



JOTT Jamboree On The Trail started 13 years ago in Canada and has ended up in Wales! What a journey. This annual event brings Beavers, Cubs and Scouts together with their siblings, parents and pets for a ramble in the countryside. 1st Radyr Scout Group walked in Forest Fawr amongst bluebells, wild garlic and budding Spring foliage on Saturday the 8th of May. This event provided an opportunity for Beavers and Cubs to mix, parents to avoid the early morning supermarket run and siblings to join in the fun. Excitement amongst the Cubs is building as Summer camp approaches.....the largest ever for Radyr Cubs.....it promises to be another fun filled occasion .



25th ANNIVERSARY

In mid-May the Twinning Fellowship, Community Council and residents of Radyr & Morganstown welcomed fifty-six visitors from their twinned town of St Philbert de Grand Lieu situated just south of Nantes in France.

It was the 25th anniversary year of the signing of the original Friendship Pact and a programme of events was arranged, including a visit to Cardiff Castle. On Saturday evening a salmon buffet and Dance was held in a grand marquee at Radyr Golf Club where a Celebration Cake was cut.

On Sunday, an event was held the Old Church Rooms where Community Council Chairman Rachel Granger, St Philbert Mayor, Monique Rabin, and the two Fellowship Chairmen Maggie Roberts (R&M) and Alain Fourrier (StPh) signed a Re-affirmation of Friendship .Also signing with them was Dr Kay Swinburne MEP. The document is of unique design by artist Pat Aithie, a Cardiff artist, and will be on display in the Old Church Rooms while a copy will be displayed at the Town Hall in St Philbert. Other distinguished guests included Mdme Claude Annick Rapport, French Consul for South Wales and County Councillor Rod McKerlich.



The Community Council were then presented with a ceramic plaque by the French Council and the Fellowship presented with a metal sculpture of a cockerel by the French Twinning Committee. Both will be on display at the Old Church

Rooms, Radyr. On Sunday evening Morganstown Village Hall was filled to overflowing as an 'Ascot type Posh Hat' picnic and horse racing event was held.

The weather was superb for the whole weekend and was enjoyed by all and the French visitors returned home on Monday morning and a return visit to St Philbert is planned for May 2011.

This event was sponsored by the European Union.

For more information on the Twinning Fellowship contact:
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The 23rd Festival kicked off with a swing at René's Jazz Café. Raymond Rivron and his jazz band had all those toes tapping and the wine tipping! This was a prelude to a later event at the Golf Club – "Jazz on the Patio", which was just as successful with over 160 members and residents enjoying sitting out in the "sun", taking in the views across Cardiff and listening to the captive music.

"Wiggy" – Steve Wiggins of Real Radio, along with civic dignitaries, led the Festival Parade through the roads of Radyr to the Festival Fete. Hundreds of people turned out to see children and adults, dressed in Roald Dahl character costumes, marching and dancing to the music of the City of Cardiff Brass Band. There was Willy Wonka, The Twits, Matilda, Mr. Fox, Charlie, The Big Friendly Giant, two James' and the

Giant Peach and many, many witches. It's thanks again to Jane Morris for her skill and creativity. What about that illuminated Big Friendly Giant in Windsor Gardens erected by Radyr Scouts? The parade wended its way to the Festival Fete at the OCR where Wiggy officially opened the event. This was followed by dancing by the "Dance Angels" all in the pink and
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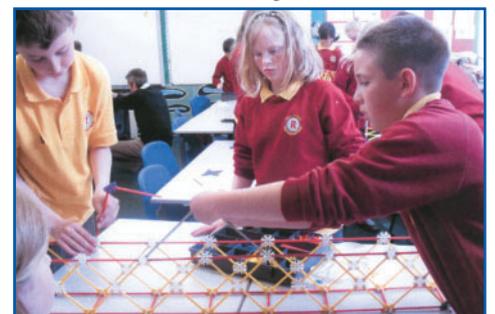
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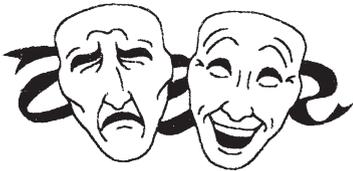
Fun at Stackpole for Year 6...see articles on page 7



Year 6 pupils building bridges for Y6 K'Nex Challenge



COMING EVENTS



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

JUNE

- 7 Radyr & Morganstown Women's Institute 'What the Postman Saw' a talk by David Salter. Old Church Rooms Radyr 7:30 pm
- 19 MIDSUMMER SIDINGS SIZZLER. Come and join in with all sorts of activities, including Dance, Drama, Graffiti, Circus Skills, Craft and loads of food for 11-18s plus wine tasting and other activities more specifically for over 18s. Events throughout the day. Community Area, Lychgate Gardens, Radyr Sidings. A postponed Festival event (moved from 8th May). Free entry. (Note that parking at this venue is limited; you are encouraged to walk if at all possible.) Sponsored by Taylor Wimpey. 12:00 pm
- 27 Tenovus sponsored Walk with free Strawberry Tea for all sponsored walkers. 2 pm from Cardiff Castle To Christchurch, Radyr. For sponsor forms and more details please ring 20842096 2:00 pm
- 27 Tenovus Strawberry Tea. From 3.15 pm at Christchurch Radyr. Tickets: Adults £4 Children £2 Please ring 20842887 3:15 pm

EDITORIAL



We have recently received several emails addressed to us via The Community Council. This indicates that people believe that we are connected to The Community Council.

This is not so. We have no connection with either The Community Council or The Radyr Association.

We are a completely independent group of amateur, non-profit making volunteers. All communications should be addressed strictly to us at **Chain@Radyr.org**

THE CORN IS GREEN

Many theatre goers were disappointed that the professional Swansea-based theatre company, Fluellen, did not appear at this year's Festival. Instead we saw Rhodri Miles's excellent one-man show *Burton*, now happily established in Hollywood. Fluellen have been a regular at the Festival for a number of years bringing excellent productions like *The Odd Couple*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Under Milk Wood* and *The Caretaker* to Morganstown Village Hall. They had to give this year's Festival a miss because their summer production did not open at Swansea's Grand Theatre until early June.

Happily they have been persuaded to return to Morganstown Village Hall this September with Emlyn Williams's best known play, *The Corn is Green*. George Emlyn Williams was born in Mostyn, Flintshire into a coal mining family and *The Corn is Green* is semi-autobiographical. It tells of how Morgan Evans escapes from the pits to study at Oxford through the efforts of a spinster school-mistress, Miss Moffatt. A pattern which Emlyn Williams himself followed.

Miss Moffatt is a part much loved by actresses and has been performed on film by both Bette Davis – herself of Welsh extraction – and Katherine Hepburn. In fact, *The Corn is Green* is rarely out of production, being almost more popular "across the pond" than in this country.

Emlyn Williams went on to become a famous actor and playwright. Among his other best known plays is *A Night Must Fall*. A young actor – Richard Burton – made his west end debut in his play *Druid's Rest* and Emlyn Williams directed Burton in the film *The Last Days of Dolwyn*.

Emlyn Williams appeared in such films as *Jamaica Inn* and *The L-Shaped Room* and wrote the screenplay of

Hitchcock's *The Man Who Knew Too Much*. One of the auditoria in Clwyd Theatr Cymru's home base at Mold is named after him.

The Corn is Green can be seen at Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd September. Tickets will be available from early August.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHING IN JUNE

Welcome to the Radyr & Morganstown Community web site!

Croeso i Wefan Cymuned Radur a Threforgan!

Cefnogir y wefan hon yn ariannol gan Gyngor Cymunedol Radur a Threforgan. This site is provided for the Community with the support of Radyr & Morganstown Community Council. It is run by a team of volunteers, with the technical support of Dark Green Media, who have created this new site.

We hope that you will find this new site easy and interesting to use and that it contains all the information you need. We can only improve it with your help, so please contact us at any time with suggestions, corrections and additions.

These are the words that will greet you when you look at the Community website [www.radyr.org.uk] any time from the middle of June. Please look out for our new design and revisit your favourite parts of the site. Meanwhile, log on to the Soap Box to join the conversation about this new development.

FOR SALE

Roma-compact foldable lightweight wheelchair
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Letters, articles, reports and other contributions are invited and should be submitted by July 15th. Submissions may be subject to editing at the Editor's discretion. The views expressed in the Radyr Chain are not necessarily those of the Editors.
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A New Library for Radyr and Morganstown

The front page article in the April edition of Radyr Chain set out the two options for the construction of a new, larger library for Radyr and Morganstown. Residents were asked to return a yellow slip setting out their preference; 319 favoured building a new library in Park Road while 180 wanted it to be built on the site in the Sidings. Two competing petitions were drawn up and the one favouring the Park Road site had 750 signatures which were considerably more than the petition in favour of the Sidings site. These results were in line with the views expressed by respondents to the Village Plan survey. I have to conclude that the overall wish of the community is that the library should be situated in Park Road.

When I was elected as your County Councillor in May 2008, I discovered that the Council Executive had decided in 2005 after some local consultation that the library should remain in Park Road; this was broadly in accord with the wishes of the Community Council and Community Association who supported this position but also wanted the land at the Sidings to be used for a community purpose. For a variety of reasons, no progress was made in any of these projects between 2005 and 2008 but a sum of approx £400K in planning gain is available to partially cover the cost and this must be spent by October 2012. I am now anxious to move on, after all necessary consultation, and build our new library in Park Road. I understand the disappointment of those who favoured the alternative site (and there were good arguments in favour of either site) but now we must move on together to plan the new build, get planning permission, make interim arrangements for library facilities and accommodate as many desirable, new features as possible. To set this in motion, I will meet Council officers in early June to initiate the project.

If we are unable to persuade the developer, Taylor Wimpey, to

change the legal agreement, it is probable that the Sidings site will be lost to our community. In my view, Taylor Wimpey is adopting an unworthy position; the offer of land was contingent on their obtaining planning permission to build and sell a quantity of homes. They have built more than in the outline plan; the homes are selling well. Why should they seek additional, undeserved profit at the expense of our community? I will look for the support of our community in advancing this argument forcibly.

If any resident wants to meet me to receive further information, my contact details are below; if the numbers are large I will arrange a public meeting. As this is a matter of considerable local interest, I will ask the Editors of the Chain for space to give further updates.

County Councillor Rod McKerlich
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SUMMER FAYRE AT BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL

Come along and join in the fun at our Summer Fayre in Bryn Deri Primary School on Saturday, 19th June, 2010. It will start at 10:am and finish around 12:00 noon.

You could race against your friends on the Crazy Karts or try to beat the goalie at our penalty shoot out – maybe even win a coconut on the coconut shie. Little ones could have their face painted or a bounce on the bouncy castle and mum and dad can enjoy a nice bacon roll with a cup of tea or coffee. From the adult tombola to 'splat the rat' there is plenty of entertainment for all.

So don't miss out, pop along and enjoy yourselves for a couple of hours – we look forward to seeing you there.

Bryn Deri PTA

CAN YOU HELP?

In the February edition, you kindly printed an article in relation to Kyle's Goal and raising awareness for his charity. Kyle is a pupil at Radyr Comprehensive School and will be known by many of the school's pupils especially in Year 8. Unfortunately, Kyle's condition has not improved sufficiently to allow him to return to school and he remains in the hospital environment.

In order to continue to raise funds for local rehabilitation resources, my husband John and I are taking part in the British Gas Great East Swim to raise money for the charity. This is a one mile open water swim held at Alton Water Reservoir, Ipswich, Suffolk on the 19th June. It is one of four open water swims held each year which is sponsored by British Gas. Both professionals and amateurs take part including local Olympic and commonwealth medal holder and former City of Cardiff club swimmer David Davies.

We would be grateful if any of your readers are able to make a contribution by way of a donation/sponsor to the charity.

Please contact us on Telephone Number 2084 3927 or mabbs65@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to offer any amount. Donations can be made direct to Kyle's goal – Ac. No. 4360913002 at Leeds Building Society by cash or cheque or via PayPal.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Lesley & John Watkins,
Min Y Coed,
Radyr.

Busy times at Radyr Primary School

We have had another busy few weeks with lots of interesting and fun things happening. Straight after Easter, Year 6 spent five days at National Trust Centre at Stackpole in Pembrokeshire. They had a fantastic time which you can read all about in Amy and Abi's diary for the week.

X1 Wales spent three days at the school with every class taking part in a K'Nex challenge. The challenges set by organiser Mark James had all the children thinking and working as a team. Year 6 had to build a bridge to span 1 metre and hold a 2kg weight. Another group had to make a lighthouse with a light that would go on and off and younger pupils designed a home for teddy. Lots and lots of learning and everyone loves a challenge that lets us play!

With an early start on Wednesday, 12th May, over fifty musicians from the school choir and orchestra travelled to London to see Oliver at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. The show opened with "Food Glorious Food" and ended with "Consider Yourself". A fantastic show the audience screamed and cheered and a perfect day had a perfect ending when we arrived home to the news "City are in the "Play Off".



Festival Fortnight brought many activities to the school calendar. The PTA was delighted to have a fine morning for the Annual Fun Run on Bank Holiday and our folk dance group took part in the Crowning Ceremony that afternoon. We were delighted to retain three of the four Boules Tournament trophies, only missing out on the parent's team! Come on parents – start practising for next year.

Friday, 14th May brought a touring theatre group to the school with a performance of Philippa Pearce's children's classic Tom's Midnight Garden. Year 2 to 6 watched as the characters went back in time when the Grandfather clock struck 13!

Rhian Richards
Deputy Headteacher

A TRIP TO STACKPOLE

- A pupil diary

On Monday, 19th April, a coach arrived at Radyr Primary to take us and 37 other pupils to Stackpole in Pembrokeshire. After a tearful goodbye to our parents, we set off on our two hour journey to our destination. The coach was buzzing with excitement and laughter. After about an hour, most people were getting hot and needed a toilet break. So we stopped off at the services in Pont Abraham. When we got back on the coach, we waited another hour until we got to Stackpole.

We were starting to pass lots of fields with cows and sheep, which must have been a sign that we were in the countryside. When we finally arrived at Stackpole, we were greeted by a lady named Louise. She instructed us to take our belongings out of the coach. When we got off, she also told us to take our cases and leave them on the grass in front of the centre. Then we sat on the grass and she told us what life would be like for the next five days.

We were in a room called 'Rabbit's Warren'. We were sharing our room with Rhianna and Ellen. There were two sets of bunk beds and two wardrobes (one was extra large, big enough for two people's clothes). There was one window with a breathtaking view of the pond and a nice radiator in the corner. We soon heard a knock at the door, with a few of our friends desperate to see our room. When we had unpacked and worked out where we would sleep, we were told to go down to the common room.

When we were in the common room, after a yummy meal of rolls and fruit, we were told what activity we would be doing first. We were all going to explore the area around the Stackpole centre. We walked down the hill of doom and visited the 8-Arch Bridge. There was a very pretty river flowing underneath it and Louise told us about the Cardors of Cornwall. They were a Scottish family who lived in a big mansion across the river. They owned the Stackpole estate and did lots with it.

Here's a funny story they told us! One day, Mr. Cardor woke up and looked out of his massive window, which looked over the Stackpole Estate. Now, the night before, it was a very hot night, so Mr. Cardor didn't bother putting a nightgown on. So, he was naked. At this time in the morning, all of his employees were making their way to work. As the mansion overlooked the

paths, they all saw him. To Mr. Cardor's embarrassment, they all started laughing and pointing. He got very angry by this and got annoyed that Stackpole village was blocking his view. So he told his workers that they could have a two week holiday from work and they would still be paid. Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? But there was a catch. In this two week holiday, the villagers had to move the village, stone by stone, about half a mile down the road, so that he could look at the beautiful view. Imagine having that much power! A bit harsh on the villagers, though.

Anyway, back to the diary ... When we got back to the centre, we had some tea. It was jacket potato – yum! Then we had a mouth-watering dessert of chocolate gateaux. When that was done, we played out in the playground and the music area. It was so fun! We went back inside, wrote a bit in our diaries while drinking hot chocolate. Then the teachers told us it was time to settle down and go to bed. By this time, it was about 9:10pm and most of us were tired. Except the people in Rabbit's Warren that is ...

The next morning, most of us woke up at half past seven (an hour before breakfast) to get dressed, brush our hair etc. Then we went down for breakfast. At breakfast, there was a wide variety of things to have. You could have porridge or cereal and some toast. After breakfast our instructor Ben told us about the different groups we would be in. There were newts, sticklebacks, dragonflies and damselflies. We were in the sticklebacks. Then Ben told us what activity we would do, what to wear and what to take.

Our first activity was a coastal walk. We went with an instructor called Jackie. Jackie took us all across the coast. We saw cliffs, wild ponies and even sheep! We walked so much! After loads of walking, we were all exhausted. So we walked some more (yet again!). We passed a small beach, went up about 35 steps (big ones) and finally got to the rock climbing place. When we got there, we sat on a stone and had lunch. Then we played a trust game. It was so exciting! After that, Ben gave us a harness. There were four jobs to do. There was the person at the back that put some rope in a pink bucket. Then there was the B layer who held the person who was climbing the rock! Also, there was a person in the middle of the two, making sure there were no knots and of course, the rock climber! We all got a go at all of the jobs. ...cont.

A TRIP TO STACKPOLE...cont.

For dinner that night, we had spaghetti bolognese. For desert, we had apple crumble. A great day ...

The next day, we did kayaking and nearly froze to death. In the afternoon, we did rock pooling. We caught so much! Now we realize that we are writing way too much for each day. We are only on Tuesday! So let's speed it up a bit. For tea that day we had sausage and mach – yum!

Thursday – On Thursday, the first activity we did was mountain biking. We went all through the lovely woodlands. After that was pond dipping. Ella, Libby and Abi's group even caught a mussel. For tea that night we had a delicious curry. It was most of our favourites! We had two desserts! One of the desserts was jelly and ice cream. Another one of our desserts was Frankie's birthday cake. It was yummy! That night there was a disaster. One of the girls had an asthma attack. She had to go to hospital with a teacher by ambulance. We were all very worried, but she made it in the end.

Friday – The last day L. We woke up earlier than usual. We all had to leave our rooms EXACTLY how we found them. Then Louise would check our rooms. She gave most people 10. (We had 10) then told us to go down for breakfast. We just had cereal that day. We all went to the beach for the last time so that we could do our final Little Pick for John Muir Awards. At about 12.30, we went home and on the coach we watched Madagascar. Our parents were over the moon to see us.

Amy Perry + Abi Pembridge.

MORGANSTOWN VILLAGE HALL CHILDREN'S PARTY.

Despite not being quite ready when the Festival Queen, her Attendants and all the children arrived, the tea went well. In a remarkably short space of time the food was eaten, (including the jelly and ice-cream, enjoyed as much by the adults as the children). The parents all helped to clear the tables and in no time the children were engrossed in the excellent Entertainer. 6o'clock came round too quickly.

Many thanks to the children, who all behaved so well, to Joyce Morgan, June Thomas, Sonia Collins, Helen and Katie Humphries, and Edward Thomas for their help in setting the tables. Thanks also the Children's Entertainer who was brilliant, and to the Community Council for their support.

HOUSEBUILDER SIGNS AS RADYR FESTIVAL SPONSOR



Taylor Wimpey has signed as a principal sponsor of this year's Radyr & Morganstown Festival.

Lisa Haden, a sales executive for the housebuilder met with festival organisers (Nick Hawkins and David Cargill) to present them with a cheque for £3,000. in support of the annual celebrations. The money will be used to help fund three key events over the two week extravaganza, including the Festival Fete, the Concert in the Park and the Sidings Sizzler. The Sidings Sizzler will take place at Taylor Wimpey's Lychgate Gardens development on De Clare Drive.

FESTIVAL 2010

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Nicola's Dance school all in the blue. The site was full of stalls of all kinds; teas supplied by the NSPCC, photo exhibition by Imaging 2000 and the first official outing for our Festival Queen, Eimer Rees and her attendants, Lara Watson and Erin Howard-Cook.

The Queen thoroughly enjoyed the Festival with her favourites being the brass band concert, the Crowning Ceremony and all those dancers – Bryn Deri Maypole Team, Radyr Primary Folk Dancers and the Victoria George-Veal School of Dancers. Other events that they have highlighted were the Gymkhana at Ty Gwyn Farm, always a great success and the Dog Show where they presented the owners with their rosettes. It was fun to be driven in a tractor across Gelynis Farm fields to release all those yellow ducks for the annual Duck Dash, which was won this year by Gareth Davidson. The girls would like to say thank you to Maggie Roberts for her chaperoning again this year.

Back to the script. Sunday brought the Radyr Rangers out in force for their football tournament bringing teams from all over the Cardiff area. The event was well marshalled ensuring that Pugh's Garden Centre could operate on one of their biggest selling days of the year.

Whilst the local councillors, AM Rhodri Morgan and MP Kevin Brennan attended the Civic Service led by Rev. Jenny Wigley, the barbecue was being lit in the Tennis Club for their family get-together. The Right Rev. David Wilbourne, Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, delivered a sermon reminding us all of the need to work together as a community looking after our less fortunate friends and neighbours.

Bank Holiday Monday was promised to be fine and sunny – it was windy and cold! However, it did not prevent a large entry to the Fun Run and a good crowd at the Crowning Ceremony of our Festival Queen with all the dancers performing at Windsor Gardens. Teas in the Methodist Hall prepared by the ladies of the WI was again a sell-out, although I managed to get one of those scrumptious chocolate toffee squares! The Queen was off to Dan-y-Bryn to see the new development of 25 new bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities and electronic doors. This project will improve the quality of life for all the residents at the Home. Then it is off to the children's tea party and a bit of entertainment and fun – more chocolate cakes!

The Festival Queen was busy in the first week attending discos, readings and the senior



citizens tea party where pupils of Bryn Deri School provided entertainment of a very high standard. The winners of the colouring competition received their prizes at an assembly in each of the two primary schools. Keith John, our local artist, was available to present these prizes to all the winners from a very large selection of entries.

Whilst the Radyr Woods wardens guided a party around our well maintained nature reserve, preparations were well in hand at Morganstown Village Hall for the one-man show – Burton by kind arrangement of Allan Cook. Rhodri Miles took on the role of Richard Burton both in looks and speech, taking us through the early years in Wales and the more turbulent times in America and the film world. A very impressive performance!

Quiz winners at the Tenovus Night were a team from the committee, who swept the board – thankfully my team were not bottom this year!

A good number turned up to the library for the ancestry morning checking on their family history. In the evening we were entertained by the National Poet for Wales, Gillian Clarke, who not only read her poetry but outlined her thinking processes as to how and why the poems were written in the first place. She told the story of the salmon, marked 60, who took three years to swim up the River Taff eventually to spawn at Merthyr. She reminisced about her days at Radyr Comprehensive School and her poetry readings.

Unfortunately, the weather deteriorated on the second weekend and both the open tennis day and the Sizzling Sidings suffered a setback. The Sizzling Sidings event has now been postponed to Saturday, 19th June, when all those activities – drama, dance, circus, graffiti, stalls, entertainment etc., will be set up at Lychgate Gardens. However, Sunday brought better weather, a bit cool and windy, but dry! The marquees were up

on the Golf Club patio ready for the large number who had booked their place for the jazz concert and salmon en croute. The buckets were rattled and a few more pounds were raised for the Festival Charity, Ty Hafan.

More events in the second week of the Festival included a Roald Dahl party at the library, Climbing in the Andes by Emyr Edwards, Imaging 2000 presentation of Radyr Festival 2010 by Mick Sullivan – all were a great success. This was followed on Wednesday by a superb concert at the Methodist Hall with the mezzo-soprano, Zoë Todd, daughter of a well-known Radyr family – the Willis'.

Terry Fitzgerald and his team kitted themselves out for the big race. The paddock was filled with bookies and punters spending their well earned savings on nine different races. This evening alone raised over £300. for the Festival Charity and kept the race-goers entertained and well fed. The real thing took place on Saturday at Ty Gwyn Farm when over fifty horses were jumping and parading with young riders demonstrating their riding skills. The Fog Show was also the best ever with 45 dogs on show from the waggiest tail to the prettiest legs – they were all winners. It's a big thanks again to Val and Tom Allen who raised over £500. on these two events.

The Association team dashed from the Gymkhana to Parc Radur for the Concert in the Park. Thanks to our sponsors Taylor Wimpey, our Staging Experts MAC Scaffolding, the Tennis Club for their electric power, St. Leger for the professional connections and to Beverley Lewis for her organisation. Over 300 residents turned up with their picnic baskets, some contained mainly liquid refreshment! Seven bands kept the audience entertained until the sun sank in the west and it was time to disconnect the power. Some of the Association members had to make a dash then to perform in the Parish Music Group concert "A Breath of French Air" ably compered by Brian Willis.

Individual soloists and choir covered a range of songs closely related to a French theme. A cheque was presented to the Chairman of Ty Hafan, Bob Lewis, for £2,500., which subsequently has been raised to £3,500.

If Saturday wasn't busy enough, Sunday brought the working party out at 7.30am to dismantle the marquees and the staging to ensure that Parc Radur was restored to its former glory, or even better! The Festival Queen and her Attendants were off on their tractor ride down the banks of the River Taff to set off the Duck Dash. Hundreds of little yellow ducks were seen heading down stream to be caught in a large net which had been placed across the river by Ed Watt and family from Gelynis Farm. The Skate Off had to be delayed as the weather was a little iffy again – so it was postponed to 4o'clock and then further postponed to the following Sunday before the skaters and bikers were able to show their skills on the boards. Meanwhile, those 45 dogs were parading their stuff around the Arena in Morganstown with their very proud owners. There were teddy bears on show and again stall holders including the potter who had had a very successful day at Parc Radur. The last event – Songs of Praise – led by Gareth Davidson with the Cambrensis Brass Ensemble, Bryn Deri Choir and a packed church singing hymns old and new. Then, a final assembly for a cup of tea and biscuits and again those shaking buckets.

There are so many to thank – the Festival Committee, all the organisations which took part, Bernard John for the use of his Land Rover and Chris Wills who was everywhere, whenever he was needed. The Ken Innes Cup was presented to Chris for his unstinting work on a whole host of events, including barbecues. Thanks to our advertisers and our sponsors, Taylor Wimpey and Cardiff County Council. It's all in a good cause – Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives.

We are still looking for the next generation of association members for help and new ideas. Are you one of those people? Please contact David Cargill on 2084 2034. We hope to see you at the postponed event, Siding Sizzler on the 19th June.

IMAGING 2000 PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

1st - "Game on" by Tim Lewis
2nd - "Elizabeth" by Peter Beaumont
3rd - "Buzz" by Tim Lewis

HIGHLY COMMENDED
"Red Kite" by Mick Sullivan
"Just Good Friends" by Mick Sullivan

COMMENDED
"Heron Rising" by Joe Brown
"Impalas" by Windsor Fortt
"Beautiful Grand-daughters" by Trevor Fox

GIRLS 3-4
1st Jesse Keohane
2nd Issie Tustin
3rd Jasmine Thomas

GIRLS 5-6
1st Emma Lightart
2nd Meg Cox
3rd Ella Powell

GIRLS 7-9
1st Rhiannon Long
2nd Alice Watson
3rd Lizzie Booth

GIRLS 10-13
1st Katy Smith
2nd Elin Morgan
3rd Eluned Hyde

ADULT FEMALE
1st Julia Tustin
2nd Elaine Wharmby
3rd Joanne Lightart

1ST RADYR GIRL HOME
Meg Cox

1ST BRYN DERI GIRL HOME
Eloise Voisey

RADYR PRIMARY SCHOOL
Under 7's
1st Jemma Lai
2nd Mason Evans
3rd Nia Riley

FREESTYLE
Ella Jackson

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Jilly Taylor

7 & OVER
1st Gabrielle Rogers
2nd Lara Crowder
3rd Gethin Lewis

PRIZE
Manor House Wildlife Park pass
Meal for Two
HMS Pinafore tickets
Bottles of wine and chocolate
Product and voucher
Basket of Fruit
Prescription sunglasses
Hair voucher
Champagne
Bottles of wine
Cleaning voucher
Toiletries gift set
Confectionery
Hair voucher
Dry Cleaning voucher
Signed print of Rugby Squad

FUN RUN WINNERS

BOYS 3-4
1st Oliver Jackson
2nd Max Long
3rd Huw Wallace

BOYS 5-6
1st Joe Williams
2nd Nicholas Lai
3rd Alex Davies

BOYS 7-9
1st Jack Gooch
2nd Daniel Allen
3rd Rhys Gooch

BOYS 10-13
1st Elliot Slade
2nd Christopher Hugh
3rd Josh Gooch

ADULT MALE
1st Mark Palsar
2nd Julian Carter
3rd Mark Eldridge

1st RADYR BOY HOME
Joe Williams

1ST BRYN DERI BOY HOME
Alex Davies

PAINTING COMPETITION

BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL
Under 7's
1st Tiegan Sassoon Taylor
2nd Isabel Rose Morgan
3rd Richard Plow

HIGHLY COMMENDED
Alfie Rogers

7 & OVER
1st Holly Pedlar
2nd Daniel McKerlich
3rd Grace Morgan
FREESTYLE
Elin Crotty

FESTIVAL PRIZE DRAW

PRIZE	WINNER	DONEE
Manor House Wildlife Park pass	Janice Evans	Ty Hafan supporter
Meal for Two	Marion John	Café Lazio
HMS Pinafore tickets	Wyn Phillips	Everyman Theatre
Bottles of wine and chocolate	Sue Roberts	Ty Hafan supporter
Product and voucher	Trevor Rees	Ener-Chi
Basket of Fruit	Jenni	Veg Vendor
Prescription sunglasses	Sue Coysh	Radyr Eyecare
Hair voucher	Chris Madeley	Headway
Champagne	Ralph Vaughan	White's, Dentist
Bottles of wine	Margaret	Spar
Cleaning voucher	Leanne Collins	Mr. Spotless Cleaning
Toiletries gift set	Jill Newbould	Co-op Chemist
Confectionery	Richard Davies	Staff of Martins
Hair voucher	Brian Willis	X-Cell, Morganstown
Dry Cleaning voucher	Sharon Griffiths	Radyr Dry Cleaners
Signed print of Rugby Squad	Tammy	Ty Hafan supporter



RADYR AND MORGANSTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S COLUMNS

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Tel: 029 2084 2213. E-Mail: clerk@radyr.org.uk
Clerk/Clerc: Helena Fox

Welcome to our newest councillor, Ed Watt of Gelynis Farm. We are delighted to have him on the council with his energy and enthusiasm!

On June 23 there may be an election for the Community Council in Radyr South ward. This would be the first time there has been an election since the late 1980s. The elected councillor will bring the number of councillors to 12 which gives us 4 councillors for each of the three wards in R&M; the others being Radyr North and Morganstown.

Every council vacancy is advertised for election but it is rare that there is more than one candidate. If only one person stands they are elected unopposed. If no one stands, the Community Council must then co-opt by further advertisement and interview.

Only the electors in Radyr South can vote in this election. You are in Radyr South if you vote at the Methodist Hall in Windsor Road. Poll cards will be sent out by Cardiff Council Under the 1983 Representation of the People Act, the Community Council is responsible for the cost of the election although the process is managed by Cardiff Council. The cost for this by-election will be some £3,000 and we have money in reserve to cover it.

The Village Plan will be delivered to all households shortly. At the back is a list of projects identified from the Questionnaire and good progress is being made on many of them. The Plan has provided some focus for a number of things that people would like done and the RMA, R&MCC and Cllr McKerlich are working together.

As one of the R&MCC projects we are planning a community event in Pentwyn Park in the early autumn. This green space between Pentwyn and Cae'r Graig is owned by R&MCC. There was a small play area there but it was removed a few years ago after repeated vandalism that made it dangerous for little children to use, cost tens of thousands of pounds to repair and residents' understandable complaints. We plan to plant bulbs and put up bird boxes and will be inviting you to attend, particularly if you use and live near the park.

The future of Radyr Library has been a controversial issue. There was a good response to the article in the last Chain and some 500 emails and reply slips were returned. There was support for both keeping the library in Park Road and moving it to the community plot at Radyr Sidings. Overall, the support was 2:1 in favour of Park Road. This information has been given to Cllr McKerlich along with a petition in favour of the Sidings signed by 114 people. 750 people signed a petition asking R&MCC to support the Park Road site. The Community Council and RMA supported the Sidings site as a way of spreading our community facilities throughout R&M to encourage the integration of the new areas with the long-standing ones. The final decision has always lain with Cardiff Council. R&MCC supports Cllr McKerlich in achieving as quickly as possible, as large a new building as is possible on the Park Road site, with the best facilities for our community.

Helena Fox - Clerk



The weather summary - by John Trenchard

The daily weather article in *The Guardian* newspaper on 10th May this year refers to our rainfall, saying "The spring continues to unfold more slowly than usual because of the prolonged cool spell, disguising the fact that low rainfall is also threatening a summer drought. It is easy to forget after a series of wet summers that over abstraction from the aquifers for drinking water is still drying out the upper reaches of most of the rivers of southern England. The flows for the last three years have only been maintained by heavier than normal summer rainfall".

Here in Cardiff since August, 2009 there has only been one month with above average rainfall when there were 237.7mm, 79% of the 1970-2000 average. April 2010 produced another month of low rainfall with only 36.5mm, 49% of the average. During this month of May a lot of dry days seem likely. Cardiff's longer term rainfall has been 294.5mm, 73% up to 30th April this year, compared with 327.6mm, 81% for the same time last year. Over a longer period of time from 28th July, 2008 to 30th April, 2009 there has been 1024.1mm, 97% whilst up to 30th April, 2010, there has been 2315.0mm, 99%.

The nights of the 2nd, 3rd, 11th and 12th May threatened a ground frost in places as the temperature just above the surface of the ground varied between 1.1C to 1.8C. Looking for any frost damage on the 13th on my allotment, only a few of my potatoes had been damaged a little whilst my strawberry plants in flower had no frost damage. However, in frost-prone locations, the frost damage may well have been much worse.

Nevertheless, spare a thought for those people in the frost-prone parts of the British Isles, especially gardeners in Yorkshire on the morning of the 13th, who suffered a lot of frost damage when the air temperature fell to minus 3C to minus 5C, whilst several degrees C lower just above the ground surface. No doubt, inland areas of Wales would have had a frost. For example, in south Wales at Sennybridge in Powys, the air temperature fell to minus 2.3C, but lower just above the ground surface.

ELLERMANS ARC SPONSOR RADYR U14 TOUR TO ITALY, 2010



Business owner, Tony Ellerman and his wife, Jo have recently invested into our local community school sport by sponsoring the Radyr Comprehensive School under 14 rugby team. Ellermans Accident Repair Centre's sponsorship has provided the boys with a new full touring playing kit which they are pictured with, along with Ellermans manager, Dave Phelps and Tour Captain, Matthew Marley. The school's sporting venture is going to be a tough one as they are going on a tour to Verona, Italy at the end of May, 2010. Here they shall play a gruelling three games in six days, against opposition from all over the local area! Commenting on the sponsorship deal, Radyr Comprehensive teach, Mr. Khalid Jama said "On behalf of all the boys

I would like to thank Ellermans for their financial support with getting the boys a quality tour kit which they can wear in Italy with pride while acting as ambassadors for their school and their country".

Manager of Ellermans, Mr. Phelps, said "We at Ellermans know the value of sport within schools. We hope that by investing into the tour, we are helping these young lads have a fantastic sporting and cultural experience. We believe that putting something back into the local community is a duty of a business and are keen to practice what we preach. We wish the boys all the best and hope the boys can match their new kit with some quality performances. We are looking forward to hearing how the tour went".

SWEENEY TODD

– REVIEW –

[Performance on Saturday, 24th
April, 2010]

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I fear that what I am going to say will spoil your appetites; but the truth is beautiful at all times".

With an in-the-round set that included the stage, together with twenty-eight speaking parts, we were promised a spectacular staging of director Allan Cook's adaptation of the 1846 Penny Dreadful, *The String of Pearls*, famous for its central character, Sweeney Todd. And so it proved to be. The production was set in the context of music hall, with audience contributions to booing

and hissing the villain encouraged by the cast who stood round the auditorium when not actual performing and with apposite scene-setting by a master of ceremonies who periodically left his dais to enter the action himself.

The broad outline of the plot is well known: barber murders customers whose bodies are then recycled as the filling in suspiciously delicious meat pies. Along the way a devoted sweetheart investigates the mysterious disappearance of her lover, in the process dressing up as a boy to infiltrate the barber's shop where the finger of suspicion in the form of her lover's dog seems to point. Prompted by greed and self-preservation, the barber 'polishes off' one and all, poisons his baker accomplice and incarcerates his young assistant in a madhouse. The full horror of

Todd's murderous activities is uncovered in the crypt of St. Dunstan's church adjacent to the barber's, the villain is arrested, the assistant liberated, the missing lover found slaving in the pie-shop to be re-united with his girl.

The cast clearly relished the opportunities afforded by such a fantastic plot. Roger Page as Sweeney exuded dark malevolence punctuated by a wonderfully telling laugh, his strong central performance moving the action at a brisk pace; Helen Windsor gave us a splendidly grotesque Mrs. Lovatt; Sarah Jones played the religious fanatic Mrs. Oakley with great conviction; Gill Evans was a suitably sinister proprietor of the lunatic asylum. John Hopkins, Martin Jeeves and Brian Willis demonstrated their versatility in playing multiple characters. The cast also included a number of younger actors who gave assured performances: Emily Cade as the determined Johanna Oakley; Gareth Powell as the Colonel; Will Fox in a variety of parts. Special praise must go to Charlie Jones for his sensitive portrayal of Todd's assistant, Tobias Ragg. Other members of the cast lent solid support.

As mentioned above, the production utilised the space in an innovative way. The set was imaginative and the lighting and sound contributed to the atmosphere of gloom and doom. Mention must be made of Hector, created and operated by Dave Burgess who in all respects, brought the dog to life.

At one point, Sweeney Todd haggles with a dealer in jewellery over the price he is seeking for the string of pearls. The dealer claims that they are not the real deal. This production, like the pearls, was a real gem.

TREFORGAN WI

Our activities have continued apace with normal meetings (third Thursday in month), the craft group (first Friday in month) and informal lunches (first Thursday in month) being the staples.

Recently, we have been shown what beautiful items can be obtained with machine knitting, a revelation in a craft normally somewhat patronised. We've had a hands-on session about a novel way to teach children to read which was great fun as well as thought provoking.

We enjoyed our first official participation in the Radyr Festival. Making friendship bracelets proved popular with the children and many homes must be adorned with the tassels they made so enthusiastically at our stall.

We have been on a bus trip to Cheltenham with other WI's and toured that city in the rain.

Some of us attended the Glamorgan Federation Spring meeting (a gathering of 100 of the WI's in Glamorgan) where two of our members, Jane Rees and Sally Thomas were presented with their prize for winning the bridge tournament.

Ruth Jones of *Gavin and Stacey* fame was the main guest speaker and she was lucky enough to have her photograph taken with some of our members outside St. David's Hall.

We are looking forward to a visit from a Covent Garden ballerina and talking about and walking along the Glamorgan heritage coast. Don't let references to 'walks' deter you from joining in – for some of us they are more like 'ambles'. Pace and distance are your choice while remaining part of the outings.

For more information on any aspect of Treforgan WI, contact Sue Smith on 029 2084 3920.

RADYR, MORGANSTOWN & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Writing this in mid-May, when the temperature is struggling to reach double figures, I thought that winter had passed, spring had sprung and that summer should be just around the corner. All those seeds that were sown and nurtured earlier in the year are ready and anxious to be planted out. Whilst waiting for conditions to improve, it gives some time to reflect upon the past year's activities of the Gardening Club and look forward to future activities. The Gardening Club has been in being for more than twenty years and meets on the second Wednesday of the month from September to April (excluding December), with other activities such as the Festival Fete plant stall and garden visits.

In July last year, we visited the Bishops Palace Garden at Wells and combined this with Kilver Court at Shepton Mallet, a 19th century garden restored and developed by the Showering Family of Babysham fame. The visit included the well stocked Plant Nursery – much to the delight of members. The autumn/winter programme started with a talk on "Green Roofs" by Aisling Judge who explained the principle and benefits of a green roof and illustrated her talk with a number of examples, including that of the new Library in Cardiff. The programme continued with "Aquilegias" by Carrie Thomas, "Pot Plants for Christmas" with Sheen Crossley, "The Winter Garden" by Kevin Thomas and "Roses" by Ivor Mace. We concluded in April with a talk on "Britain in Bloom" with Jim Goodwin who discussed the judging process and illustrated his talk with a number of anecdotes and pictures of "Do's and Don'ts".

Unfortunately, we were unable to run our usual Plant Stall at the Festival Fete, the cold winter and spring putting everything back by between two and three weeks, meaning that members did not

have plants sufficiently advanced to donate for sale. However, one of the advantages of joining our winter meetings is that many of the speakers bring plants for sale and members can often buy something more unusual. Members are also welcome to bring a few surplus plants which can change hands at nominal prices raising additional funds for the club.

Our programme this year starts on Wednesday, 8th September with a visit to David Austin Roses near Wolverhampton and we hope to combine this with a visit to the nearby English Heritage property of Boscobel House and Garden. The rest of the programme will run from October to April, full details still being finalised, but the programme will include a talk on "Fascinating Fungi" which was postponed from January due to the winter snows.

We meet in The New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf at 7.30pm (on the second Wednesday of the month) with refreshments at the end of the meeting. Although our meetings have been well attended by members and visitors, like many other organisations, numbers have fallen so whatever your interest in gardens and gardening, whether it be passionate about plants or simply interested in gardens and garden visiting, please come along, you will be very welcome. Full details of the programme will be on the Radyr web site (www.radyr.org.uk) when available and each meeting is publicised in advance on notice boards around the village.

For further information about the Gardening Club and the David Austin visit, please see the web site or contact our Chairman, Jane Parry (Tel. 029 2041 9584).

Radyr and Morganstown Association

The Garry Newbould Award 2010 Winner: George Carroll

Dear George,

We are pleased to present you with the Garry Newbould Award for 2010.

The association presents an annual award to one or more young people who, in the previous year, have demonstrated leadership and commitment to enhancing community life within the Radyr and Morganstown locality.

The Garry Newbould Award recognises the work of the past chairman of the Radyr and Morganstown Association. We are therefore delighted that you were highly respected by Garry in



your work together on a number of projects.

This award recognises your role as a Young Leader at Radyr Tuesday Club and your Chairmanship of the Radyr Green Flag group. Your values, skills and commitment have had an invaluable impact in enhancing the environment and

community life within the Radyr and Morganstown locality.

We wish you all the best for your forthcoming studies at Cardiff University. We also look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,
Chair, Radyr & Morganstown Association.

RADYR BECOMES VICTIM OF CRIME

In the past months Radyr has been victim to numerous robberies and break-ins. There have been house burglaries as well as cars and garages. A colleague of mine had a guy come up his drive break into his car and steal two laptops and a camera. Another person had over £1500 worth of golf clubs stolen out of his car. The police say the robbers are likely to be part of one gang.

With these robberies in mind a local business man living in Radyr is offering great deals on Residential CCTV to keep our homes and belongings safe, and to help bring these criminals to justice. If you would like more information on CCTV for your home, or garage, please call 0808 202 6666.

BRYN DERI PRIMARY SCHOOL GOES GREEN!

The School Watch Action Team (SWAT) and Eco Group would like to inform you of our green initiatives and ask for your help with them.

We are working towards our Green Eco Award and after an initial environmental review, we identified three main targets:

1. **To save energy by reducing electricity consumption.**
2. **To promote health living through the tuck shop and Fruity Fridays.**
3. **To reduce car travel to school.**

All children, staff and governors have made pledges linked to these targets.

We would like to involve the wider community and invite you to make a pledge to add to our pledge book. It could be as simple as pledging to turn lights off, or to walk to the local

shops instead of taking the car. This can be done by email – schooladmin@brynderiprm.cardiff.sc h.uk or post to Bryn Deri Primary, Radyr, Cardiff, CF15 8RD.

We are working closely with 'Bike It' to encourage children to cycle to school safely. We now have a bike shed for parking bicycles.

In response to an appeal from a teacher in Cardiff, we have collected pencils, sharpeners, erasers and rulers to help children in Gambia.

Walk to School Week 17-21 May – SWAT members will be recording how many children walk, cycle or are driven to school. This will link with Wales's first Sustainability Week which is being held at the same time.

To help maintain our environment, a little pick is planned later in the summer term.

CARDIFF WOMEN URGED TO UNITE TO BEAT CANCER WITH RACE FOR LIFE 2010

Sign up for amazing moments at Cardiff Race for Life 2010

This year Cancer Research UK's Race for Life Cardiff's Race for Life events are going to be full of amazing moments for everyone. Race for Life is the UK's largest women only fundraising event where all the money raised goes to funding Cancer Research UK's lifesaving work. Whether you walk, jog or run 5k or step up the challenge and double your distance by taking part in Race for Life 10k, you can join thousands of women all round the country raising money to help beat cancer.

Vikki Savery, Cancer Research UK's South Wales Events Manager, said: "This year Cancer Research UK's Race for Life is going to be full of amazing moments for everyone from lining up at the start, side-by-side with thousands of other women, to reading the inspirational 'back-signs' worn by participants to the fantastic sense of achievement from crossing the finish line."

She added: "Women of all ages, abilities, shapes and sizes take part in Race for Life. They motivate and inspire each other to complete the 5k course. Many simply walk around, chatting and having fun but they all share the wonderful atmosphere at the event.

This year Cardiff has two more events taking place:



Race for Life 5k - Sunday 18 July at 11 am in Bute Park - target of 7000 participants raising £360,370
Race for Life 5k - Sunday 18 July at 3pm in Bute Park - target of 7000 participants raising £360,370.

So, why not enter with friends, family and colleagues and make a great day out this summer? Enter now at or call 0871 641 1111. Volunteers are also required and are so valuable to the success of the events. If you would like to volunteer to support South Wales' Race for Life events with promotion and on the day help register at:

www.raceforlife.org/support-race-for-life/volunteer.aspx Last year 12,626 women walked, jogged or ran Cardiff's two Race for Life 5k events, which took place for the 15th time in the city and raised an incredible £620,407 through sponsorship. In 2010 organisers are encouraging women to put their best feet forward and raise £733,240.

Cardiff participants will be part of a total of 700,000 women taking part in over 230 events across the UK between May and July. Cancer Research UK hopes that together they will raise a total of £60 million to fund the charity's life saving work. One-in-three people in the UK will be diagnosed with cancer at some stage in their lives. But the good news is that more people are beating the disease than ever before. Cancer Research UK's work

is at the heart of that progress. By helping to raise money through Race for Life, our supporters are turning hope into reality.

Every day, around 47 people are diagnosed with cancer in Wales. Every year, around 17,200 people were diagnosed with cancer in Wales. Race for Life started in 1994. At the time, many people diagnosed with cancer did not survive. But over the last 16 years, money generated by Race for Life has supported Cancer Research UK's work and now the overall death rate for the disease has dropped by 15 per cent. Cancer Research UK spent over £4 million last year in Wales on some of the UK's leading scientific and clinical research. For example. Cardiff is the home for one of our new Cancer Research UK Centres. The Cardiff Centre will help set the pace for national and international progress in cancer genetics. Researchers at the Centre will be focusing on the biology and treatment of bowel, breast and urological cancers and leukaemia. They will also be working on how to make sure cancer is detected earlier so the chances of successful treatment are higher.

**RADYR &
MORGANSTOWN
FRIENDS OF
TENOVUS
SPONSORED WALK &
STRAWBERRY TEA**

This year's Tenovus sponsored walk will take place on Sunday, 27th June and will start at the Tennis Courts in Cardiff Castle grounds at 2.00pm. This is one of our major fund-raising events when we hope to see many of our supporters taking part. Upon arrival at Christchurch, Radyr, they will be treated to a strawberry tea as a thank you for their efforts.

However, should you prefer, just come along at 3.15pm and enjoy an afternoon tea of home-made scones and freshly picked strawberries on the lawn at Christchurch prepared by Janet Boyce and other members of the local Tenovus committee. Tickets are priced at Adults - £4.00 and Children under 11 - £2.00. and are available from Janet - Tel. 2084 2887.

The sponsored walk raises much needed funds which will help Tenovus to provide additional care and support for people affected by cancer and this is only possible due to the continued help that we receive from friends and the local community.

We look forward to your support and sponsor forms are available from the Secretary.

Betty Fitzgerald – Tel. 2084 2096.

The Duck Race

The weather was not quite so nice, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 30 or so spectators who came to watch this exciting race!

The Festival Queen and her attendants, put all the Ducks in the River after a bumpy tractor ride across the fields,(the highlight of the week for the girls, but Not for Mick Sullivan, the photographer)

At first the ducks stayed in a tightly packed group, a yellow mass moving slowly down the river, but within a few minutes they began to spread out and by the time they

were 20 yard from the Black Bridge there was a clear winner, albeit floating sideways!,

We are so grateful to Margaret Watt and family at Gelynis Farm for making us so welcome, for the cup of tea and a welsh cake after the race,

Thanks also to Edward, Annabel and Laura in the canoe, and to John Craddock, who spent so long in the river, we wonder if he's warmed up yet.

Special thanks to Joyce Morgan whose had the idea for a Duck race, 22 years ago, and who has sold the majority of the ducks every year.

**1st Prize.....No.
172.....**

Gareth Davison.

**2nd Prize.....No.
57.....**

Chris Dale.

**3rd Prize.....No
52.....**

Jan Davies.

NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

The Radyr NSPCC Committee held a very successful "Spring Coffee Morning" at Radyr Golf Club on 29th April, raising in excess of £1,000. A further £300. was made from the sale of tea and cakes at the Radyr Festival Fete.

The money is to go to the 'Building Brighter Futures Appeal'. This appeal is intended to support the services carried out at the new purpose-built centre in Cardiff. A generous donation by the major benefactor, Diane Englehardt, enabled this centre to be built, but money is needed so that the NSPCC can continue working with the vulnerable children and parents who so urgently need our help.

The Radyr Committee would like to thank our supporters who always give so generously. The Golf Club allows us the use of the room. Christine Davies kindly donated the raffle prize 'Sunday Lunch for Two' and her help with the event is much appreciated. We are also grateful to Pugh's Garden Centre who again donated their excellent plants.

A new event this year was the stall provided by the Treorchy Knitting Centre. This group of skilled knitters generously donated their colourful hand-made toys, baby clothes and shawls to be sold in aid of the NSPCC. They are now busily knitting for our Christmas Coffee Morning which takes place on 25th November!



Radyr Comprehensive School

Car Boot Sale

**Sunday 20th June 2010
Radyr School Car Park**

**Sellers arrive from 08.00a.m.
Open to public 09.00-12.00**

**Sellers - £5 per car
(To book a pitch e-mail:
SusanDavies@cardiff.gov.uk)**

Refreshments available

**All proceeds to
Radyr Comprehensive PSFA**

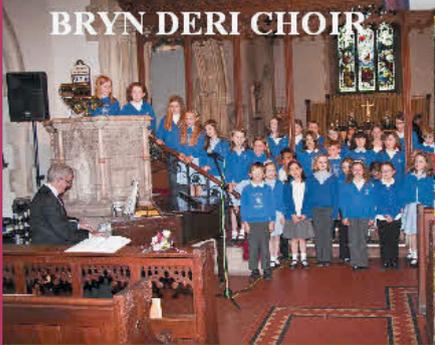
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COLOURING COMPETITION



BRYN DERI CHOIR



MAYPOLE DANCERS



RADYR PRIMARY DANCERS



ZOE TODD AND CHRISTOPHER GOULD



JAZZ ON THE PATIO





DOG SHOW



FESTIVAL QUEEN



GILLIAN CLARKE



FESTIVAL PARADE



SCOUTS



WIGGY AT FETE



LORD MAYOR AND BISHOP AT CIVIC RECEPTION



HECTOR



CONCERT IN THE PARK



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

A date set on the calendar each year as part of the Cardiff Youth Services events programme is the Battle of the Bands. The competition provides promising young musicians with the chance to compete against one another, and gain performance experience.

Semi finals were held earlier this year on the 8th March, and the winners for 2010 were a

year ten band "Session One". Band members included lead singer Matthew Brettle, along with musicians Robert Horton, Adam Morris, Rushil Sharma and Christopher Pawley, all students at Radyr Comprehensive School. The band stole the show and are undoubtedly destined for success. Other contenders for the winning place included bands "Any other day" and "Third Degree".

The lead singer of the winning band has also recently been awarded the title "Best young singer in Wales" after winning the National Youth Events singing competition, where he represented Cardiff on April 21st. Matthew then progressed to compete against representatives from 22 other counties across Wales on May 9th and won again after performing an exceptional version of the Queen song "I want to break free".



Battle of the Bands winners 'Session One'.



Band 'Any Other Day' along with members of the audience.



Battle of the Bands judging panel

Members of the local youth clubs in Radyr, Creigiau and Gwaelod have been rewarded for their outstanding efforts in achieving the "Youth Achievement Awards". Around 60 Radyr junior members aged between eleven and thirteen attended the awards ceremony held in City hall on 28th April

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

earlier this year, having completed the award scheme over the last 12 months.

The award winners had to learn new skills in a range of different fields including cookery, sport, arts and crafts and cookery, as

well as contribute to their community in some way. The awards were presented by the Lord Mayer, and the Young Achievers have definitely shown their commitment and drive towards making our community a better place for young people.



Young Achievers Award Winners

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Congratulations to the Bronze participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme, who recently completed their practice and qualifying day walks at Brecon. A total of 74 members completed the Bronze expedition from the local area alone, and a further 16 members achieved their silver awards.



*Duke of Edinburgh
Bronze qualifying walks*



SPANISH EXCHANGE TRIP

Despite the recent calamity caused by the Iceland dust cloud 22 year eight students were still able to fly out from Barcelona to take part in the welsh department's Spanish exchange trip at Radyr Comprehensive. The students arrived on Wednesday ... and left after a week of site seeing and tours around the city. Local families within the community accommodated for the guest students, and Radyr pupils are due to fly out to Spain in October later this year for a return visit.

Day. Organised by the Radyr and Morganstown Association, the Methodist Church and the Radyr Youth Club and sponsored by Taylor Wimpey, the day will offer a whole host of different events that will appeal to all. Just some of the activities on offer are workshops for Dance, Drama, Graffiti, Circus Skills, Arts and Crafts, as well as food and music for everyone. Salon Nia are also offering free mini facials and manicures, and the activities on offer will be suitable for 11-18's.

SKATE SAFARI

Following the success of the 4th Skate Safari trip to Cornwall earlier this year the Radyr Youth Forum are now organising the 5th trip this summer. Pupils from Radyr Comprehensive participated in the 4th Skate-off at Mount Hawke indoor skate park in Truro, Cornwall after arranging the trip themselves and staying at a local

youth hostel in Fowey. The students also got the chance to visit Truro's Skate Plaza and Hengoed Outdoor Skate Park in Bristol, and were lucky enough to watch a display from pro BMXers whilst on the trip. They also held a Skate Off competition as part of the Radyr festival earlier this year to promote the club to young audiences. If you are interested in participating in the next Skate Safari trip join the Radyr Youth Club and ask for more details within. Senior youth club is held every Tuesday 6.30-8.30 at Radyr Comprehensive.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

THE SIDINGS SIZZLER

On Saturday 19th June the Chantry at the Sidings will be hosting the first ever Youth

Battle of the Bands,
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Up and Coming Events articles by
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