

Hanging Baskets



For the second year running the R&M Association has been responsible for the fourteen hanging baskets in Station Road. They took over the work of filling and maintaining the baskets when Cardiff Council had to make cutbacks in 2013. The residents of Radyr and Morganstown owe them a debt of gratitude.

Some of you will not know of, or will not understand, the workings of the Community Association. It is an association of groups and individuals whose sole purpose is to make Radyr and Morganstown a better place to live. They are entirely independent of both the County and Community Councils, although they often work with our County Councillor and the Community Council on specific projects like the current Local Development Plan (LDP).

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June was Motor Neurone Awareness Month and in support of this progressive and life limiting disease myself and good friend Louise Thomas decided to hold a Bake it event on Saturday June 14th in Morganstown Village Hall.

Prior to the event we sold raffle tickets and had some fantastic prizes kindly donated from local businesses, including The Orchard, Radyr Spar, Solo hair and beauty, Pughs garden centre, village hotel and The Senedd.

The event was a huge success with a lovely atmosphere and was well supported by family, friends and many locals within Radyr and Morganstown. Everyone enjoyed some delicious home made cakes with a cup or tea or coffee, and the children got involved by cake decorating.

We wanted to thank everyone who supported our event by donating raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets and coming along on the day to enjoy a cuppa and a cake and giving so generously.

Everyone's generosity helped us to raise awareness and funds for people affected by MND. We raised an incredible £860 which exceeded our expectations. All of the money will go to the Cardiff and Vale Motor Neurone Association to help those affected by MND.

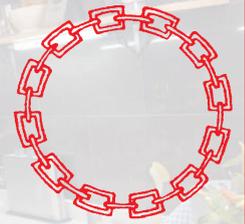
MND Bake Event



RADYR CHAIN

Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

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Local Development Plan: Special Update

Cardiff Council approves LDP

Local residents ignored

Welsh Government can't see our city for the houses

- Cardiff Council Executive must deliver an LDP acceptable to the Welsh Government (WG)
- WG has set out the LDP's parameters including building 41,100 homes by 2026
- Without an LDP in place we are vulnerable to developers making pre-emptive applications to build houses anywhere in Cardiff - and this is happening
- Without protection from speculative development there is no time to draw up a proper plan taking proper account of the advantages of the proposed Metro
- A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a 21st century city is being wasted.
- 11,650 dwellings to be built in NW Cardiff by 2026
- The LDP's transport plan assumes more people using public transport, bikes or walking: from 36% now to 50%, but
- Cardiff refuses to delay development in the NW to wait for the Metro to make that shift possible. They say a new bus service will do.

This is the site for 6,100+ houses, schools, retail, community centres ...

Can you see the traffic jams yet?



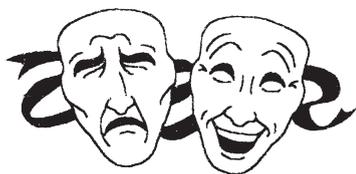
- Cardiff agrees that the transport network is at full capacity and that existing hot spots will get worse, eg Ynys Bridge, Heol Isaf, Llandaff, St Fagans railway crossing.
- Cardiff says it will make road conditions worse to force people out of cars, eg policed bus lanes, but will not provide an alternative.
- We think the roads are too dangerous for cycling, the trains

are full at Radyr, and the bus services are being cut.

- Early planning applications are already coming in: 1,500 new homes south of Creigiau; three applications for the land south of Radyr (and additional to the 6,100 above) are imminent.
- If we cannot open Cardiff's eyes to the damage the LDP will do to NW Cardiff, what do we do next?

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COMING EVENTS



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

July

- 23 Firing Line Museum Talk at Radyr Library. Learn about, and look at some fascinating artifacts from WW1 with Joanna from the Firing Line Museum, Cardiff Castle. Age 7+ Booking is essential. Contact the library on 02920780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am
- 30 Under 5's Storytime at Radyr Library. Oh help oh no its a Come along to the library for a story, rhymes and a craft! Booking is essential. Contact the library on 029 20 780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am

August

- 6 Solve a mystery at Radyr Library. Come and help the local PCSOs to solve the mystery of Caroline's cakes! Ages 5+ Booking is essential on 02920780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am
- 6 Bike Marking at Radyr Library. Drop into the library to have your bikes marked by the local PCSOs 10.30am
- 13 Amazing Mazes at Radyr Library. Come and make your own maze! Ages 5+. Booking is essential on 029 20780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am
- 20 Code Breaking at Radyr Library. Come and help the local PCSOs break some codes. Ages 5+. Booking is essential on 029 20780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am
- 20 Bike Marking at Radyr Library. Drop into the library and have your bikes marked by local PCSOs 10.30am
- 20 Cardiff Debate on the future of public services. Old Church Rooms, Park Road CF15 8DF: talk to Cardiff Council about the services you use and what you need in the future. This is also a good opportunity to look at the effect of the thousands of new homes that will affect services for R&M. 1.30pm
- 27 Art Workshop at Radyr Library. Come and try some printing and paper crafting with local illustrator Sue Shields. Ages 6+. Booking is essential on 029 20780996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk 10.30am

September

- 6 Radyr Parish Music Group Open Rehearsal, New Schoolrooms, Christchurch – all welcome 7.30 pm
- 8 Radyr & Morganstown WI. The history of the Insole family and Insole Court by John Powell-Morris. OCR 7.30pm
- 13 Radyr Woods working party meet in Taff Terrace car park-weather permitting. 9.00am
- 15 Members of Radyr & Morganstown WI will

- be doing a litter pick around Mound Field, Morganstown as part of Tidy Wales Week. 10.30am
- 15 R&M ASSOCIATION General Meeting. Come and hear Mark Drakeford AM speak to the RMA. To be held in the Old Church Rooms. All residents of Radyr & Morganstown are eligible to be members of the Association and are invited to attend. 7.30pm
- 18 Radyr and Morganstown Local History Society A day time visit to the newly restored Llanelli House, arguably the finest Georgian House in Wales. As seen on the TV programme "Restoration". For more details contact Allan Cook on 20843176 or at cookatradyr@fastmail.fm All are welcome. 11.00am
- 23 Film Night Showing by the R&M Association of 'The Grand Budapest Hotel' in the Old Church Rooms. More details soon. 7.30pm

Radyr Parish Music Group

To launch our 2013-2014 season Radyr Parish Music Group will be holding an Open Rehearsal at the New Schoolrooms, Christchurch on Friday September 6th at 7.30 pm. Our next production will be Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance". The Production team will once again comprise Musical Director Ben Pinnow, Producer and Choreographer Jane Clarke and our Rehearsal Pianist Leigh Bracegirdle.

We are always looking for new faces join our friendly group and this is an opportunity for anyone interested to come along and meet us all. If you enjoy singing and acting and can move in time to music then this is the group for you! We are also looking for people to help with costumes, make-up and other vital backstage roles.

"Pirates of Penzance" will be performed at the Bishop of Llandaff High School on Wednesday to Saturday, 18th – 21st February 2014. Tickets will be available from January from ticketsource.co.uk/rpmg or from Maggie Roberts (02920 842995), Sue Thomas (2920 310894) or from RPMG members

For more details please visit our website at www.radyr.org/music or email me, Julia Hallinan at gwyddf@msn.com.

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...from back cover

They are entirely self funding, mostly from their extremely successful bar and BBQ trade at the Festival and other events, although they do occasionally get grants from the County or Community Councils towards special projects, especially those to do with children and young people.

What else do they do?

What do they do apart from filling the hanging baskets? Well, they organise the very successful May Festival. They assist the Community Council with the Christmas Trees and organise the successful Christmas Tree lighting event. They run the Old Church Rooms (jointly with the Community Council). They help organise the Radyr web pages and put the entries on Facebook. They bring Arts events to the two villages and help to coordinate the numerous voluntary groups from charities to photographic and from drama to indoor bowls – and are just about to start a monthly Film Club. They can be approached for grants or other assistance in setting up new groups. They even produce a Newsletter every two months, giving details of what is happening in the community that is sent to all members via email.

They also have quarterly meetings with guest speakers. The June talk was on the workings of the Welsh National Opera; in September our Assembly Member, Mark Drakeford AM, will give a talk and further talks are planned in November and February. Why not come along and give them a try? Membership of the Association is entirely free and they are currently looking for new committee members. Why not have a look at www.radyr.org.uk/rmassociation or contact the Secretary at rma@radyr.org.uk

Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by September 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion. The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.

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**FILM
 CLUB**

During the May Festival the R&M Association tried out the presentation of film for the first time with Philomena and it was a complete sell out.

Since then work has been done to improve the quality of the picture and sound in the Old Church Rooms and the RMA are now full members of Moviola, the Rural Film Association, getting films soon after their first release. They have scheduled an interesting programme for the autumn on the last Thursday in every month and with a special matinee performance during half term.

The film to be shown on Thursday, 25th September at 7.30pm is **The Grand Budapest Hotel**. Set in the 1930s in a central European hotel it has been called a "Ruritanian Hitchcock". It involves the mysterious murder of a rich old woman, the theft of a priceless painting, a killer private eye and the hotel bell boy and head waiter who are victims of a chase all over the landscape.

The cast reads like Who's Who in theatre and film; Ralph Fiennes, Tom Wilkinson, Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray to name but a few. Directed by Wes Anderson a talented US director who makes "off the wall" films of great beauty and interest. Cert [15], duration 95 minutes.

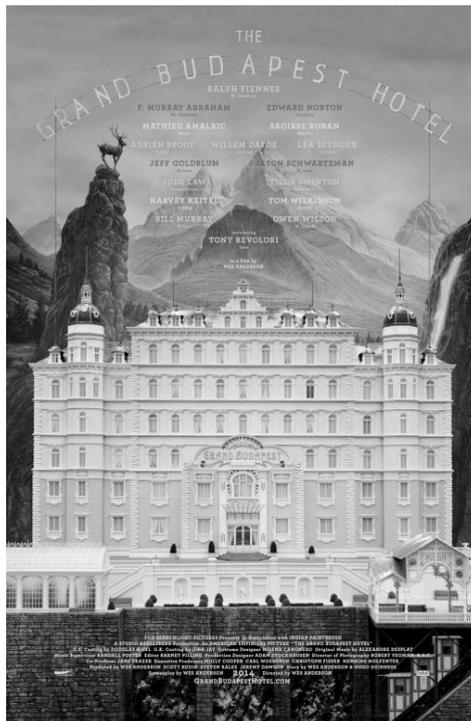
The film on the 23rd October at 7.30pm is **The Two Faces of January**, stylishly adapted from the Patricia Highsmith thriller set in 1962 Athens. Kirsten Dunst and Viggo Mortensen are a wealthy couple with a dark secret who lure a young tour guide into a web of mystery and danger. Very elegant and very "Hitchcock", it has such a 1960s feel that the BBFC felt moved to issue a

warning about the on-screen smoking. Cert [12A], duration 94 minutes.

During half term week the film to be shown on Tuesday, 28th October at 2.30pm is **Maleficent**. This Disney attraction tells the back story of how Snow White's wicked stepmother became so evil. Starring Angelina Jolie and Elle Fanning, masses of money was spent on this spectacularly entertaining attraction. Suitable for adults and children. Cert [PG], duration 95 minutes.

Other films scheduled are **Belle**, 27th November and **Boyhood**, 22nd January.

Ticket price £4.00 can be obtained from Ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins 2084 2561, Allan Cook 2084 3176 or they may be bought online. There are only eighty seats so book early to avoid disappointment. Due to licensing restrictions on the Old Church Rooms, there will not be a licensed bar but you are invited to bring your own drinks – soft or alcoholic – and popcorn.



CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

Courgette and Mint Soup

As many of you will have a glut of courgettes in your gardens, a tasty way to use them.

- 1 medium onion-finely chopped
- 1 TBspn. olive oil
- 1lb(450g.) courgettes-sliced
- 1pint(570ml) well flavoured stock (I use homemade chicken or ham)
- 4 sprigs fresh mint
- s+p
- 3 TBspns. single cream

Heat oil in large pan.
 Fry onion until transparent.
 Add courgettes and stir.
 Add stock and chopped mint.
 Simmer until courgettes soft-15mins.
 Taste and season.
 Cool and liquidize.
 Serve hot or chilled with cream stirred in.

Smoked Salmon Surprise

Serves 4

- 500g. pack smoked salmon
- 200ml Creme Fraiche
- 100g.(3¹/₂ oz.) cucumber, peeled, de-seeded, finely chopped
- 2 t.spn fresh dill finely chopped
- 2t.spn lemon juice

Line 4 ramekins with 400g. (14oz) salmon, allowing it to hang over edge.
 Place remaining salmon in processor with Creme Fraiche.
 Process until smooth.
 Stir in cucumber, dill, lemon juice, season with black pepper.
 Divide between 4 dishes.
 Fold salmon over filling.
 Place in fridge 3hrs or overnight.
 Carefully turn on to plates.
 Garnish with lemon slices, salad leaves, and dill.

A.M.P.

NEWS FROM RADYR & MORGANTOWN WI

END OF TERM!

Our last meeting of the summer term will be held on Monday, 14th July. The speaker will be Wendy Saddler who will talk on Science Today. No doubt the committee will have some "end of term celebration" at the conclusion of the meeting but, owing to an early submission date to the printers, this event's report cannot be in this issue.

However, here is a résumé of the WI activities throughout the previous weeks. We now have some changes on our committee. Ginny Jenkins has taken over as Treasurer in place of Rosanne Holmes who is now Vice President. Enid Brooker is now Social Secretary in place of Sue Evans who is now Catering Officer. Pat Williams continues as President and Gaynor Leaf as Secretary.

The committee continues to organise very enjoyable events. On 22nd May, the lunch club had a superb meal at "Junction 28" restaurant. The food and service were excellent. The weather, however, was atrocious – thunder, lightening and lashing rain. Thank goodness we hadn't planned a picnic.

This year has been Radyr and Morganstown's turn to host the link group events, the last of which was held on 25th June in Morganstown Village Hall. This was an afternoon tea preceded by a speaker, John Sheen. He was a retired headmaster and also a natural performer from a family background of actors. His nephew is Michael Sheen, the actor and his daughter works in theatre. His talk "Five Boys and a Pasty" was a very funny stroll down memory lane based on his boyhood in Port Talbot. He was a "baby boomer" born in 1947 so was considerably younger than many of his audience but his recall of post-war life in the forties and fifties resonated with all of us and he was very well received and hopefully, he can be booked as a speaker for a meeting in the future. The talk was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea prepared by committee members. It was as good as the tea at the Park Plaza hotel which boasts to be the best in Cardiff. In fact, the sandwich selection was better. Well done all those who helped prepare the food. The event was one of which the WI could be proud.

Our June meeting was held on Monday, 9th June. The speaker was Midori Pritchard on "The Japanese Way of Life". Midori was born in Japan and now lives in South Wales. She showed us beautiful silk kimonos and embroidered slippers.

She talked about the varied Japanese cuisine – it's not just rice and sushi – and demonstrated the use of chopsticks. She explained the art of origami and presented us all with individually made miniature paper swans at the end of her delightful talk.

Though there is no monthly meeting in August a day trip is planned to the National Trust property, Killerton Manor in Devon on Thursday, 14th August. Hopefully, this beautiful sunny weather will continue throughout next month and we will have a fine day. Also in August a relay baton, as part of the National Centenary celebrations in Cardiff Bay will take place on Tuesday, 26th August. The WI has been an entity in the lives of many women in this country for one hundred years. Long may it continue.

The Autumn term meetings begin on Monday, 8th September at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms. The speaker will be John Powell Morris and his subject will be Insole Court and family.

There will be a litter pick on Monday, 15th September on the Mound Field.

Should you be new to Radyr you may like to know that our WI offers several "extra mural" activities. We have three reading groups, a walking group, two genealogy groups, two craft groups and an internet learners group on a 1-2-1 basis. Finally, there is a group known as the "Little Walkers" who meet for a short walk and coffee on a monthly basis. Should you need any information, ring our President, Pat Williams on 029 2084 3843 or our email address is:

mail to:

radyrandmorganstown.wi@gmail.com

Have a good Summer! L.H.

NEWS FROM RADYR LIBRARY

By the time his edition of the Radyr Chain is published the summer reading challenge will have started. If you haven't already registered then do so now! The challenge is to read six books in the summer holidays and we want everyone to join in. The main challenge is aimed at 4-12 year olds, with a younger version, the Book Crawl for the 0-4 year olds and a teenage and adult version for everyone else. Whilst the main challenge and the Book Crawl are national schemes designed to help keep children reading during the long break from school, the teenage and adult challenges are just being run at Radyr Library. We will be finishing this year's challenge at the end of the holidays so please make sure you get those books read by then!

Along with the pleasure of reading books and discovering new authors and titles there will be rewards for those taking part in the challenges. For the Book Crawl there are certificates for those who finish and the children on the main challenge will receive a medal and certificate. The teenagers and adults who finish will go into a prize draw. We would like to thank the sponsors of the prizes, the Orchard Café in Park Road and Showcase Cinema, Nantgarw for their support. We hope we can get parents, grandparents, teachers and everyone else taking part in this year's adult challenge. Don't worry if you haven't read a book for a while, you can still take part – ask about our Quick Reads series, short snappy books by popular writers – just the thing to get you back into reading again.

Our summer holiday events will have limited spaces this year so make sure you book in advance and let us know if you cannot make it and we can offer your place to another child. We will be having stories and craft sessions and some special treats, a talk by the staff of the Firing Line museum about the First World War, for ages 7+ and later in the summer an art workshop by local illustrator, Sue Shields for ages 6+. Local PCSOs will be helping out at two of our events and providing fingerprinting and bike marking sessions. We are very grateful for the support of Sue Shields, the Firing Line museum and the local police for these events.

Keep a look out for our new books. We have deliveries of new books three times a week and so there is always something new in the library. If you can't find a title you would like, please ask as we can easily order it for you. Our inter-library loan scheme with other libraries in south-east Wales means that we can order titles from anywhere in the region free of charge.

Our newspaper corner is still proving popular. We take three daily papers and one weekly one and the area has a couple of very comfy sofas. Why not take a few minutes to catch up with the news on your next library visit?

We have found a watch in the library. If you have recently lost a watch, please get in touch.

Finally, the summer will be a very busy time for us. Please help us by bringing your library ticket on every visit. Thank you for your patience at our busiest time and thank you all for supporting this year's challenge.

**Caroline, Jen and Anne at Radyr
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Merched y Wawr Bro Radur

Dwy chwaer sy'n enedigol o Aberystwyth oedd gwesteion y noson 'Brethyn Cartref' yng nghyfarfod y gangen Nos Fercher, Mehefin 4ydd. Bu Eira Williams ac Ann Williams yn byw, hyfforddi a gweithio yma yn y de-ddwyrain a dyma'r ddwy, flynyddoedd lawer yn ddiweddarach, wedi dychwelyd i'r ardal. Mae Eira a Gwilym yn byw ym Mhentyrch ac Ann hithau yn y brifddinas a'r ddwy chwaer yn achub ar y cyfle i fwynhau noson allan gyda'i gilydd yn y gangen bob mis [mae Eira yn aelod yng nghanen Y Garth hefyd]. Symudon nhw i fyw yn nes at eu plant: Heledd a Gwenan a Gethin yr wyr gan Eira a dau fab gan Ann, Aled a Meilir. Bu Irfon, gwr Ann, farw ddwy flynedd yn ôl.

Ymysg y 'darnau ohonof' ddaeth y ddwy i rannu gyda ni roedd lle amlwg i lyfr ABER Keith Morris gan mai yn Faenor Street, Aberystwyth y magwyd hwy. Roedd Capel Seilo yn gyfleus iawn, Aelwyd yr Urdd a glan y môr wrth gwrs! Gyda'u tad yn gysodydd yn y 'Cambrian News' câi'r plant 'Cymru' a'r 'Aelwyd' yn boeth o'r wasg. Cafodd 'Help Llaw' John Thomas ddefnydd cyson drwy gyfnod ysgol y chwiorydd. Roedd Eira a'i ffrind gorau, y diweddar Iona Jones (aelod selog yng nghanen Bro Radur), ym mharti cerdd dant Llinos, gwraig John Thomas. Roedd llawer o luniau diddorol yn cofnodi ymddangosiadau Eira ac Iona gyda grwp canu fu'n diddanu gwylwyr TWW. Yn 1952 roedd Iona ac Eira yn aelodau o'r ddawns flodau yn Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Aberystwyth. Pan ddychwelodd yr eisteddfod yn 1992, roedd Eira yn athrawes yn nhre ei magwraeth ac yn un o hyfforddwyr y ddawns flodau!

Nyrs oedd Ann a daeth ag amryw o eitemau diddorol gyda hi, yn eu mysg ffiguryn bach (un o gasgliad o tua 50!) o nyrs gyda'i chap gwyn, ffrog las, ffedog wen a'r gwregys hardd. Clywsom lawer o hanesion dwys, difyr a doniol gan Ann o'i chyfnod mewn ysbytai yng Nghaerdydd a Wrecsam, fel nyrs ardal, mewn adran 24 awr mân-ddamweiniau ysbytai cymunedol ac yn ola mewn meddygfa yn Rhuthun. Noson ddiddorol, ddifyr a phawb wedi mwynhau'r cyfle i wybod mwy am y ddwy chwaer. Dymuniadau gorau iddyn nhw yma yn ein mysg. Meri Griffiths



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TENOVUS SPONSORED WALK AND STRAWBERRY TEA

On Sunday, 29th June, some of the Radyr Friends of Tenovus prepared over a hundred Strawberry Teas, which included delicious scones all baked by Janet Boyce. The teas were served to sponsored walkers, local residents, families and friends at the New School Rooms. Many took the opportunity to enjoy their tea, al fresco, overlooking the lawn at Christchurch.

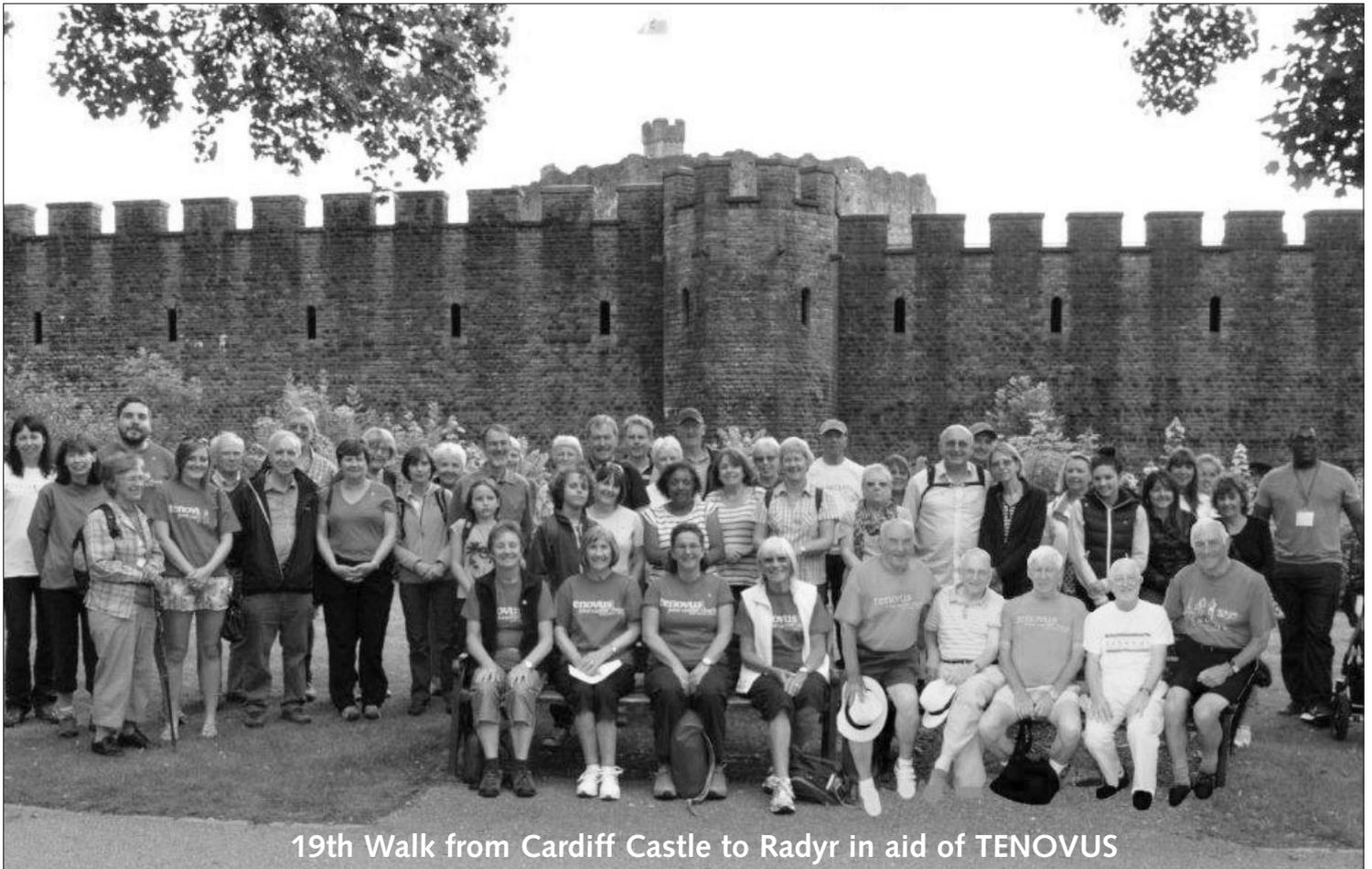
The photograph shows the sponsored walkers who met at Cardiff Castle and set off on the walk along the leafy Taff Trail to Radyr. All of the walkers were served cool refreshments at Hailey Park and then looked forward to their much deserved Strawberry Tea at the end of the walk. A number of other walkers, who were unable to walk on the day due to other duties, very kindly walked for Tenovus on Sunday, 22nd June. They also enjoyed tea at the New School Rooms.

Many grateful thanks go to all who helped to make the event so enjoyable and successful.

The next Tenovus event will be held on 9th October at Radyr Golf Club. Details will be on the Radyr village notice board and on the community website nearer the date. Your support for the Charity, which supports patients and their families across Wales would be very much appreciated. All are welcome.

For more information regarding the Friends of Tenovus Group or the Charity, please ring 2040 1872 or 2084 2096 or visit Tenovus.org.uk

B. Fitzgerald



19th Walk from Cardiff Castle to Radyr in aid of TENOVUS

HISTORY SOCIETY

The R&M Local History Society had a very successful visit to London in July when a coach load of Radyr residents visited the banqueting Suite in Whitehall; the last interior that Charles I saw as he stepped out of its windows onto a scaffold on which he was beheaded; and the Houses of Parliament.

The group was divided into three for the ninety minute tour of The House of Commons, the House of Lords, Westminster Hall and the various public rooms that make up the Palace of Westminster. Three excellent and

informative guides showed us around the Palace.

The next event is also a visit. On Thursday, 18th September, the Society will be visiting the newly restored Llanelli House. Many readers will remember Llanelli House as a leading Welsh contender in the Griff Rhys Jones programme Restoration. It is said to be a prime example of a Georgian town house. Any non members wishing to join the party, please contact Allan Cook on 2084 3176.

The first of the autumn talks will be given by Professor Angela John on Lady Rhondda 1883-1958. Lady Rhondda

became a leading member of the Women's Social and Political Union – the Suffragettes – for whom she worked tirelessly. With the outbreak of WW1 she accepted work from the Lloyd George Government and went to the USA to arrange armaments. She was returning from the USA when the ship on which she was travelling, the Lusitania, was torpedoed by a German U-boat. On her father's death she attempted, unsuccessfully, to sit in the House of Lords, a right denied to women until some months after her death.

Angela John's talk will be at the Old Church Rooms on Thursday, 9th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Countdown to a Planning Disaster

- Cardiff Council approved the LDP on 26th June. Local County Councillors Rod McKerlich, Graham Thomas and Craig Williams all spoke against this and made the strong points articulated by local residents and the North West Cardiff Group (NWCG).
- Cardiff ignored all concerns and suggestions made by R&MCC and the NWCG, which represents 24,000+ Cardiff residents in R&M, Pentyrch, Creigiau, St Fagans, Llandaff, Gwaelod y Garth and Danescourt.
- The LDP goes before the Welsh Government's Inspector between January and March 2015, with the Report due in August and the LDP expected to come into force in October 2015.

We have worked hard on your behalf for the last 5 years. R&MCC, alone and as part of the NWCG, has submitted responses on time at every stage of the process. The many, many documents can be accessed on the R&M website. We have lobbied Mark Drakeford AM, Kevin Brennan MP and Roger Lewis, Chairman of the Cardiff Capital Region Board (which is responsible for delivering the Metro). All have said they agreed with us. Cllr Patel (the latest of several Cardiff Councillors responsible for delivering the LDP) does not.

We say:

There is no credible plan to cope with the demand for travel from over 11,000 houses (16,500 cars?) creating a place the size of Carmarthen on green fields and woodland between St Fagan's, Danescourt, Radyr and Creigiau.

The assumptions Cardiff have made about the way people will travel from the new developments are ludicrous. Would you be prepared to cycle down Llantrisant Road in the rush hour to get on an overcrowded train at Radyr? Not even the residents of Lychgate Gardens cycle to the station.

We are not against sustainable development, but what is proposed in the LDP is not sustainable.

We have written to Cardiff's Cabinet members in the hope that they would amend the LDP to meet our concerns. They refused.

Congestion and air pollution in NW Cardiff, particularly Llandaff, Fairwater and Canton, will be intolerable if development is not managed properly.

We have consistently argued for transport and other infrastructure to be built in advance of development, but to no avail.

A tidal wave of major applications from house-builders is now hitting Cardiff before the LDP is adopted. Separate developments outside the LDP risk creating suburban sprawl that will benefit only the developers and not the people of Cardiff. Developers are already trying to increase housing numbers beyond the LDP's allocations. We need more houses and an LDP, yes, but not at any cost!

What is our alternative?

We have joined with Cardiff Civic Society who have made a very sound proposal to integrate the LDP with the Cardiff Metro, linking Cardiff with emerging communities in Llantrisant and beyond. It would also prevent a huge amount of money (from increased land values) leaving Wales, and provide a framework for the formation of proper future Communities.

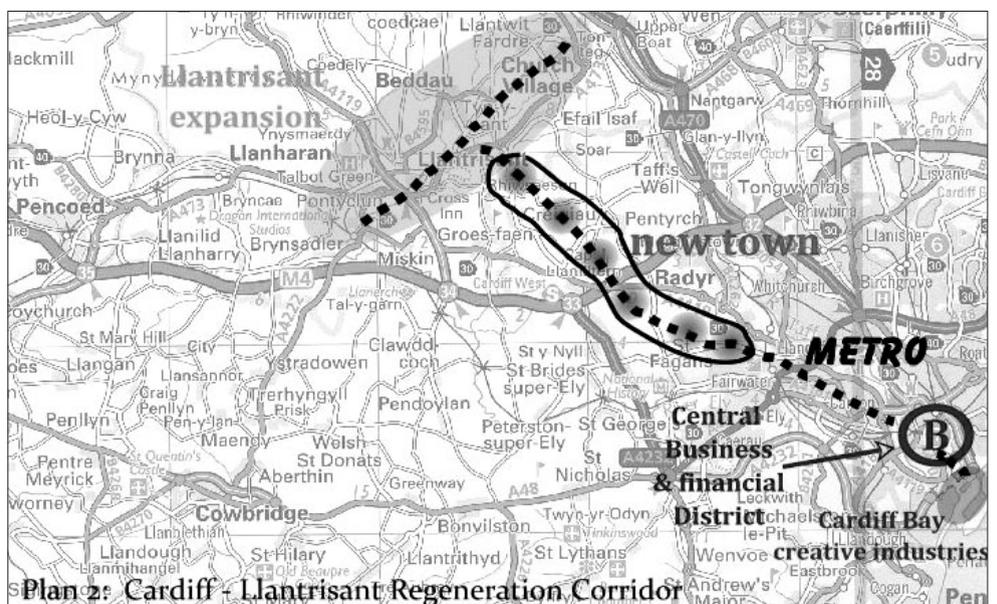
The details are:

- Cardiff Council should define areas for development in partnership with the Welsh Government and Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- Compulsory purchase of the land will keep hundreds of millions of pounds in Wales to help pay for infrastructure, including the Metro.
- This could pioneer a 21st century version of the garden city: high density communities clustered around Metro stations on the line from western Cardiff to growth areas around Llantrisant but physically separated from each other by extensive public 'gardens' in the form of parks or recreational facilities.

Cardiff says this is not possible and that landowners would object to compulsory land purchase! We say this plan is in the public interest and the LDP is not. The Welsh Government could take this action.

We are not NIMBIES. We recognise that Cardiff needs more housing and that NW Cardiff is an inevitable target area. However, housing which worsens transport problems will not be good for new or existing residents nor for Cardiff, and not even for SE Wales. The only real beneficiaries are the owners of the land and the developers who together stand to make over a billion pounds out of planning gain.

We cannot stand back and watch our capital city ruined. We want to



change the future of Cardiff and SE Wales for the better. We will continue to argue for an amended LDP and will make that argument to the Inspector.

Will you join us?

Can you help?

The time for formal submissions to Cardiff Council has passed. They have not listened to us. We need to take back the initiative to prevent the impending disaster.

If you have relevant specialist knowledge, contacts or would like to help please contact:

- Helena Fox on 20842213 or clerk@radyr.org.uk
- Cllr Rod McKerlich on 20843106 or RMcKerlich@cardiff.gov.uk
- Join our LDP Soapbox discussion on www.radyr.org.uk
- Sign our petition to delay development in NW Cardiff on Change.org by linking from our website www.radyr.org.uk or the R&M Hub Facebook page.



Helena Fox
Clerk to R&MCC

make the
difference



Cardiff Debate Sgwrs Caerdydd



Be part of the Cardiff Debate and help make a difference.

The **Cardiff Debate** will take place over the next 3 years and will involve local people and communities in conversations that will shape the future of public services in Cardiff.

The public and third sectors face significant pressures both in terms of reduced budgets and growing demand for services. That means we need to all work together and find ways of doing things differently.

We will hold these conversations by visiting local areas and discussing priorities for the city, as well as encouraging these conversations to happen online via social media.

To find out more:
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A Drop-In Workshop is to be held in the Old Church Rooms, Radyr, on Wednesday 20th August from 1.30pm to 4.00pm as part of the Cardiff Debate

Visit our website:
www.cardiffdebate.co.uk
or email us at:
cardiffdebate@cardiff.gov.uk





Vintage Gem

To the the residents of Radyr and Morganstown

As you may now know, we at Vintage Gem have relocated from Station Road to our new premises in Taffs Well. We took the decision to relocate simply because we had outgrown our little shop. We now have the space to display larger items and we can run our furniture painting courses, craft workshops and events all in one place.

It has not been an easy time for small businesses in the area, with the restaurant closures and the reduction in business hours at the Bank having a big affect on footfall in the village, so we have truely appreciated and valued your support. We have met a lot of lovely people in our time here, made some wonderful friends and have lots of great memories to take with us. We hope that

you will visit us in our new premises and also that you will continue to support your small local businesses in the area.

Our new address is Garth Works Industrial Estate, Unit C3a, Taffs Well,

CF15 7RN. We are opposite Taffs Well Train Station in front of the Forge Masters.

Kindest regards, Pat and Gem



Radyr, Morganstown and District Gardening Club

The current warm spell should see us sitting admiring the results of work put into the garden in Spring; although the garden is coming to its peak there is always something to be done, light pruning and continued dead heading of flowering plants should help to maintain baskets, pots and borders in a tidy condition and ensure that we can enjoy them over a longer flowering period. It is at this time of the year that the Committee endeavours to put together a programme, for the forthcoming winter season, that will build on the success of the previous year and give inspiration when you come along to a Gardening Club meeting.

Our 2013/14 winter programme finished on 9th April with the club AGM; the current Committee was re-elected although Chris Somerford stepped down as Secretary and her place has been taken by Linda Turner. The AGM was followed by an illustrated talk by Sue Duffield on the Gardens of Tresco and the Scillies when she introduced many of the gardens and the wide range of plants growing on the Scilly Isles.

In May, 30 club members and friends visited the gardens at Aberglasney. Joseph Atkin, head gardener, has spoken to the club on previous occasions and we took up an open invitation to visit the gardens and be given a guided tour by Joseph looking at recent developments and planting as well as hearing of his hopes for the future. A warm and dry day contributed to a day out enjoyed by all.

2014/15 is the Club's 25th season and we will be hoping to be able to mark this in some way. As part of this your Committee is working to put together an interesting and unusual programme of talks covering gardens large and small,

mysterious and imagined. The programme has yet to be finalised and will be published in the "Chain", the Radyr web site and Village notice boards when completed.

Our programme starts in September:

September 10th – "Cefn Onn" with Rosie James. Rosie James' illustrated talk will cover the history of Cefn Onn, the planting and ongoing developments.

Full details of this talk and the rest of the programme will be published once the programme is finalised.

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.

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. You don't have to know the Latin names of plants or have green fingers to come to a meeting; few of our members would claim to be experts. We just 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 Church Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

Please see Village notice boards and Radyr web site (www.radyr.org.uk) for programme details and any changes or contact any committee member or our Chairman - Richard Gregory (029 20842084)

Readers may not be aware that the article in the last issue about Dementia was written by Mr. Mark Drakeford our A.M.

GEORGE THOMAS HOSPICE CARE

RADYR LADIES CANAPE LUNCH

On Sunday, 22nd June 2014, Radyr Ladies Committee of George Thomas Hospice Care held a Canapé Lunch at 15 Park Road. It was a glorious day weatherwise and the garden was put to very good use. Wine and canapés were enjoyed by all, with a Raffle at the end of the afternoon.

Thanks to all the good people of Radyr, we made the fantastic sum of £1,400. A cheque for that amount has been given and the Hospice are delighted. Thank you to all our Committee who worked so hard and to all of you who supported us.

Pam Williams



Mick Sullivan, President of Imaging 2000, presenting the Festival trophy to Adrian Hopkins, the winner of the 2014 Festival Photographic Competition. Unfortunately Adrian was on holiday on the day of the competition at the Old Church Rooms on the 3rd of May.

Festival Literary Competition 2014 -

During this year's Festival, R&MCC sponsored its second literary competition for all primary school and Year 7 Radyr Comprehensive School children living in R&M. The theme was *This Sporting Life*, to match the Festival Parade, and the work was judged by Caroline Noall of Radyr Library, Allan Cook of the Festival Committee and Caroline Fowler, Head of Year 7 at Radyr Comprehensive School. We thank the judges for giving their time and expertise so generously.

The competition was a great success with six entries per year group in each primary school and three for each Y7 house from Radyr Comprehensive going forward for final judging. The judges were most impressed with the standard of work. R&MCC donated a handsome glass trophy to each school to award to their overall winners and donated book tokens for each year group with gifts for the runners-up. The winning entries were put on display in Radyr Library where many local people could enjoy them and be proud of our children's achievements. We will be running the competition every year from now on.

Bryn Deri Primary School's Y6 winner says:

"I was really interested in the theme for this year's Festival as I am very keen on sport. I decided to base my poem on Usain Bolt as he inspires me. He has shown everyone that the impossible is possible. He is a real champion. I watched him sprinting in the Olympics and pictured myself as him. How would I have felt? I imagined how he would have felt through all the stages of the race. At the end I thought I would add a twist in the poem. I wrote it as though Usain Bolt hadn't won the race to make my poem more original. I tried to make the reader think Usain Bolt had perhaps fallen over at the end and lost the race."

Sophie Thomas

Radyr Primary School's Y6 winner says:

"First I chose my favourite sport, which is dance and started to think of some ideas of not just making it about doing a trick or a dance. I used the person's feelings to make it different. This isn't a personal experience but this has happened to other people and I thought it would maybe have an effect on people who might be going through this. The message is basically if people are saying you can't do it just ignore it and believe in yourself. Then I thought of good adjectives, similes and metaphors and put it all together to make my poem. I was very surprised to have my poem take 1st place. I was very pleased and glad I took part"

Mia O'Connor



Radyr Primary School Year Group Winners



Bryn Deri Primary School Year Group Winners and Runners Up



Radyr Comprehensive School winner

Radyr Comprehensive School's Y7 winner says:

"I was thrilled when I found out that I had won the poem competition. I really wasn't expecting it. My experience of writing this poem was great. I tried my best and in the end it all paid off. The trophy that I won is amazing and looks so cool. When I was writing this poem, I was thinking of different sports and what

happens in a sporting life, which was what the poem was about. I wrote three drafts of my poem and then decided which one I liked the most. I am so privileged to have won this competition."

Jack Cox

With thanks to Mick Sullivan and Roger Phillips for the photographs.



Presentation of cheque to LATCH

The cheque for £7500 is presented on behalf of the whole village who have contributed in various ways to LATCH. This includes the following organisations - R&M Association (Festival), Bryn Deri School, Radyr Primary School, Radyr Cricket Club, Radyr Rangers, The WI, Christ Church, Morganstown Village Hall, Ty Gwyn Farm, Imaging 2000, Cardiff Morris Dancers, shops and various charitable stall holders. A further large payment is going to be made by Radyr Golf Club in October at their presentation night. Well done Radyr and Morganstown!

Only Kids Aloud return from Cape Town...



Jack Cox, Morganstown (soloist)

"I just wanted to say I had an amazing experience in Cape Town, it was great. It was thrilling to sing in front of thousands of people especially if your singing a solo. I was so glad when I found out that I had got the solo because I knew the experience would be amazing and you also get a lot of praise which is good. I really liked Bryn Terfel his voice is amazing and the conductor was a very nice man. The choir behind us were very loud and were very exiting to listen to. My favourite song out of all of them was Invictus the sound of the drum was so loud you could feel the beat pounding the stage under your feet. The flights were ok apart from the last one. Thats the only thing that I'm going to forget. Robben Island was great, it was fascinating to see Nelson Mandela's cell and what it was like to live there. The penguins were very funny the way that they all waddled along, they were very cute as well. So yeah I had a fantastic time in Cape Town I wish we could have stayed longer."