

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – January 2017

Welcome to our regular Newsletter and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all our Members.

**Entertainment** Inevitably, our focus just at the moment is finalising the planning of the May Festival (see below) but we still be showing our monthly films – see right. Our first film is 'Anthropoid', based on the extraordinary true story of Operation Anthropoid, the WWII mission to assassinate SS General Reinhard Heydrich, the main architect behind the Final Solution and the Reich's third in command after Hitler and Himmler. The stars of the film are Jamie Dornan and Cillian Murphy. Not to be missed.



<b>Dates</b>	
<a href="#">Anthropoid</a>	26 Jan
<a href="#">The Girl on the Train</a>	23 Feb
<a href="#">A Streetcat named Bob</a>	23 Mar

### RADYR FESTIVAL 2017

We are busy planning the last stages of our 30<sup>th</sup> village Festival. The events have been identified; work is going on to produce the programme and contacting sponsors and advertisers. If you are able to assist in finding suitable local businesses who might donate prizes for the Festival Draw or advertise please contact David Cargill at [d.cargill@ntlworld.com](mailto:d.cargill@ntlworld.com). The charity this year is St John's Ambulance Cymru, who have provided medical support over many years to our Festivals and outdoor events. The theme is "Superheroes". This should give the children of the village an opportunity to dress up in their favourite costume for the opening parade and fete. A number of concerts have been arranged with local artists and theatre companies thanks to our local impresario, Allan Cook. The Vintage Tea party follows the success of last year and will be held again in the Old Church Rooms. Parc Radur will host the Concert in the Parc with children from the local schools performing in the afternoon followed by a closing band act. Don't forget the traditional events – maypole, dog show, gymkhana, open gardens and more. The Programme will be distributed to all households in March and details will soon be on the dedicated Festival website, [www.rmfestival.org.uk/](http://www.rmfestival.org.uk/).



**How you can help** Maggie and Julie are holding Auditions for the 2017 Festival Queen and attendants on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 6.15pm in the Radyr Guide centre. Get in touch with her (2084 2995) if someone you know would like to be considered (girls aged 10 and over). On the right are last year's Queen, Erin, with attendants Katie and Grace, with Maggie at one of the events. If you would like to run a stall at the Festival Fete on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, please contact the Secretary. See also the appeal at the end of this Newsletter!



### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



We hope you all enjoyed the lighting ceremony on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We were very lucky with the weather (again!) and it was a splendid turnout. Bertie Badger (or St John Cymru) switched on the lights in Station Road and Santa (left) was overwhelmed with supporters. It was lovely to see so many busy stalls, and Chris Dale did his normal splendid work with the sound system. Many thanks to all who helped, and to the R&MCC for funding the main Christmas trees. It is all for Charity, of course. St John Cymru raised £360 on the night – and the two primary schools raised no less than £2000 in their Christmas collections for the same cause. That's fantastic.

## **TRAFFIC – IS IT GETTING OUT OF CONTROL?**

Traffic flow along Heol Isaf in both directions has steadily increased over many years. One of the main reasons is that this road connects the A470 in the east and the A4119 in the west – consider it as a ‘rat run’ across the top of Cardiff. The flow is worse during rush hours and notably when pupils are transported to the local schools. Parent roadside parking worsens the situation and there is a huge potential for accidents to pupils, residents and vehicles. Cllr Rod Mckerlich and both the R&MCC and the RMA have made appropriate representation to Cardiff City Council. But, despite these representations, there has been very little improvement and things are about to get worse.

The traffic flow will increase due to several developments. The first will be the building of the new car park at Radyr Station. Not only will we have the construction vehicles but there will then be an increased flow around The Monument and up and down Kings Road. There have already been several accidents in these areas. The second development will be the construction of new homes at the bottom of the west side of Heol Isaf; part of the Cardiff LDP. Again, there will be construction vehicles in the short term and resident transport in the long term. There are proposals to decrease subsequent traffic congestion and including increased usage of public transport, cycle tracks and appropriately placed traffic control lights. However, these ‘solutions’ are in the early stage of planning and we doubt that they will work.

The main purpose of the above is to alert R&M residents of these developments and probable consequences. Residents may wish to make representations to Cardiff City Council on an individual basis to add to those objections that have already been submitted.

## **STATION PARKING – GOOD OR BAD?**

We mention above the new parking and other arrangements being constructed by the Station. They include a new ticket office, 187 spaces in a new Park & Ride car park, 15 disabled spaces, and two bike racks. On the face of it, that is good news as it will resolve the parking problem round the adjacent streets. But will it? Radyr is the last station on the central charging zone for Cardiff; people travelling from Taffs Well pay more. We are concerned that those extra spaces will quickly be taken up by commuters up the A470 seeking a cheaper season ticket. Additionally, we have seen a proposal to make Radyr a transport interchange hub with buses coming in from the forthcoming estate on the Llantrisant Road. We fear that the result will be just as many cars on the local roads and more traffic coming into Radyr at peak times. We hope we are wrong. If you want to ask some questions, there is a ‘drop-in session in the OCR from **3:00-7:00 pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**.

## **LOCAL SHOPS – CONFUSED?**

The planning permission to allow the old NatWest Bank to be changed to a Co-op store is well known. We heard that it would open in February this year. As development has not yet started, that is clearly not going to happen. However, we note that the newly opened Spar on the Llantrisant Road has shut and also that McColls has won clearance from the competition watchdog to snap up 300 outlets from the Co-op. Will ‘our’ Co-op be built? It would be nice to know what is happening.

## **NEXT MEETING**

We are delighted to tell you that local resident, Professor Garel Rhys CBE, will be talking at our next General Meeting on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. Professor Rhys is the former Head of the Economics Section of Cardiff Business School and is a recognised authority on the motor industry. His talk, ‘The economics of the motor sector post Brexit and Trump’, will cover a wide range of topics, all pertinent to recent announcements. Again, not to be missed.



## **YOU CAN HELP!**

The RMA organises a number of events in R&M including the Festival, Christmas Lighting, Film Club as well as other Arts events. To do this we need help, both in the planning of the events and in organisation and set up. Are you willing to help us? Our committee is quite small and, without an influx of people from our community, these events will gradually die. We have been asking for fresh blood for a number of years, but the situation is now becoming urgent. If you want these highly successful events to continue into the future, please offer to help us. Email us on [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) and we will arrange to talk to you about the events and what help is needed.

**If you would like to comment** on any aspect of this Newsletter or require further information, then either email the Secretary, Nick Hawkins ([rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk)), or the Chairman, David Silver ([rmachair@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rmachair@radyr.org.uk)).