

## NEWSLETTER TO MEMBERS – January 2019

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

### **FILM CLUB**

The Spring Season for the RMA Film Club is almost upon us; three great films to share that will benefit from that Big Screen experience plus a special for the R&M Festival focussing on *Children in Action*. **Book now** for just one or the full season through Ener-Chi or direct from Nick Hawkins and Allan Cook, or our online booking system <http://ticketsource.co.uk/RMA> .

If you are interested in assisting with the future running of Film Club or have any comments on how you think it could improve then please get in touch with Ian – [RadyrFilms@gmail.com](mailto:RadyrFilms@gmail.com)

Each screening is in the Old Church Rooms starting at 19:30. Full details of each film can be seen on our website: <http://radyr.org.uk/FilmClub>

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Christopher Robin (U)**

In the heart warming live action adventure, the young boy who embarked on countless adventures in the Hundred Acre Wood with his band of spirited and lovable stuffed animals, has grown up and lost his way.

A working-class family man, Christopher Robin, encounters his childhood friend Winnie-the-Pooh, who helps him to rediscover the joys of life. Starring Ewan McGregor



### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February - Mama Mia, Here we go Again (PG)**

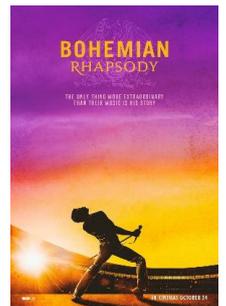
Five years after the events of Mamma Mia! (2008), Sophie prepares for the grand reopening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

Discover Donna's (Meryl Streep, Lily James) young life, experiencing the fun she had with the three possible dads of Sophie (Amanda Seyfried). As she reflects on her mom's journey, Sophie finds herself to be more like her mother than she ever even realized.



### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)**

Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Freddie eventually returns to lead the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music. Queen cements a legacy that continues to inspire outsiders, dreamers and music lovers to this day.



### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - The Kid (U) & Associated Shorts Part of the R&M Festival**

The opening title reads: "A comedy with a smile--and perhaps a tear". This 1921 Black and White Silent classic is not only the first Feature Film starring Charlie Chaplin, it is also the first appearance of child star Jackie Coogan. In this later print the original images are combined with a unique recording of the full orchestral Chaplin Score conducted by the artist himself.

*"It is hard to find such delightful and adorable movies these days as "The Kid". It is a silent movie but so rich, winning and beautiful that you don't need words. Chaplin and 6-year old Coogan are possibly the most charming pair I have ever seen in my life."*

As our Festival Special, this screening will be preceded by some relevant shorts showing "Children in Action" on the Big Screen.



## **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

Can we say how disappointed we were in having to cancel the lighting ceremony on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December? We have been running the event in its present form since 2010 and this is the first time we had to cancel (although it has got very close on a few occasions!). However, there is only so much you can do when the forecast is for torrential rain and 40mph winds – and, my goodness, did it rain on cue at 7pm! However, the Festival Queen did turn on the lights (in the rain) at 7pm and the other Community trees were lit on schedule with music provided by the local schools, the last session being in the Methodist Church. There was still a good turnout in Station Road and the shops and the bars were full. Sadly, Santa was rained off which was huge disappointment to the children. We have learned a few things about what we might do if the weather is the same next Christmas but this is an outside event and there are limitations. Fingers crossed!

## **FESTIVAL 2018**

We are still sorting out the fine details of this year's Festival. As mentioned in the last Newsletter, details of all events will be in the Festival Programme, which will come out with the April Radyr Chain, and fuller details of all events and competitions will be on our dedicated Festival website [www.rmfestival.org.uk](http://www.rmfestival.org.uk) which will be up and running by April.

In the meantime, please note we will be holding **Auditions for the 2019 Festival Queen** and attendants on **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.15pm in the Radyr Guide Centre. Get in touch with Maggie Roberts (2084 2995) if someone you know would like to be considered. The auditions are open to all living in the R&M Community Council area, regardless of where they go to school – but they must be available to attend any Festival event if required. We are also now signing up people who would like to have a stall at the **Festival Fete** on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**. We charge £20 for a commercial stall and £10 for an organisation. Please contact the [Secretary](#) for details and to make a booking.

## **LITTER PICKING**

Many congratulations to the over forty people who turned up at Radyr Library on 15<sup>th</sup> January (see photo of the gathered troops) to litter-pick across Radyr & Morganstown. It is many years since Cardiff Council employed a litter picker for us and the area had started to look untidy. Whilst we would have liked to have retained our own litter picker, this type of local involvement makes a lot of sense as, not only does it get the job done, but it gives our Community a greater sense of ownership over such matters.

The event was organised by Suzanne Baskerville of Cardiff Council, and Gareth Davies from *Keep Wales Tidy* came along to add his experience and knowledge to the volunteers. It was a very successful morning and lots of red rubbish bags were filled.

Suzanne will be back on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February** and all volunteers will be most welcome! 10:00-11:30, starting at Radyr Library.



## **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES**



You will be interested to note that the new Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Radyr, Rev Vicki Burrows, will be officially joining the Parish on **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February**. That is the date of her 'Induction Service' in Christ Church. All are welcome to attend that service.

More details in due course but, if you would like to know more about Vicki, follow [this link](#) for the story which has been placed on the Parish Website.

## NEXT MEETING

The next General Meeting of the Association is on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February** when our guest speaker will be local resident, Colin Johnson. He has called his talk '*Science meets the public, and vice-versa*'. Since retiring from Techniquest, Colin has been a mentor to a number of projects which aim to share science and engineering with a wider public. They have taken him to the Chelsea Flower Show, touched the bottom of the sea, and involve a world record attempt and scientific links with the Russians! Come and hear these stories and more, together with an update on Techniquest's latest plans.

As usual, as well as the talk, we are happy to talk about any matter which is of concern to our members. All that we ask is that, if possible, we have an idea in advance of topics that will be raised. Contact details below.

Incidentally, we are in the process of working out the list of speakers for our General Meetings next year (in June, September, November and February 2020). If anyone would like to suggest a particular speaker, or even a topic they would like covered, please let us know. We like some of our speakers to have a local flavour but we are happy to introduce a very wide scope of subjects.

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

The R&M Association's remit is '*To make Radyr and Morganstown a great place in which to live and work*'. Whilst there have been some "negative" activities during the last year, notably on traffic issues and the amount of building taking place around the area, one of our tasks is to welcome newcomers in our community and to try and get them involved in our community activities. The RMA has a good record in welcoming new residents as new estates are built; we certainly have done this three times in recent years. There are lots of activities and organisations within our boundaries and we are here to help build and sustain our Community, whatever our concerns over the future.

If you are not active within the Community, why not make a New Year's Resolution to be so? A lot of organisations are looking for new members and new ideas (you don't have to join any committees!). Follow our Facebook Page ([@RadyrAndMorganstownHub](#)) and Twitter account ([@RMHub](#)) and have a look at the R&M Website, ([www.radyr.org.uk](http://www.radyr.org.uk)) to see what is available. If you can't find something which interests you, we may be able to help start something new.

Another possible idea is to help us with any of our events. Either in the planning, or hands on at the event. If this is of interest, please get in touch with our [Secretary](#).

Whatever you decide to do we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and hope to see you at lots of our films and events during 2019.

**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)).

