

Before moving to Radyr in 1978 we (Wyn, Anne-Marie, Andrew, Rachel and Laurence Phillips) lived on The Common in Pontypridd.

One Sunday at St. Catherine's Church, the late Canon Payne appealed us to consider housing an overseas student from the Polytechnic of Glamorgan. That year they had accepted too many students for whom there was no accommodation. We took a young man from Saudi Arabia for one academic year. Ibrahim Ahmad was charming, well mannered and most appreciative.

To our surprise and delight, forty one years later, we received emails from Helena Fox (Clerk to R&MCC) and Mary & Bob Pearce (Editors) telling us they had received an email from Ibrahim in his bid to locate us. To our knowledge he had not known we were moving to Radyr and he

A happy reunion 41 years later!



had moved to London. He had actually returned to our Pontypridd home searching for us. Anyhow, we replied to his emails and as he and his family were flying to Britain on holiday and we were in Warwickshire at the time, we had a wonderful reunion.

We must thank the web network and the worldwide power of *The Radyr Chain!*

The photo shows us with Ibrahim, his wife, three sons and daughter-in-law.

Anne-Marie and Wyn Phillips

Winter Cub Camp 2015

Picking the kids up from school you could feel (and hear) the excitement as the Cubs collaborated as to their up and coming adventures at Cub Camp. The anticipation was palpable. I could only smile at the thought of the weekend ahead and began to wonder what on earth I had let myself in for! As we arrived at camp all the cubs were dashing to their dorms with their rucksacks, sleeping bags and pillows in tow. Beds were bagged, parents were packed off and cubs were gathered together for their 'camp rules' talk given by Raksha.

With formalities out of the way, the fun was about to

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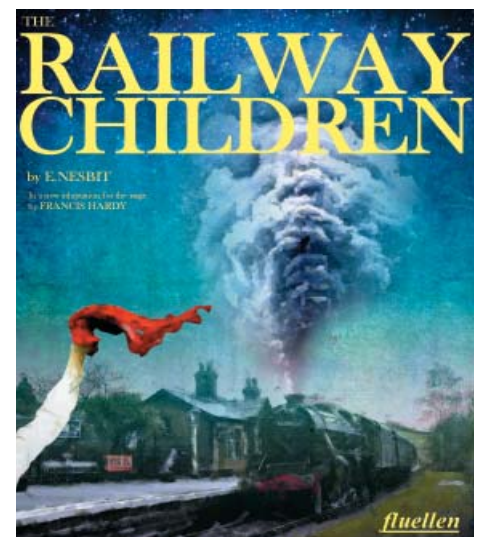
The Radyr & Morganstown Association is delighted to announce that Swansea based Fluellen Theatre Company's 2015 Christmas offering, *The Railway Children* will be steaming into Morganstown Village Hall.

Edith Nesbit's much-loved novel was a great success when it was first published in 1906 and achieved even more renown when famously filmed by Lionel Jeffries in 1970. It tells the story of an Edwardian family who, when father is wrongly imprisoned for

spying, have to move from their comfortable suburban house to a cottage in the country. It is situated near a railway line and the three children, Roberta, Phyllis and Peter spend much time watching the trains go by. Their interest in the railway leads them into many exciting adventures before the story comes to a memorable and heart-warming end.

Peter Richards, Fluellen's Artistic Director and writer Francis Hardy, team up again to provide the pre-Christmas fare and Peter believes that this is the most difficult one to stage yet. "The steam train is such an

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RADYR CHAIN

Number 220

Free to every home in Radyr and Morganstown

October 2015



Presentation of the Queen's Award



At a presentation ceremony on 14th September at the Old Church Rooms, the Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck, presented the Radyr and Morganstown Association with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

The presentation was attended by the Lord Lieutenant and his wife and a number of guests, Mark Drakeford our AM, Antonia Wigley a Vice President of the RMA, Julia Hallinan the Chair of RMCC, Rod Mc Kerlich our County

Councillor and Marion Drake. Many long time members of the RMA were also in the audience.

This unique UK national honour was created over a decade ago by Her Majesty The Queen to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and to recognise the outstanding contributions that groups of volunteers make to local communities. It has an equivalent status for voluntary groups as the MBE has for individuals. So it is fantastic that the Association have



been recognised this way.

A certificate signed by Her Majesty the Queen was presented to the Chair of the RMA, David Silver, along with the award. The citation for the award reads "Providing a social framework for a growing Community, making Radyr & Morganstown a great place to live and work, and fund raising for an annual Charity."

After a few short speeches a small reception was held for those attending the ceremony.

RADYR MEDICAL CENTRE APPOINTMENT SYSTEM IS CHANGING

From **Monday 7th September 2015** our system will change, improving access to PRE-BOOKED appointments.

The biggest changes are:

1. 'Book-on-the-day' appointments will be reserved for **URGENT** matters only,
2. The On-Call GP will be assisted by a specially trained Nurse,
3. Routine appointments will be pre-bookable with 72 hours notice.

EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS (SAME DAY)

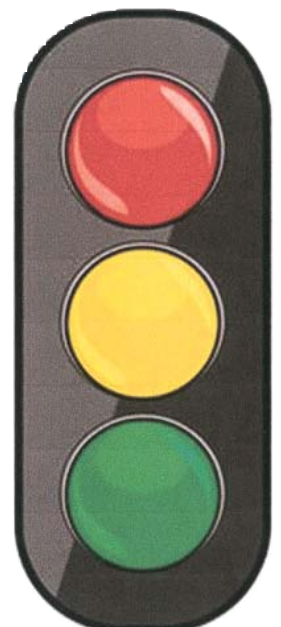
For **urgent** matters only. One duty Doctor and one minor-illness trained Nurse available daily. You will be seen by the most appropriate team member.

72 HOUR NOTICE APPOINTMENTS

For less urgent or routine matters. Appointments bookable up to 72 hours in advance.

PLANNED REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Availability will remain unchanged. Appointments can be booked up to 4 weeks in advance.



For more information about this, and how to register for a "My Health Online" Account please visit our **NEW WEBSITE** www.radyrmedicalcentre.nhs.uk

COMING EVENTS



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

October

- 7 Pilates class, The Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Cost £5 Beginners very welcome Mats available. Contact Alyson on 07548 185319 if you want more details 9.30am
- 12 Radr & Morganstown WI Elizabeth Fry, talk by Marion Rushton. OCR 7.30pm
- 14 Pilates class, The Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Cost £5 Beginners very welcome Mats available. Contact Alyson on 07548 185319 if you want more details 9.30am
- 14 Tenovus Coffee Morning. Sale of Christmas cards, cakes etc Raffle. For tickets please ring 20843108 10.30am
- 14 RCTS - The Railway Society Train spotting from 1949 to 1961 : David Maidment, founder of The Railway Children Charity. Methodist Church, Windsor Road 7.30pm
- 14 Radr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club, "Ralph Hancock - Welsh Garden Genius" an illustrated talk by Bob Priddle New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. For more information see Village Notice Boards, Web site or contact Richard Gregory (02920842084) 7.30pm
- 15 R&MCC Monthly Meeting 7.30pm
- 15 R&M History Society. The first of the R&M History Society winter talks will be PAINTINGS, PHOTOS AND FURNACES. A talk by Robert Protheroe Jones, of the National Museum of Wales about the visual references we have to our industrial background. All are welcome. 7.30pm
- 21 Pilates Class. The Guide Centre, Bryn Derwen. Cost £5 Beginners very welcome Mats available Contact Alyson on 07548 185319 if you want more details 9.30am
- 22 Film Night. Showing by the R&M Association of 'Royal Night Out' in the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4 from ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins, 2084 2561 and Allan Cook, 2084 3176. For full details and on-line sales go to rma.ticketsource.co.uk 7.30pm
- 31 Charities' Fair and Coffee Morning. Radr Methodist Church, Windsor Road, Radr CF15 8BP 10 am - 12 noon Please support our popular, annual Charities' Fair. Buy Christmas Cards/ Gifts from many Charities Enjoy a coffee/tea and chat 10.00am

November

- 9 Radr & Morganstown WI. GI's in Cardiff and South Wales during WW2 - talk by Glenn Booker. OCR 7.30pm
- 11 RCTS - The Railway Society. Train Travel Discoveries Overseas - North America 1978-2000 & France in Steam Days : John Davies Methodist Church, Windsor Road 7.30pm
- 11 Radr, Morganstown & District Gardening Club "Reduce, Reuse & Recycle" an illustrated talk by Aisling Judge. New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf. For more information see Village Notice Boards, Web site or contact Richard Gregory (02920842084) 7.30pm
- 12 NSPCC coffee morning to be held at Radr Golf Club. Cakes, tombola, jewellery, raffle. Tickets £2 10.30am
- 12 R&M History Society. THE JENKINS CUP. Those of you who have visited the National Museum will probably have passed the large urn that looks like a garden ornament, many times. But what is it and what is its history? Chris Dale will answer all your questions and some you haven't thought about. All are welcome. 7.30pm
- 16 R&M ASSOCIATION General Meeting. Old Church Rooms. Our speaker will be Judith Hall from Cardiff University School of medicine. All welcome. 7.30pm
- 19 R&MCC Monthly Meeting 7.30pm
- 20 THE RAILWAY CHILDREN. The Radr and Morganstown Association. All aboard. Fluellen's theatrical adaptation of E.Nesbit's delightful novel, The Railway Children, will steam into Morganstown Village Hall on Friday 20th November Tickets £9, Concessions £8. Those in full time education £6. From ener-chi Station Road, Radr, Allan Cook 20 843 176, Nick Hawkins 20 842 561 or www.rma.ticketsource.co.uk 7.00pm
- 26 Film Night. Showing by the R&M Association of 'Mr Holmes' in the Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4 from ener-chi in Station Road, Nick Hawkins, 2084 2561 and Allan Cook, 2084 3176. For full details and on-line sales go to rma.ticketsource.co.uk 7.30pm
- 26-28 RDS Production Radr Drama Society are performing 'Bonaventure' by Charlotte Hastings, in Morganstown Village Hall 7.30pm
- 28 Parish of Radr. Get ready for Christmas. Christchurch. 11.00am - 2.00pm

December

- 5 Twinning Fellowship Christmas event. Dine and be entertained by Karl Daymond and his Christmas Show. Further details to follow. 7.30pm
- 5 Radr and Morganstown Choral Society Concert Vivaldi's Gloria and a Feast of Advent Music, Christchurch More details to follow 7.30pm

- 9 RCTS - The Railway Society. Rails in the Rhymney Valley 1980 - 2010 Jeff Morgan Methodist Church, Windsor Road 7.30pm
- 14 Radr & Morganstown WI Christmas celebration evening. OCR 7.30pm

DO YOU WISH TO SEND GREETINGS TO FAMILY & FRIENDS THIS CHRISTMAS?

Why not use Scouts Christmas Post 2015

Once again Radr Scouts are providing the opportunity for you to send Christmas Greetings through the Scout Post to family and friends living in the **Cardiff and Vale areas**. If you wish to support scouting in Radr and Morganstown, please purchase your scout post stamps from the local area outlets:

**PUGH'S GARDEN CENTRE,
MORGANSTOWN
P'ZAZZ HAIR DESIGNERS,
CASTLE COURT, CAER GRAIG
SOLO HAIR & BEAUTY, 1A
SPRINGFIELD GARDENS,
MORGANSTOWN
RADYR LIBRARY, PARK ROAD
ENER-CHI, STATION ROAD
SECTION LEADERS & MEMBERS
OF RADYR SCOUT GROUP**

We are grateful to these local businesses that support scouting in Radr and Morganstown by selling stamps during such a busy period.

Can I thank all those people who have supported Scout Christmas Post in the past. By purchasing your stamps locally, you are providing the Radr scout group with its largest source of fund raising during the year.

Leaflets giving information on Scout Post 2015 will be delivered to your door at the beginning of November. Stamps will be available at the local outlets from the start of November.

Please note that scout post greetings will only be delivered to the Cardiff and Vale areas indicated in the scout post 2015 leaflet.

The last day for posting this year is **Monday, 7th December, 2015.**

Please use the post boxes provided at the above outlets and the scout hall.

The price of the scout post stamp is 25p again this year.

Be prepared to post early and save money by using SCOUT POST 2015.

JBT

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

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THE RAILWAY CHILDREN

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important character in the story", he says "And, of course, they are quite hard to come by, let alone squeeze into a theatre, particularly as we are staging the play "in-the-round". We did audition a few, but none of them came up to our high standards, so we have decided to use theatrical methods instead".

Lighting, sound (and smoke too) will all be working overtime to tell the exciting story. The three children will be played by three outstanding young actors and nearly all the elements that made Edith Nesbit's evergreen story so popular are incorporated into Francis Hardy's brand new adaptation. "As with all our adaptations", says Peter, "we stay as faithful to the original as we possibly can".

Many readers will be familiar with Swansea's Fluellen Theatre Company; this professional company have brought such popular favourites to Morganstown as **The Odd Couple**, **Under Milk Wood** and **The Corn is Green**.

Running at approximately 90 minutes (plus interval) **The Railway Children** is great entertainment for children from 6 to 106.

The Railway Children will steam into Morganstown Village Hall on Friday, 20th November at 7pm directly from a run at Swansea's Grand Theatre. Tickets £9, £8. (concessions) and £6. (for those in full-time education) can be obtained from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr; Nick Hawkins 2084 2561; Allan Cook 2084 3176 or online from www.rma.ticketsource.com

Charities Fair & Coffee Morning

at
Radyr Methodist Church
Saturday 31st October
10am - 12 noon

entrance £1.50

(to include refreshments)
Proceeds to Christian Aid

Come and buy your charity Christmas cards, Scout Stamps, Traidcraft gifts and more.

BORED WITH WINTER MONTHS?

COME AND JOIN

Radyr and Morganstown Indoor mixed bowls club

(lads and lasses)

2015/16 season started on 16th September

We meet at Morganstown Village Hall
Two sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays
Afternoon 2 – 6pm and evening 6 – 10pm
But you can choose when you come, no obligation



We have friendly matches with other clubs, competitions,

Special afternoons and evenings, fun sessions
BUT MAINLY JUST TO ENJOY OURSELVES
YOU DO NOT NEED PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Or any special gear until you decide its for you
(no age barriers)



Don't stay at home and be miserable, come and learn a new skill and laugh at the same time – you never know **YOU** could be our next **CHAMPION!**

INTERESTED? Contact our secretary, Jerry Bray
029 2084 3387 email: jerry.bray41@gmail.com
or simply wander down to the Village Hall and be captivated!

Dear Editors,

Please may I use the Radyr Chain to express my thanks for all the good wishes, cards and gifts that I have received on my recent retirement as a teacher from Radyr Primary School.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Governors, staff, parents and children (both past and present) for their support and friendship over the last 29 years. It has been a privilege and so very rewarding to teach so many wonderful children and to live in the community for nearly half of my life.

My final week, which I thought would be a huge challenge, was made very pleasurable with a tea party and a final Leavers concert and assembly. The messages and many cards of good wishes were humbling to receive and I treasure them all.

Diolch yn fawr iawn.

Hwyl. Jeanette Pryce Morris

RADYR FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Venue: The New School Rooms, Heol Isaf, Radyr

Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm

Membership Fee: £20.00

Lunch: £6.50. Talk only: £2.00

Autumn Programme 2015

6th October: Crime & Punishment
Norma Craggs & John Eynon

13th October: Life in Thailand
John Richardson

20th October: The Story & History of Flatholm, Peter Sampson

27th October: Half Term

3rd November: Trip

10th November: Going! Going! Gone!
Yvonne Rees

17th November: Tails to Tales
Roy Gee

24th November: Day Trips Out (Audio Visual), Mike Sullivan

1st December: Cut to the Heart
Iris Owens

8th December: Christmas Party
Jan Price

Next Term begins on
12 January, 2016

Telephone Number 2084 2461 or
20552610

Winter Cub Camp 2015

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start, all the cubs were gathered together, counted and marched out for a night time walk in the countryside. The Cubs imagination showed no boundaries – we could have been anywhere from Narnia to the African Rain Forest – with creatures waiting to pounce round every corner! Amazing how a simple night time walk can turn into such a big adventure.

Cub Camp night time 'routine' is an experience to behold. For the Cubs, hot chocolate is absolutely mandatory as is staying up as long as is physically possible. I'm not sure what time the leaders finally got to sleep that night but it didn't seem to phase them in the slightest. In fact it all seemed like water off a ducks back to them!

The Cubs were woken up to a lovely cooked breakfast and a full programme of 'round robin' activities, which included: making a camp fire (and cooking on it!) Tent Building, crate climbing, Knot tying, treasure hunt and not forgetting a fun archery game that we all enjoyed.

The evening came around too quickly and at around 8pm – after a lovely Bolognese – I was ready to have a nice hot shower and relax, yea right!! We gather up the cubs (after their mandatory hot chocolate) wrap them up nice and warm and head out to meet the Scout group for a few songs around the camp fire. I have to say at this point how lucky I felt being part of this group and how proud I was of all the Cubs. It was also fantastic that we were able to get the scouts and cubs together and learn a few new songs, which I think we all enjoyed in our own way.

With not a cloud in the sky, the evening was finished off with the cubs shouting out the constellations and



enjoying another evening walk back to base, safe to say that the cubs were going to sleep well tonight!!

At breakfast we were greeted by remnants of songs from the night before. I will forever remember the sentiment of the song of the "bird with the yellow bill" and the delightfully catchy tune of the shark song.

The final day was spent finishing off the round robin activities, the cubs took part with eager enthusiasm, using their new found skills to help achieve their goals, for example using the basic clove hitch to more complicated knots enabling them to put together and create their own tent designs.

My personal favourite was the crate stacking, for this activity many of the Cubs had to overcome their fear of heights and had to work as a team to get as high as they could before the crates came crashing down – whilst they were left dangling over the carnage of fallen crates! Great adrenaline fun!

The weekend was full of camaraderie but it was also fundamentally a true learning experience in a Group that is second to none – Scouts.

The lowering of the Flag marked the end of Camp, we all left exhilarated, exhausted and smelling like bonfire! Roll on summer camp.

Amanda Beadle (Messua)
A Thursday Cubs Leader



CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

[Easy chicken recipe, quickly prepared]

Pasta with Chicken, Tomatoes and Basil

Serves 4

- 200g (7oz) pasta
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 10g (1/2 oz) butter
- 1 small onion finely chopped
- 25g (1oz) pine kernels
- 2 boneless chicken breasts cut into fine strips
- 50g (2oz) sun dried tomatoes, drained and sliced
- 150ml (1/4 pint) chicken stock
- 150ml (1/4 pint) crème fraiche
- 25g (1oz) freshly grated Parmesan
- Seasoning
- 2 tbs shredded basil leaves

Heat butter and oil in large frying pan

Sauté onion and pine kernels for five minutes

Add chicken strips

Cook further 5 minutes stirring occasionally

Add tomatoes and cook for two minutes

Add stock and bring to boil

Stir in crème fraiche and Parmesan

Season to taste

Cook chosen pasta

Drain and toss into sauce

Add fresh basil

A.M.P.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED TO VISIT THE ISOLATED ELDERLY

AgeConnects (the new name for Age Concern in Cardiff) is seeking additional volunteers for the next phase of its Health and Active Project (HAP) across the city, including in **Radyr, Morganstown and Danescourt**. The project aims to reduce the social isolation of elderly people who live alone (or as a carer) and who have few visitors, if any. The scale of the problem is growing all the time for a number of reasons e.g. demographic change as life expectancy is rising so fast, changes in family structures, location and work patterns, illness, disability etc. For these reasons, the level of demand is likely to continue to rise so we need more volunteers to meet that demand.

The HAP project is city-wide and we currently have a waiting list of clients in all areas waiting to be matched with a volunteer. The commitment which we are seeking at AgeConnects is for volunteers to visit an elderly client as a befriender for up to two hours a week on average. There is no element of personal care, assistance with medication, cleaning, washing or food preparation involved. Although most of our clients are unable to go out, a few are physically and psychologically able and keen to do so. Therefore, some of our volunteers take their clients out for a coffee or to the supermarket or the local park just so that the client can enjoy a change of scenery, get some fresh air and feel less of a prisoner within their own home.

The feedback which we have received from clients already on the scheme and therefore having regular visits from a volunteer has been very positive. Isolation and loneliness in the elderly can be an additional burden when people are already at a vulnerable stage in their lives. They can contribute to poor health and depression. Social contact with an interested member of their own or a nearby community can really make a difference. One lady in Radyr who was very isolated before she met her volunteer this Spring talks of "having a new lease of life" and enjoys her weekly trips to the coffee shop at a well-known local garden centre. Her volunteer reports that she puts a CD on in the car and that her client then sings her heart out!

We are not looking for any qualifications or specific experience in our volunteers: simply the desire to make a contribution to the community of a couple of hours a

week. There is an induction procedure to make sure volunteers have the information they need before they start and ongoing support from the Volunteer Manager who would also be happy to talk to anyone who was thinking about becoming a volunteer if they had any questions. You can use the number below.

COULD YOU GIVE UP TO TWO HOURS A WEEK TO AN ISOLATED OLDER PERSON IN YOUR COMMUNITY? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO?

Please phone Jo King on 029 2224 00030
Or email hap@ageconnectscardiff.org.uk

Treforgan Womens' Institute

Treforgan WI had a busy summer. We've been learning, exploring and celebrating. At our July meeting we were inspired by Avril Holder with her spinning, weaving and dyeing. Eco dyeing cloth using flowers and a hammer has definitely got to go on the 'must try' list!"

With the sun trying to show its face we have been out and about. From exploring the gentle delights of Highgrove with its beautiful gardens and cuisine, to the industrial heritage of Blaenavon. Our trip to Blaenavon was inspired by our March meeting when the owner of the Blaenavon Cheese Company, Susan Flanders-Woodhouse, came to tell us about how they flavour Welsh-made cheese and then mature it in Big Pit. One tasting session and we were hooked and so it was with great salivation that we returned for more! Despite a full day exploring Blaenavon, its Ironworks and unique landscape, we were left still wanting to come back to see more.

On a local level in August, Allan Cook took us for a fascinating walk around Gwaelod-y-Garth looking at its history. This was of course followed up in typical WI fashion, with tea, cake and just a little fizz. The National Federation of WIs celebrated its 100th anniversary this year, so champagne was a must!

With Autumn here we have more entertainment planned. It will range from "The weird wills of the rich and famous", to hearing about the Bluebell Girls. Treforgan WI meets at 1.15pm on the third Thursday of the month at Morganstown Village Hall. Visitors welcome. For more information, look us up on Facebook.

Radyr Library

We had a very busy summer at Radyr Library with more than 500 children signing up to the reading challenge and more than 1000 people coming along to our special summer events. Very well done to everyone who completed their challenge and we hope you had fun! Anna will be visiting local primary schools this month with medals and certificates for pupils who read all six books.

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate book themed bunting for Cardiff Libraries. We created a mammoth 274.21 metres (904.893 feet) of bunting – that's three times the height of the Millennium Stadium!

Story times for under 5s have restarted and you can join us for stories, singing and crafts in English every Tuesday at 10.15am and 2.15pm. If you would like to attend an under 5s story time in Welsh please come along to Amser Stori on Wednesdays at 10.30 for stories, singing and crafts run by Menter Caerdydd.

Visit the library from 13th-27th October to see a display in the library – 'From source to sea' – created by Jenni Ashworth showing the old canal route in photographs and with information about the route.

Cardiff Libraries also have an online library accessible from home via our website www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraries. You can renew, reserve and request books as well as use our online resources. We provide free access to Theory Test Pro (for those learning to drive), Britannica (for homework help) and News bank (for back copies of newspapers) and much more. You can also find free downloadable eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks. Visit our website or ask at the library for more information. If you have a laptop, smartphone or tablet that you would like some support or advice using then call, email or visit the library to book a 1 to 1 help session.

If you would like to donate to a Cardiff Food Bank, we have a collection point. We also have a list of the foods they need that you can check before you donate.

Don't forget you can still collect your recycling bags at the library. Just ask at the staff desk and you can collect 1 roll of food and recycling bags per household. If you have any old household batteries you can drop them off in our BatteryBack box to be recycled.

As always we have lots of books available too for you to borrow but if you can't find what you're looking for just ask and we'll be happy to try and get it in for you.

Enjoy your Autumn.

Anna, Jen and Anne at Radyr Library
2078 0996 radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk

News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

After the dreadful summer weather throughout August, our new Autumn term began on Monday, 14th September. The meeting was held in Christchurch New Church Rooms as the Garth room is still being refurbished. Our speaker for the evening was Marian Rushton whose topic was the life and work of Elizabeth Fry, famous for her work in prison reform. The presentation followed the format of an interview. Marian Rushden had an accomplice who portrayed Elizabeth Fry. She was dressed in the "Plain Quaker" costume of the mid-19th century and looked remarkably similar to the image on the back of our present day £5. notes. Through this interesting presentation we learnt that Elizabeth Fry accomplished her reforms in spite of having given birth to eleven children by the time she was in the forties. She seemed to have been a woman far beyond her time as she left her husband in charge of her huge household when away campaigning or constantly badgering the then Home Secretary, Lord Melbourne, who must have wished her in Botany Bay!

September is a busy month for our Institute. Our annual September litter pick takes place on Tuesday, 15th September when members will be joined by some of the Tuesday men's walking group. As well as helping to keep our neighbourhood tidy, this is also an opportunity to show W.I. at work in the community.

The following day, Wednesday, 16th, is W.I. Centenary Day which we will be celebrating in the New Church Rooms from 12 noon. Displays of Radyr members' activities and events past and present will be on view, including a Memory Book compiled by Gaynor Leaf. Our Speaker, Sally Mabey, will give a talk on the history of the W.I. after lunch and the afternoon will conclude with a toast, bubbly and cake.

Our own Institute will be celebrating its 58th birthday this year (only two more to go to our diamond jubilee!). The compiled memorabilia on display should tell some interesting stories. We will be holding our annual birthday dinner at Radyr Golf Club on Monday, 19th October.

In order to continue interest in our organisation in the village, our present

W.I. programme and activities of all the subsidiary groups will be promoted at Radyr Library from 10.30am until 12 noon on Saturday, 26th September. All our groups have begun the Autumn programmes – book groups, walking groups, genealogy, crafts and internet learners.

The Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes (GFWI) walk – a six mile walk along and around the Taff Trail and Glamorgan Canal – takes place on Tuesday, 16th October. Refreshments, after the walk, will be provided in Morganstown Village Hall by our W.I.

I notice from the GFWI newsletter that rehearsals have already started for the Massed Choir Carol Festival at Brangwyn Hall, Swansea on Monday, 7th December, 2015. No sooner are the schools back and the Autumn activities of all community groups begin than it's time to get ready for Christmas – arrangements for the shoe box appeal "Operation Christmas Child" are underway – contact Anne-Marie Phillips for details. Shoebox Sunday in Radyr is 15th November. Christmas is coming! On that rather daunting thought, I shall bring this report to a close.

Should anyone wish to contact us, visit our website at radyrandmorganstownwi@gmail.com or phone our President, Enid Brooker on 029 2084 3412 or come as a visitor to our next meeting on 12th October. All visitors and potential newcomers are welcome. L.H.

RADYR & MORGANSTOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choral Society, now into its third year, is preparing for its forthcoming concert on 5th December, a programme of joyful music for the Advent period. As well as Vivaldi's Gloria, our programme will include Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols and other items appropriate for the time of year.

As usual the concert will be in Christchurch, Heol Isaf and will begin at 7.30pm. There will be an interval bar and a raffle.

The Choral Society looks forward to welcoming you on that evening, an early musical introduction to the Christmas season. Do join us!
D.H.

Radyr & Morganstown District Gardening Club

Somewhere summer seems to have passed us by. Despite a promising start in May and June, July and August were wet; even so gardens have continued to grow and hopefully will give a colourful autumn display. All is not lost, however, as we have an interesting and informative winter programme which started in September with a talk by Willow West which she called "Not Just a Pretty Face – Some Forgotten Uses of Ornamental Plants". Willow started by showing how few truly native plants there are in Britain; many of the plants we regard as native garden and ornamental plants were introduced, for practical purposes, by the many invaders Britain has seen over the centuries (both intentional and accidental). She illustrated this by looking at many common garden plants and through historical documentation the uses they were put to.

Our winter programme continues :

14th October:

"Ralph Hancock – Welsh Garden Genius" An illustrated talk by Bob Priddle about a little known but influential Welsh garden designer, born and educated locally who made his name in the USA

11th November:

"Reduce, Reuse and Recycle" An illustrated talk by Aisling Judge who will discuss how gardeners discard very little and reuse many things including some unusual "recycling"

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

Visitors and New Members will be made very welcome. We share an interest in gardens, plants and generally growing things. So come along – you will be very welcome. All meetings (apart from visits) are at the New School Rooms, Heol Isaf starting at 7.30pm and are followed by refreshments.

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

Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

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The Inspectors of the LDP have called two days of extra Hearings, which is unprecedented. R&MCC and the NW Cardiff Group will represent the community and continue to press for phasing of development alongside infrastructure.

As anyone who has visited Park Road lately will know, the renovation and extension project at the Old Church Rooms is well under way. It started on August 3 and is due to end in early January 2016.

We are summarising progress on the website but for those who do not check

that here is what has happened as at the start of September:

The Garth Room has been redecorated with a new carpet. The kitchen has been stripped out ready for refit by the early October to include new stainless steel units, a fridge, instant boiling water and high-speed dishwasher. Work has started on ground works for the new extension. The old WCs downstairs have been stripped out and converted into storage areas. The demolition of the old Police Room has started and a leak in the Victorian roof over the Garth Room has been repaired.

The Garth Room was back in use from September 7. A loo block for users of the Garth Room is in place with a covered walk-way from the main doors. The kitchen and the rest of the OCR has been closed to users. .

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SEPTEMBER 1980

HARVEST HOME



The winning vegetable arrangement at Morganstown Flower Show, which was subsequently donated to the Cheshire Home.

MORGANSTOWN GALA WEEK 1980

On a hot summer's afternoon at Morganstown Village Hall the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show took place.

A record entry drew a large crowd to admire the work of local gardeners, horticulturists and artists.

Gala Week was officially opened by Councillor Maurice Hendra, Chairman of Radyr Community Council, taken aback by the enthusiasm and high standard of all competitors. A cross section of talent was evident.

A fine display of paintings from members of the Radyr Art Group arranged by Mrs Eileen Watkins.

He praised the MVH committee for its work over several months in organising an action packed Gala Week, ranging from Old Tyme Music Hall, baseball, a Ploughman's Ball and the Fete.

At the conclusion of the Flower Show much of the produce was put up for auction and kindly donated to the Cheshire Home in Radyr.

AWARDS

SUPREME CHAMPION

B. Davies, Caerphilly vegetable arrangement

DAHLIAS:

G.Marsh, Whitchurch

ROSES:

Mrs J. Thomas, Morganstown

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT

Mrs M. Foley, Morganstown

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Helen Kemp, Radyr

J. Fox, S.Smith, M. Godfrey

C.Wilson and C. Phillips.

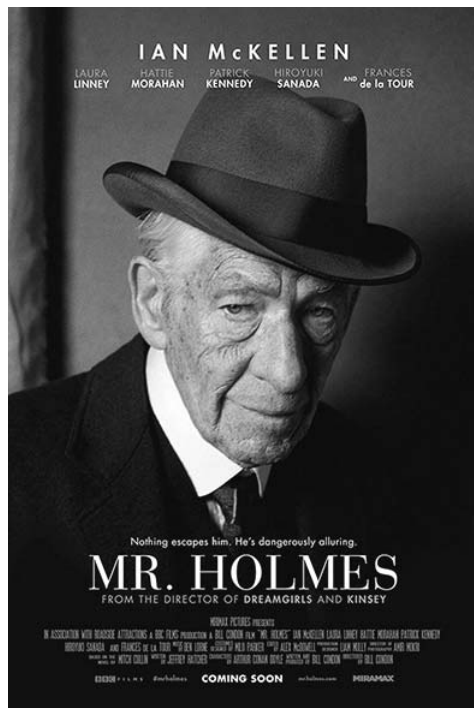
FILM NIGHTS

The October and November films for the Film Club will be *A Royal Night Out* and *Mr. Holmes*. The Film Club will continue to meet in the Old Church Rooms. The improvements to the Garth Room will be in place by the October meeting.

A Royal Night Out involves the two Royal Princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, being allowed out of Buckingham Palace to mix with the crowds milling around central London on VE Night.

Based on a true story which has been confirmed by the Queen, it tells of how the two Princesses stood outside Buckingham Palace yelling for the King and Queen to make an appearance on the balcony. According to the present Queen, the King and Queen only made an appearance after they sent in a message that they were outside. A thoroughly feel-good comedy.

November's film is the crime drama *Mr. Holmes*. It's 1947 and the 93 year-old Sherlock Holmes is living in retirement in a Sussex farmhouse with his housekeeper Mrs. Munroe and her young son, Roger. Unhappy with Watson's fictionalised account of his last case, Holmes plans to write his own. His failing memory is however a



problem but Roger's gentle prompting helps him to recall the facts of thirty years earlier and why he retired from the business of detection.

Sherlock Holmes is very much in vogue these days with the successful BBC series starring Benedict Cumberbatch. Don't miss this film starring Ian McKellen, best known as Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, as Mr. Holmes

A Royal Night Out can be seen in the Old Church Rooms on Thursday, 22nd October and *Mr. Holmes* on Thursday, 26th November, both films beginning at 7.30pm.

Tickets are still £4. and can be had from ener-chi, Station Road, Radyr, Nick Hawkins on 029 2084 2261, Allan Cook on 029 2084 3176 or online at www.rma.ticketsource.co.uk

History Society

The final two meetings of the History Society will take place on Thursday, 15th October and Thursday, 12th November.

On Thursday, 15th October, Robert Protheroe Jones of the National Museum will give a talk on Paintings, Photos and Furnaces, how the industrial landscape of Wales has been portrayed over the centuries.

Thursday, 12th November, Chris Dale will give a talk on the Jenkins Cup. Those of you who've visited the National Museum's Art Galleries will have walked past this impressive object that looks to all the world like a garden ornament. Come and find out its fascinating history.

All meetings take place at 7.30pm at the Old Church Rooms. All are welcome.



Radyr and Morganstown 50 years ago. A photograph of the Barry line viaduct while it was being demolished c. 1963. Notice the works in the background on the Morganstown side of the gorge, long since gone and the scar has healed.

Geoff Atkins - to whom we are grateful for the photograph - says that he and a colleague were allowed to walk across the viaduct during demolition. Long before Health and Safety regulations.

A Successful year for Radyr Scouts

The last academic year has been one of success for 1st Radyr Scouts. Ever increasing numbers have seen a Wednesday Troop reform with some new enthusiastic leaders.

We have enjoyed two camps one to Almondsbury Park Scout Centre near Bristol. Activities undertaken included the high wire course, archery and crate stacking. The summer camp was held at Doly-Gaer Scout Centre in the Brecon Beacons. The highlight of which was canoeing on Ponsticill Reservoir. Particularly good was Tom fell out of the boat having just got in (sorry Tom). However, many other activities were undertaken including a night hike on the Friday, Pioneering, wide games and a walk round the reservoirs.

Outside of camps we have had much success also. We entered teams in the All Wales Orienteering Competition and with our Scouts coming first in the Team Event and Adam Cleaver winning the individual event. We were very proud of all who took part.

The District Shooting Competition saw more success with Radyr Scouts taking the first three places in the Under 12 Category, well done Cian Morgan, Rachel Currie and Jack Thomas. In the Under 14s Cailian Page was first with Adam Cleaver 3rd. Andrew Thomas also gained second place in the Leader's event. Thanks Andrew for all you time and effort you put into this success.

It was also a sad time as Monday scouts had to say goodbye to many of its founding members who had reached the grand old age of 14. However, the highest award in the Scout section the Chief Scout's Gold Award was achieved by Adam Cleaver, Tom Hughes, Beau Vincent, Rhys Garman and Josh Thomas. We wish them all well and hopefully, we will be seeing some of them back as young leaders.

We will also be saying goodbye to Steve one of our long standing leaders as he has decided to move to America. Good luck Steve we will miss you.

This does however create a vacancy for a leader and would love any additional help. If you think you would like to have a go speak to any of the leaders who will tell you how much fun we have!

In the words of Bear Grylls (Chief Scout) 'volunteering isn't about a few people doing a lot it's about a lot of people doing something.'

There are also vacancies on the Group Executive Committee and again speak to anyone in the Group for details.

Below are attached some testimonies from some of the Scouts who recently left.

Hello, my name is Adam Cleaver and I have been a scout in Radyr for 4 years; I was also a beaver and a cub. I have learned many new skills and have tried many different activities such as learning to tie knots, firelighting, sailing and archery. I have also taken part in orienteering and air rifle shooting competitions and earned lots of badges. The badges are easy and fun to get and there is a badge for pretty much anything! It also gives you a sense of achievement when you earn enough Challenge badges to be awarded the Gold Scout Award, the highest badge you can earn in scouts. We have been on many camps, locally and in the Brecons and near Birmingham. Scouts is a great place for everyone because there is lots of variety and you make new friends and learn new skills.

What I have gained from scouts

For the past four years I have been part of the 1st Radyr Scouting group. I first joined when I was just eleven years old and coming up from the Cub group. Over the four years I was in Scouts I learnt crucial skills that will help me later on in life. For example; orienteering, knife skills, camping, water activities and wide games (fun outdoor games in a large outdoor area). All of your collection of skills can be showcased on your shirt in the form of badges. Scout camps, they are one of the main activities when one thinks of Scouts. I have been on at least seven or eight camps in my time in Scouts and I have loved every one wherever and whatever the weather. The best have to be the summer camps if I had to choose, but there is no way I could pick an individual camp as they are that good! My reason is that in the summer obviously the weather is better, well it's supposed to be anyway! In the summer we go on various water activities, such as canoeing and kayaking.

If you are aged between 11-14 maybe you should try Scouts, if you are thinking it's not your thing you wouldn't know until you try it, for all you know you could be the next Bear Grylls! The badges aren't too hard to earn as long as you're willing to do a bit of work. And it all pays off in the end, because if you have the right

requirements you can acquire the Gold Scouting Award.

Thomas Hughes

Scouts, it is a perfect mixture of crazy uncontrolled fun and learning skills that are essential to life. In the first few meetings I attended, I was put off by the, possibly overenthusiastic people who attended, now, I am one of those people but I think that the whole 'putting off' thing has blown away. In making and running a successful scouting group it is helpful to have leaders who also want to get skills out of the meetings.

My time in Radyr scouts has been 'Awesome' I was excited for the next week, many activities also took place e.g. shooting, camping, walking, the list could go on.

To finalise, anyone reading this, thinking about joining, DONT wait go for it.

Rhys Garman.



RADYR PARISH MUSIC GROUP

Our new season has started and the Group is preparing for our next presentation **KISS ME KATE** on stage at the Bishop of Llandaff High School from 17 to 20 February 2016.

However it is not too late to come forward to be involved in the production team especially if you feel an urge to become a wardrobe mistress / master or stage hand with us.

We meet on Friday evenings at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom at Christchurch, Radyr and we would be delighted to welcome you.

In the new year we will hold an open event in the form of a Ceilidh at Morganstown Village Hall on Saturday 30 January 2016 at 7.30pm. Another note for your diary, more information to follow.

The Group reached its 30th Anniversary this month and celebrated the occasion with a dinner in the Golf Club. Quite a few original members attended!

Do think about joining RPMG. We are always delighted to welcome new faces and talents. **DH**