Mike Turner, MBE on (0116) 283 1615.

Club quote can be obtained from Peter Sullivan on 07868 467142.

Notes:

The England and Wales Cricket Trust Limited is the charitable arm of the England and Wales Cricket Board Limited

For specific guidance notes and eligibility criteria for Grant Aid Programme contact your local County Cricket Development Manager. Contact details can be found at:

www.ecb.co.uk/development

ADVICE ON FINANCIAL NEEDS

Michael Graham Young, an estate agency chain that has an impressive presence in Radyr are delighted to welcome Niche Chartered Financial Planners into their agency on Station Road from May 2012. Both parties have been working closely together for over three years, combining their efforts to deliver advice on financial needs.

Due to an increase in demand for services provided by Niche in Radyr has highly influenced the decision to have a full time attendance in the agency.

The new office within Michael Graham Young will offer Niche a workplace with a comfortable reception and soft seating areas allowing for first class advice and environment for both buyers and sellers. Niche can cater for all financial planning needs such as mortgages, retirement planning, savings and investments, inheritance tax planning, insurance and a will writing service. Their most desired role within the financial industry are as pension specialists. Niche can be your guide to the market, removing any confusion and giving you straight-forward independent answers to any of your questions.

With no other independent financial firm in Radyr this is an exciting move for both Niche and the residents of Radyr. Let the team at Niche take care of all your financial needs with a personal service that you can trust.

For advice or a review, pop into the office, call us on 029 2000 7069 or visit www.nicheifa.co.uk. We hope to see you soon.

MORGANSTOWN MOUND

Many people have been asking what is happening to Morganstown Mound. The Mound is technically a Motte and Bailey Castle, probably from the early Norman period and would have been the first frontier between the Norman invaders and the native Welsh. As the Normans conquered further inland the Motte and Bailey castles along the foot of Caerphilly mountain (there were a series of them) would have become redundant.

The area can be divided into two; the motte a large mound of stone and earth would have been topped by a wooden tower for defence. There would then have been a small township at the foot of the mound with a low earth bank topped by a wooden palisade. The outline of the bailey can still be seen to the west of the motte but in places it has been damaged by later work.

Over the winter, the County Council undertook work to remove a number of trees from the area which were damaging the fabric of the ancient

monument. The largest of the trees removed from the motte itself was a beech that was becoming dangerous. The work had to be completed by the end of February, when the bird nesting season began.

Undergrowth was also cleared to eradicate phytophthora or sudden oak death, which was present in the undergrowth, particularly the rhododendrons. The area is still fenced off because we have not as yet had the 'all clear' from DEFRA. It is hoped that the area will soon be opened up once again and display boards introduced to explain the importance of the area.

Work will continue to improve the woodland between the motte and the road and a meadow management scheme will be introduced to enhance the look of the area.

Negotiations are quite far advanced to find a new use for the old Morganstown Rugby Club which will also be used to explain the lower Taff valley to walkers and tourists.

Lots of exciting new developments around the motte over the next few years.

lollypop sticks in clear bags and tied with ribbons. They looked FAB! So, were they all for children?"

"No I made some for adults too."

"So were they all the same?"

"Some of the adults liked the lollypops but I did make some more 'grown up' creations - chocolate strawberries rolled in coconut and walnut pieces"

"Mmm delicious. So when do people buy Fruitylicious edible bouquets?"

"Oh any time: for dinner parties, birthdays, anniversaries, get well soon - any occasion really. This sort of thing is really popular in America and whilst living in London I started making bouquets for friends and colleagues. During the last few years in Morganstown, more and more friends have asked me to make Fruitylicious bouquets for them. So here we are."

And what now? If someone wants a Fruitylicious bouquet how do they get in touch?

Well that's easy. Contact me by email on fiona@myfruitylicious.co.uk or call me on 07899963917.

I'm sure they will. And they'll be in for a treat!

So, thanks for talking to us today...mum...

Holly and Lara reporting for Radyr Chain

Exclusive...

Photos and Interview with Fruitylicious Fruit Artist Fiona Bennett! Revealing the details to Radyr Chain Magazine - Fiona tells intrepid reporters Holly (13) and Lara (10) about Fruitylicious edible bouquets!

"Hello mum... Uhhh... I mean Fiona. Thank you for agreeing to speak to us today! We are Holly and Lara and will be asking you a few questions. Firstly what is Fruitylicious edible bouquets?"

"Well, the clue is in the name! Fruitylicious edible bouquets are bundles of delicious fresh fruit arranged to form a bouquet or posy. The fruit is freshly cut and prepared and ready to eat!"

"Well I never! Sounds delicious! But what makes your bouquets any better than a bunch of flowers?"

"The first obvious advantage is that you can eat this arrangement! Not only does it look absolutely beautiful as a table centrepiece, but also it can be eaten! A treat for your eyes AND your taste buds!"

"You're making my mouth water! But how can you compare your Fruitylicious bouquets to a floral bouquet? If my memory serves me correctly, an apple or melon does not look anything like a rose or poppy, or at least not that I've seen!

How does that work?"

(Laughing) "No, you're right! The unprepared fruit doesn't look particularly flowery. I use a variety of top secret techniques to sculpt the fruit into flowery shapes and attach them to a 'stalk' before arranging them into a colourful, tasty bouquet."

So what fruits do you use?

Well anything that looks yummy, really. Juicy melon and pineapple make especially good flower shapes; grapes and melon balls can be threaded onto stems to look like beads; and of course, a bit of indulgence - the chocolate coated strawberries.

"Didn't you have a stall at the RMA fete? I remember seeing you and some of your lovely bouquets on display, as well as some chocolaty treasures?"

"Yes! It was a great day out for the Radyr and Morganstown community. At my Fruitylicious stall I displayed two edible bouquets, wrapped in cellophane and decorated with ribbons and bows! Just as a florist would present a bouquet of flowers. I also made over 200 assorted chocolate dipped strawberries."

"I remember that! Some were packed individually for children, on colourful



(A Fruitylicious edible bouquet has been donated to the RMA festival raffle)



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