

# New Sponsorship for Radyr Cricket Club

As I write this Radyr Cricket Club finds itself halfway through the 2017 season. We have enjoyed unprecedented weather for this time of year and to date have only had one game abandoned. All four senior sides are playing a high standard of cricket the first XI placed fifth in the SEWCL 2nd Division and the second XI unbeaten flying high at the top of their respective division.

Our run up to the season welcomed ex Glamorgan and England bowler Simon Jones to the ground to put the bowlers through their paces. Simon has been working with our first XI and the youth through the season to develop their skills. It is a great experience to face Simon in the nets as it's not everyday you get to bat against a Test cricketer especially one that was the scourge of international batsmen the world over!

As we moved into the 2017 season, as with every year, we look to balance the books and finance the club. It is a huge challenge just to maintain our facilities to provide cricket to the community. Two pitches and the three lane permanent net facility take large amounts of time and money to maintain the standards we set ourselves. This is all achieved by our members and volunteers and is a real testament to the club that we can provide cricket for four senior league sides and one Sunday non league side. We must also not forget the cricket we provide for both boys and girls from 5 years upwards, with the most recent addition being an Under 19 T20 team.

We had been looking long and hard for a new shirt sponsor and felt that 'local' was the way forward. So it was with great pleasure that Cicchetti of Station Road agreed to partner us for the next three seasons. We would like to thank Paulo and everyone at Cicchetti for this support. Our thanks also extends to the continued support of Radyr

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# Photo-call for the Women's Institute groups in Radyr and Morganstown



# RADYR CHAIN

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## And the Circus came to... Radyr Primary!

Pupils at Radyr Primary School were excited on Friday 14th July when the Big Top suddenly appeared on their school field. Happy Circus had come to visit for a second time.

The children were already in the circus mood having taken part in "circus workshops" at school in the week leading up to the circus. They



learnt that you need patience and determination when trying new skills such as juggling, plate spinning, diablo.

With the excitement building the PTA had bbq and refreshments. Everyone waited for the big tent to open. With great anticipation they took their seats and were wowed by a fantastic show of clowns, and breathtaking balancing and juggling acts.

The dancing acrobatics and aerial silks work was spectacular.

The performance ended with Serge the clown amazing everyone with his balancing act. Great hilarity followed as he and Mr Happy ended up splashing everyone with lots of water!

Everyone was excited at the end of the performance as they made their way home sleepily.

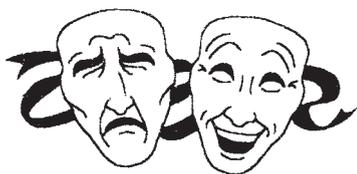
## Building Bird Boxes

The photograph shows members of the Fourth Radyr Brownies with members of the Community Council and their helpers who had prepared and helped the Brownies to make bird boxes in time for this year's Fathers' Day. Sue McKerlich had also prepared a session on common garden birds.

Radyr should have a much larger bird population from next summer onwards.



## COMING EVENTS



N.B. Details of all coming events can be found in the Diary section of the website [www.Radyr.org.uk](http://www.Radyr.org.uk)

**Mon 31 July** Radyr Lawn Tennis Club - summer camps. Children play lots of different sports (mainly tennis) during the day in a fun environment. Hot dogs will be provided for all day sessions although it is a good idea to bring a packed lunch as well. Tennis Camps are held Monday to Friday from 31st July, 7th August, 14th August, 21st August and 28th August at Radyr Lawn Tennis Club.

**Thur 3 Aug** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk by the Rev. Michael Wishart on being a "Royal naval Chaplain". New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

**Fri 1 Sept** 19:30 Rehearsals start for 'Me And My Girl' performed by Radyr Parish Music Group at the New School Rooms, Christ Church, Heol Isaf, Radyr.. We welcome existing and new members. Please see our article included in this edition for more details.

**Thur 7 Sept** 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr Golf Club. An illustrated talk by Alistair Guthrie - "A visit to Dubrovnik" New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

**Mon 11 Sept** 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. Our speaker this month is Romeo Basini with his talk entitled "The Italian Connection Part 1". Visitors are always welcome.

**Thur 21 Sept** 19:30 R&M Film Club - To be Announced. Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4. Join our Mailing List - Email [rmfilmclub@btinternet.com](mailto:rmfilmclub@btinternet.com)

**Mon 25 Sept** 19:30 RMA GENERAL MEETING. Come along to the R&M Association meeting in the Old Church Rooms to hear what is happening in your community. Our speaker will be Ian Thomas, Chief Executive of Age Cymru. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or [rma@radyr.org.uk](mailto:rma@radyr.org.uk) for further details.



### Eisteddfod Fund Raising.

Saturday the 15th of July saw a wine and cheese evening in the Old Church Rooms to launch the start of Radyr and the Garth's programme of events to raise funds for the 2018 National Eisteddfod to be held in Cardiff Bay.

With little more than a year to raise the £35,000 that the area has been asked to raise Radyr and Morganstown have amalgamated with Gwaelod y Garth, Taffs Well and Tongwynlais and called themselves Radyr and the Garth. Other nearby areas are Pentyrch and Creigiau, and Llandaff and Danescourt.

A busy year of events has been arranged starting with a book launch on September the 15th, a lunch time Hog Roast in the Golf Club on October 1st, A Christmas Choral Concert, a grand Dinner to Celebrate St Dwynwen's Day in January – St Dwynwen is the Welsh St Valentine. Other provisional events include someone taking part in the Iron Man competition taking place in Tenby in the autumn, a grand auction of sporting memorabilia and promises. Coffee mornings and much much more.

If you would like to get involved or have any ideas for fundraising please contact the Chair, Huw Onllwyn Jones at [onllwyn@mac.com](mailto:onllwyn@mac.com)

It is with great regret that we announce the retirement of Mary and Robert Pearce as Editors of the *Radyr Chain*. They have been Editors of the Chain since 2002 and had worked as reporters since the very early days.

All those involved with the production of *Radyr Chain* send them sincere thanks for their hard work over many years.

The Chain will in future be edited by an editorial Board headed by Jeff Davison. Copy will still be accepted up to the 15th of the month prior to publication, that is the 15th of September, November, January, March, May and July. Copy should be sent electronically to [Chain@radyr.org.uk](mailto:Chain@radyr.org.uk) or by post to Radyr Chain, 3 James Place, Treforest, Pontypridd CF37 1SQ.

The Editors reserve the right to edit or shorten items as required.

## Incident involving family pet at Parc Radyr Estate

Hello,

I am very much hoping that the *Radyr Chain* would be able to help us. We are desperately trying to locate and retrieve our young cat which was knocked down on entering Parc Radyr estate on Thursday 22 June at 8.00am (gates to the park at Plas y Mynach).

We have been informed by witnesses that the driver didn't stop but a lady visiting someone on the estate actually removed our cat. We have contacted all the local vets, put posters up, been knocking on doors and delivering leaflets but to no avail.

This would be as a last resort. I don't know what else I can do except appeal to the people who had a lady visitor (drove a dark colour range rover/land rover evoke) and who was leaving the estate on 22 June who removed our beloved. We rescued Beatrice and her brother from the RSPCA nearly 2 years ago and desperately want her back, her young brother is very much lost without her as they were inseparable. She was a very much loved member of the family and we so desperately want her back and want to know what the lady has done with her.

Regards - Mrs Sonia Hine  
(name and address supplied)

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

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# New Boardwalk for Radyr Woods

If you go down to the woods today you're in for a big surprise. The 60m millennium boardwalk constructed in 2000 by the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers was deteriorating to such an extent that it was decided to replace it with recycled materials. So this year, over 4 Sundays in April and June the Forest Farm based, Cardiff Conservation Volunteers undertook to build the new boardwalk from recycled plastic including decking boards made locally in Ebbw Vale. The Radyr Woods Wardens undertook the arduous task of dismantling the old boardwalk before the CCV started the rebuild. What can be salvaged from the original oak structure will be used in the woods for various maintenance tasks including steps and path edging. The completed boardwalk follows the exact 60m path of the original as it was possible to reuse the original nylon piles driven into the ancient river bed and boggy ground. A small 'viewing platform, a feature of the original boardwalk will be replaced later this year.

The project was funded by the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council with additional input from a bequest held by the Wardens to be used for the boardwalk. An official opening event will be arranged over the summer.

Radyr Woods, as a designated Community Nature area is an amenity available to all. It is an ancient semi-natural woodland that provides a wide variety of wildlife habitats and features, including ponds, springs, grassy glades and heath land.

Over 75 species of wildflowers have been identified in the woods including, Yellow Archangel, Pignut and Travellers Joy. Kingfishers are frequent visitors and moorhen frequently breed in both ponds. Work began on the derelict site in 1982 and it was officially opened in November 1984 with much input from young volunteers who were received the first Royal Jubilee Trust community service certificate awarded in Wales. Prince Michael of Kent visited the site in 1985 and the management agreement was handed over to the Community Council in 1986, and they

have been responsible for the 14 acre site since then.

The volunteer Woods Wardens are local residents who maintain the areas paths, steps, bridges, ponds, flora and fauna. Many trees and wild flowers were planted in the early years by local schoolchildren and there is a regular input from professional contractors for specific tasks.

A large band of litter pickers take part in a weekly rota all year, but over the summer months the litter problem does increase and everyone can help by avoiding leaving any litter in the woods. New bins arrived this year at the Taff Terrace and Woodfield entrances and there are bins in the play area adjacent to the site. We are planning to put more bins near the various picnic benches, but this has to be carefully planned as they need to be strong enough to resist the malign attentions of certain visitors and they will need to be emptied regularly.

It is a haven of peace and quiet available to everyone. Although frequented regularly by dog walkers and joggers there has been a slight shift this year to more youthful residents enjoying activities of dubious social acceptability. It would help balance the social mix if more adults or families could make use of this Community Nature Area.

And if anyone is inspired to help look after it, the volunteer Warden's group is always ready to enlist new helpers in whatever capacity they can manage. Some get involved with the heavyweight building works, others just with pruning and step cleaning or only take part in the litter pick rota. Every little helps safeguard what is a surprisingly large and varied environment.

If you would like more information about the Woods or would like to join the Wardens please contact the Clerk of the Community Council on 02920 842213 or [clerk@radyr.org.uk](mailto:clerk@radyr.org.uk) or the Wardens secretary on 02920 666999 [keylegal@btinternet.com](mailto:keylegal@btinternet.com)

*"Radyr Woods lie between Woodfield Avenue and the Comprehensive School to the west and and Fisher Hill Way and the new houses to the east. It is accessed via gates in Taff Terrace, Woodfield avenue, Fisher Hill Way, Junction Terrace and the public footpath from Danescourt."*



*Radyr Woods Wardens dismantling the old boardwalk*



*The state of the old boardwalk supports*



*Cardiff Conservation Volunteers constructing the new Boardwalk –completed June 11*



*The new plastic 'wood' should last longer than the original oak in this environment*



## Radyr Parish Music Group

### LEANING ON A LAMPPOST.....

In early September Radyr Parish Music Group will begin work on the musical 'Me and My Girl' to be performed next February during its usual half term slot at the Bishop of Llandaff High School.

If the above words mean anything to you then you will already have an idea of the popularity of the musical. This and other well known songs such as 'The Lambeth Walk' and 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On' feature in a colourful plot with many individual characters across the Upstairs Downstairs spectrum including dancers and Pearly Kings and Queens.

If you don't know the plot I'll not spoil it for you now; suffice it to say that the Group starts rehearsing on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom at Christ Church, Heol Isaf, Radyr and anyone who feels the urge to come along and join us is warmly welcome.

The first rehearsal will be a light hearted introduction to the musical and refreshments will be available. After that we continue to rehearse on Friday evenings and on the following Thursday 7th September auditions will be held at the same venue. Further details are available on our website

[www.rpmgweb.weebly.com](http://www.rpmgweb.weebly.com) We would particularly welcome younger singers and dancers to come and join us in this production.

The Music Group also have a programme of social events beginning with a quiz on Saturday 7th October which is open to all so if you are new to Radyr please come along - this is an excellent way of getting to know people in the community.

Why not come to our first rehearsal on the 1st of September and join the gang! We are a very friendly crowd and we are always happy to

welcome new members. If you feel that being on stage is not for you we welcome extra help back stage and with make-up, costumes etc so if you are interested in any aspect of putting on a great musical production please come on 1st September or contact our Secretary Judith Jones on [music@radyr.org.uk](mailto:music@radyr.org.uk) for further details.

**Douglas Hogg**  
Chair of RPMG.

### RADYR METHODIST CHURCH TEENY TOTS GROUP

The group which is run by volunteers from the Church meets every Friday morning during term time. We welcome parents and grandparents with pre-school children from the community in the Radyr area. The adults enjoy meeting for a coffee and chat while the children have an opportunity to play together, make jigsaws, have stories and join in with craft activities. Drinks and biscuits are also a highlight of the morning and we regularly celebrate birthdays. We end the morning with singing and playing our musical instruments.

We wish to thank the Radyr and Morgastown Community Council for their generous cheque which will help us to purchase more equipment for the group.

## Thank you ISON

The Scout Organisation in Radyr want to say a big 'THANKYOU' to ISON. A local window cleaning company who gave the exterior of Scout Hall a complimentary clean. ISON readily responded to our appeal for help and promptly undertook the job. The long reach water jet and hardworking operative washed away the green mildew on the fascia boards. ISON vans are often seen in Radyr and based on the work done on the Scout Hall they do a good job.

The Scouting Organisation is a charity that appreciates all help and support. This enables the children's subs to be used for Scouting activities rather than hall maintenance. We are now on the lookout for approximately **30 stacking chairs** to replace old rickety wooden chairs. Perhaps you know someone who can help?

Oh and of course we are always looking for Scout Leaders..... maybe you are aware that 50,000 children are on Scout waiting lists in the UK. Radyr has a waiting list. Demand to join Scouts exceeds the number of available places. This is primarily due to a lack of adult volunteers and leaders. Perhaps you can help?

For more information, please contact [akela@radyrscouts.org](mailto:akela@radyrscouts.org)

**David Bird**



### Tenovus Walk

The picture shows sponsored walkers before setting off on their walk along the Taff Trail from Cardiff Castle to Radyr. They enjoyed lovely June weather, company on the Trail and refreshments when they all reached Hailey Park. At Christchurch in Radyr they were served a delicious Strawberry Tea by members of the Friends of Tenovus Group. Non walkers also supported the event at Christchurch and enjoyed the afternoon tea. Sincere thanks go to all, including those who walked on an alternate walk on the following weekend, for raising a very large sum of money for Tenovus Cancer Care.

# News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

## Summer End of Term Report

Our 8th May meeting began with the presentation of the Community Award. Our President, Enid Brooker, welcomed Dr. Roe, Head of 6th Form at Radyr Comprehensive and Iwan Jones, accompanied by his parents. Iwan was nominated by Dr. Roe to receive the Community Award for an outstanding contribution to the school, particularly in behind the scenes support of the various drama productions. He is also an excellent sportsman. Enid presented the trophy, together with a cheque for £30. Photographs were taken and the guests then left as the usual WI business meeting was due to take place, followed by the voting on the National Federation WI Resolutions and finally our own Annual Meeting. In fact, the May meeting is quite a marathon, demanding a great deal of planning!

Our Glamorgan Federation Adviser for our Annual Meeting was Clare Atherton who is no stranger to Radyr, having been our adviser several times. After receiving all the reports, she noted how very community minded our WI is and expressed surprise that this busy Institute only has eleven committee members out of a current membership role of 65. Thankfully, all existing committee members stood for re-election and Enid was unanimously elected as President. Our meeting of 12th June opened by Enid reading out a congratulatory card from Clare Atherton. She also said what a pleasure it had been to meet Iwan Jones, the recipient of the Community Award. The meeting for June had the guest speaker Jeannie Rebane, whose talk entitled 'Coincidences' was thought-provoking. Members had been asked to submit coincidences based on personal experiences, and

audience responses to her talk included comments such as 'intriguing' and 'fascinating'. She drew on a quote from the psychologist Carl Jung, whose book 'Synchronicity' explored juxtapositions that scientific rationality could not adequately explain. Jeannie's talk covered the possibility that coincidences are more than 'quirky events', but are rather 'meaningful synchronistic events that can confirm we are on the right path'. An interesting evening - just proving that the WI gets its head around a wide range of topics.

Also in June two social events took place. On 9th June a group of members had an interesting guided tour of Glamorgan Archives and on the last day of June, a lunch at the Long House took place.

Finally to the July meeting on Monday the 10th our speaker was Yvonne Rees, who told the story of her parents life in service as a cook and butler to wealthy families on both sides of the Atlantic. Some were aristocratic, some military and some 'new money'. Yvonne and her growing children were privileged to enjoy holidays in her parents accommodation within these luxurious homes. Her parents were usually provided with a car as well. It was a fascinating insight into 'How the other half lived'.

As it was the last meeting prior to the summer break, we ended the evening with a celebratory glass of fizz and cakes. Speaking of celebrations, on Thursday, 19th October at 7.30pm in Morganstown Village Hall we will be celebrating our Institute's Diamond Jubilee! Yes, there has been a WI in Radyr for sixty glorious years. Prior to our July meeting, Mick Sullivan took an official photograph to mark the occasion. If you are a former member and would like to be part of the celebration, contact us on our email.

We begin our Autumn meetings on 11th September with a talk by Romeo Basini called 'The Italian

Connection Part 1'. Walks, trips and a trip to Hidcote Gardens are planned for Autumn. All other groups - book clubs, walking, genealogy and craft have programmes in place.

For more information contact us on email at radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.com

*Meanwhile, enjoy the Summer.*

L.J.H.

## CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

### BLACKBERRY AND HAZELNUT CRUMBLE

Blackberries are very early this year. This recipe has a dark sticky juice with a crisp, nutty crust.

Either use dark or medium muscovado sugar.  
(Serves 6-8)

700g. (1½ lb) blackberries

175g. (6oz) muscovado sugar ( you can use a little less)

few fragrant leaves (optional) scented geranium, or mint

50g. (2oz) flour

25g. (1oz) rolled oats

50g. (2oz) chopped hazelnuts

75g. (3oz) unsalted butter

Heat oven 180C/ Gas 4

Put blackberries into buttered pie dish

Sprinkle one third sugar over

Scatter leaves on top

Mix flour, oats, nuts and remaining sugar

Rub in butter roughly

Spoon over blackberries

Rough up with fork

Bake 25-30 mins.

Serve warm with cream or icecream

A.M.P.

# A Report from the Radyr and Morganstown Community Council



After the last local election in June, those Councillors who stood for re-election were returned unopposed. The three councillors who did not stand for re-election were Councillors S Mckerlich, M Diment and C St Leger .All three have made very considerable contributions to the Council. It would be most appropriate to express our gratitude and sincere thanks for all their contributions over many years. However, all three have stated that they will assist the Council as and when required. After advertising for local residents to join the Council, the response has been excellent. It is hoped that the remaining five vacancies will be filled with the new councillors taking up their posts at the September Council meeting.

One of the significant contributions to our community has been the installation of an Automatic External Defibrillators [AED] at three sites, the Old Church Rooms, Morganstown Village Hall and outside the Opticians on Station Road. These apparatus are critical in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation [CPR] following a Cardiac Arrest. It is extremely sad to report that the latter, generously funded by several local organisations, was removed by a person or persons unknown. It is tragic to report this removal, as this AED could save a life in an emergency situation. Fortunately, the local Council has purchased a replacement. However, on this occasion, the AED will be kept in a locked cabinet which may delay the resuscitation. There are appropriate written instructions on how to proceed on the cabinet. There are also AEDs at the Medical Centre and Radyr Golf Club.

Training for CPR is available through various organisations which include the local branch of St John's Ambulance, Cymru. They meet every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in the Old Church Rooms. To assist those who find themselves involved with a



The Teeny Tots group

person who has had a cardiac arrest, the very helpful document the *CHAIN OF SURVIVAL* is illustrated below.

The Council has funds available to support local projects. Any submission should be sent to the Clerk at the OCR. It was a great pleasure to award a sum of money, following their excellent submission for a grant to purchase additional apparatus, to the Teeny Tots group who meet in the Methodist Hall every Friday.

The Council has recently established a page on Facebook which will augment the information available on

the Web-site so that the residents of both villages are kept informed of current developments.

Last year there was considerable reference to problems faced by the Community Council over alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct and, even, unlawful behaviour. Until now it has not been possible to correct these wild accusations as they were subjudice. Eight out of 12 community councillors were reported to the local government ombudsman for various alleged breaches of that code; all eight were completely exonerated over each and every accusation.

Furthermore the Community Council has successfully defended itself over a claim for breach of contract plus associated costs made to an industrial tribunal; the judge dismissed both applications. Radyr and Morganstown Community Council has continued to serve our communities throughout a difficult period; we are glad to now report that we will continue to do so and that we are content to have been completely cleared.



## BASIC LIFE SUPPORT IN ADULTS. CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION (AED)

- 1 ADULT NOT RESPONDING AND NOT BREATHING NORMALLY.
- 2 CHECK ENVIRONMENT FOR **PERSONAL SAFETY** e.g. NO ELECTRIC WIRES.
- 3 CALL FOR HELP, **DIAL 999** FOR AN AMBULANCE AND ASK FOR AN **AED**.
- 4 IMMEDIATELY INSTIGATE **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION [CPR]**.
  - a **TILT HEAD** BACKWARDS AND PULL THE **JAW FORWARD**.
  - b PERFORM **30 CHEST COMPRESSIONS** WITH THE PERSON FLAT ON HIS/HER BACK.
  - c ADMINISTER **TWO RESCUE BREATHS** MOUTH TO MOUTH ARTIFICIAL LUNG VENTILATION].
- 5 CONTINUE **CPR** AT THE SAME RATIO ie 30 CHEST COMPRESSIONS TO TWO RESCUE BREATHS.
- 6 **APPLY THE PADS** OF THE AED TO THE CHEST, SWITCH IT ON AND FOLLOW VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS
- 7 **CONTINUE WITH CPR UNTIL HELP ARRIVE**

# Sad News at Radyr Primary...

Mrs Linda Bale



We were saddened to hear news of the death of teacher Mrs Linda Bale on 24th May after a short battle with cancer. Mrs Bale had been a teacher at the school since 1998. She worked in both Foundation Phase and Key Stage 2. Mrs Bale taught hundreds of pupils during her time at the school and so many present and past pupils have fond memories of her. Staff and pupils have spent a lot of time sharing their memories of Mrs Bale, she loved all things to do with the environment and nature and many children remembered her love of hedgehogs and rugby. Although born in England Mrs Bale was an avid Scarlets fan and she supported Wales and Llantwit Major (where her son played from a young boy through to seniors) rugby teams. Mrs Bale had planned to retire at the end of May to pursue her dream to visit New Zealand for the British and Irish Lions rugby tour. Mrs Bale's contribution to the school was immense she worked tirelessly to improve the environment, she set up the School Council and led the school in gaining our first Green Flag. We remember all the times she dressed up for World Book Day, her repertoire was wide Percy the Park Keeper, The Worst Witch, Gangster Granny and Goldilocks to mention only a few. In January she introduced Year 4 pupils to a topic on Tudor Times by arriving at school as Queen Elizabeth 1-astoundingly royal is all we can say.

## MRS BALE

Mrs Bale was a wonder  
Rays of light she made fill the class  
Such a jolly soul she was  
Belongs in our hearts  
Always and forever she lives even today  
Lovely is the only word to describe her  
Extinct she will never be as long as we remember her

*A poem by Mason Jones year 4*

## Special Assembly

On July 7th the school held a special assembly outdoors to celebrate and remember Mrs Bale and her work at school. The children shared their memories of her, and sang songs we know she would have loved. We carried out a number of activities to raise funds for Marie Curie who had cared for Mrs Bale whilst she was ill. As part of our fundraising all pupils enjoyed a hedgehog topped cake at playtime. Parents and governors joined in the celebration enjoying afternoon tea before our assembly started. We were delighted to be able to present a cheque for £1131.26 to Mrs Burn and Mrs Hull from Marie Curie when they attended assembly during the last week of term. We have installed a wooden bench into our school grounds for everyone to remember her in years to come.



*Max Clapham year 4 enjoys a quiet moment on our new bench.*



*Remi-Nicole Evans year 4 made this fabulous hedgehog to remember Mrs Bale.*



# Scouting in Radyr

## Expedition Challenge

A few weeks ago on the 27th of May some of the older Scouts from the 1st Radyr Scouts Group went on a Leavers expedition which lasted 2 days. We started off by taking the train to Trehafod from Radyr. Then we had to use maps, compasses and a sheet of directions to make our way to the Creigiau Scout Hut where we would spend the night. The hike was quite enjoyable, well most of it, about a quarter of the way thought it started raining extremely heavily so we all got completely soaked. The rain lasted for ages but when it stopped it became really sunny which was very nice because it dried us off completely, except for our socks, they were still drenched but nothing from our rucksacks was wet. We walk through a lot of nice areas and in one of the fields we went through there where two horses and they were the friendliest horses I've ever met they walked over to us and followed us all the way to the gate on the other side of the field. When we finally got to the Creigiau Scout Hall we had a break and we all took off our boots and socks because they were wet and put fresh ones on. We then started a fire and started to put up all the tents and put our bags in them, we were using most of the skills we had learnt at scouts on this expedition. Once we had all eaten we set up our sleeping bags and went to sleep. The next morning we woke up and cooked bacon for breakfast, it was delicious! When we had finished the food we started taking our belongings out the tent and taking the tents down, once we packed them up we started heading back to Radyr. The walk back was a lot shorter than the walk previous day so we got home quite quickly. The expedition was very enjoyable because we were out in the countryside and we were using the skills we had learnt previously in Scouts. I would recommend Scouts



to anyone thinking about going because it is very fun and you get to learn a lot of skills you wouldn't know otherwise.

*By Drew Cleaver*

## Coasteering in Gower

We arrived at the campsite with amazing views of the beach and the ocean. We unpacked and put up our tents. Our scout leaders prepared our evening meal to eat around the campfire, whilst we played hide and seek in the sand dunes.

## A thrill a minute

Following a good night sleep and packing a few essentials we set off for our coasteering adventure in Gower. We began the long walk down to the coastal area which took much of the morning. Arriving just after one o'clock we got changed into our wetsuits and swam out to the lifeboat. With choppy waters, changing tides, made the swim difficult. We must have swam a good 200 metres to the life boat. It was a five minute ride to the rocking coastline. We did some exercises to warm ourselves up before we started the rock climbing. I started well until I slipped and gashed my knuckles. Luckily my hands were so cold and numb that I

couldn't feel the pain but it was all worth it.

## It always rains and it pours ... on a bank holiday weekend

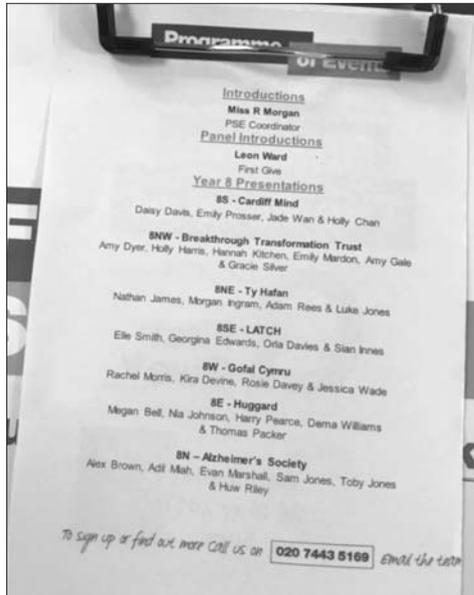
Absolutely no-one was surprised when it rained the last night of our trip. We woke up to a well-deserved bacon breakfast. Just before we set off, it was a great excuse to have a water fight between the older and the younger scouts. You can guess who won!

*By Anil Patel*





*Radyr's budding young philanthropists give big to local causes*



First Give and Radyr Comprehensive School have joined together to help young people give back to their communities and speak out for causes they believe in. Pupils at the school have won grants totalling £1,500 for charities in their local area.

The whole of Year 8 at Radyr Comprehensive School took part in the First Give programme, where students investigated social issues and identified and met with local charities that address those issues in their community. The students then made professional presentations about their chosen charity and competed with each other in a public speaking competition to win grants for their charities.

The finalists from year 8 took part in the School Final event at Radyr Comprehensive School on 24/05/17. It was a truly special night where seven teams delivered outstanding professional and emotive presentations to a room full of parents, charities and a panel of judges.

Alzheimer's Society came away with £1,000 after students Alex Brown, Adil Miah, Evan Marshall, Sam Jones, Toby Jones and Huw Riley scored top points from the judges. Latch – the children's cancer charity

received £250 from students Elle Smith, Georgina Edwards, Orla Davies and Sian Innes. Mental health charity Gofal Cymru also won £250 after students Rachel Morris, Kira Devine, Rosie Davey and Jessica Wade came joint second.

Olivia Copner Community Fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society Cymru said 'There are currently 45,000 people living with dementia here in Wales, which is why we are so grateful of the support from local communities to help those affected. It was a real pleasure to meet the group from Radyr Comprehensive School. Their presentation was personal and heart felt and it really demonstrated how dementia can affect the whole family. I was really inspired and impressed with this group and their ability to deliver the presentation with confidence. The prize donation of £1000 will help so many people living with dementia here in Wales.'

**Rhiannon Morgan** who leads the delivery the First Give programme at Radyr Comprehensive, said: 'Our school final was brilliant. Parents, school staff and our students were so excited after the event. This has been a great opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills and raise money for some great and

local causes. We are already planning next year and would like to thank First Give for the opportunity to work them.'

Radyr Comprehensive is one of 30 schools in Wales taking part in the First Give programme this academic year, meaning that over £45,000 will be won for local charities by local children all over South Wales. Next year, the charity will work with up to 50 schools in South Wales and any school interested in taking part should contact Leon, the charities Programme Manager in Wales on [Leon@firstgive.co.uk](mailto:Leon@firstgive.co.uk) First Give is a philanthropy education programme that develops the professional skills of students and ignites their social conscience. It engages them in their communities and develops more employable and well-rounded individuals.?

First Give provides an interactive and fully-resourced scheme of work delivered across an entire secondary school year group. After researching and visiting charities, students take part in a public-speaking competition to advocate and win grants for their charities in a school final.?

For more information visit [www.firstgive.co.uk](http://www.firstgive.co.uk) or Facebook @FirstGiveUK

# Grand Slam on the tennis courts at Radyr LTC

On Saturday 11th July, Radyr Lawn Tennis Club hosted the finals of its annual Open Tournament. The weather was glorious and the Tiger Turf courts looked immaculate, basking in the sunshine, thanks to the effort of groundsman, Jim Goodwin.

All in all, it was a great team effort with local volunteers from the club helping to organise the tournament, tending the bar and playing the important role of umpire for the hotly contested matches.

The matches themselves provided great entertainment for the supporting crowd with family and friends cheering on the finalists in high sporting spirits. There were men's, women's and mixed finals, and plate events for competitors knocked out in their first rounds, giving everyone a chance to play more tennis. It was great to see such a range of competitors with players from all age groups making it through to the finals.

We were all rather impressed with Teresa Evans who managed to secure a triple crown Grand Slam for the second year in a row by winning the ladies singles, the ladies doubles with Zara Cottle (wearing her lucky Wimbledon socks), and the mixed doubles with Dave Bono. It was a really good performance by Teresa and not an easy achievement. She was properly stretched by Caroline Lai in the singles, just winning by 7 games to 5 in the third set. There was another close encounter in the mixed doubles, and youngsters Ellen Ambler and Meg Smith fought a hard battle in the ladies doubles too.

The men's singles title was won by head coach Drew Lumb, who normally enters to provide club members with a challenge. This year his opponent in the final was excellent junior player Nick Lai who put Drew under considerable pressure, taking the first set and only finally faltering towards the end of the third. Drew also took the men's doubles title with his skillful partner Nick Smith.

It was an excellent day for everyone who attended the finals matches, with the club's traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes being

taken on the lawn. The event was topped off with the trophy presentations and a party in the evening.

Anyone for tennis?

For info on Radyr LTC summer tennis camps please visit: [www.radyrtennis.co.uk/school-holidays](http://www.radyrtennis.co.uk/school-holidays)



## Our allotments have become Famous!

Pobol y Cwm the Welsh TV series have been filming on our site since May . You can see the first episode on Friday 18th August on S4C normally 19:30 or 20:00 and the whole week is repeated as an omnibus edition on Sunday 20th August. They have filmed 5 episodes to date .

Anybody interested in renting a plot contact Derek our chairman on [dh.pm.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:dh.pm.smith@btinternet.com) to be included on the waiting list.



## History Society

After successful visits to the Royal Mint in Llantrisant and a visit to the National Trust property at Stourhead in Wiltshire, the last visit of the season is to the Nantgarw China Works on Thursday 28th of September.

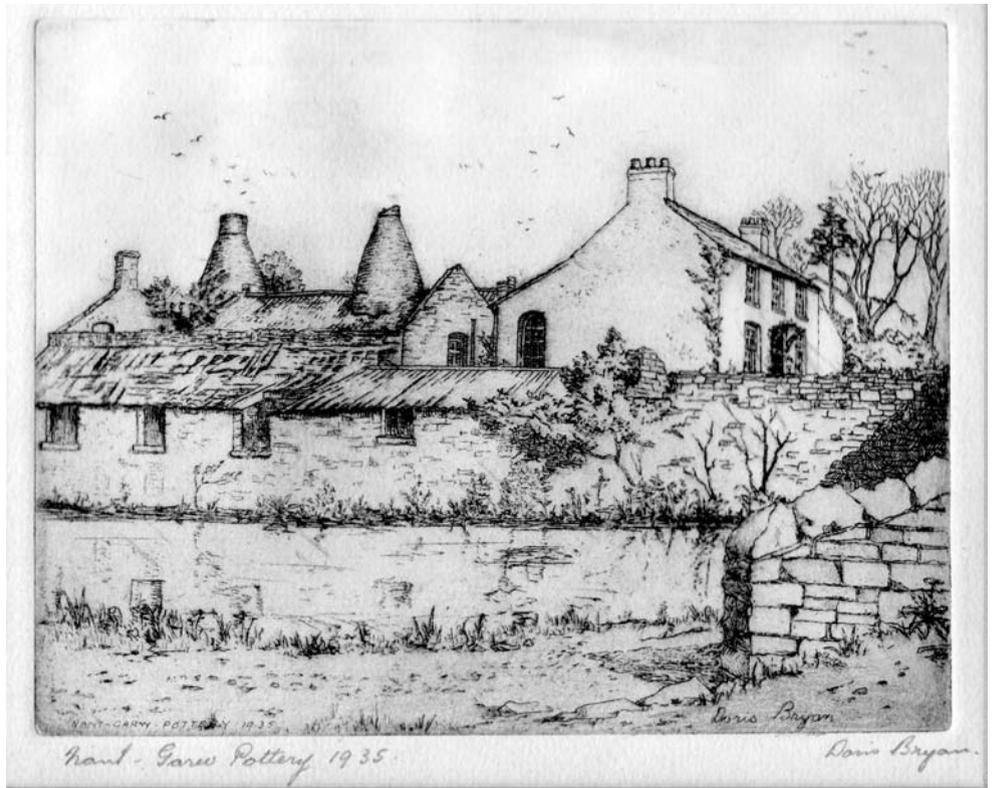
The first two talks in the Winter programme are;

Thursday 19th October. Chris Dale will continue his series of talks on Roman Emperors with Hadrian.

Thursday 16th November. The leading authority on the Medieval Welsh Church Dr. Madelaine Gray on Medieval Tombstones in Wales.

Talks take place at 7.30 in the Old Church Rooms. All are welcome.

The visit to Nantgarw is a morning one. For more details phone Allan Cook on 02920843176.



*Line Drawing of Nantgarw China Works. Author's Collection.*

## The Ken Innes Trophy

At the final meeting of the 2017 Festival Committee the *Ken Innes Trophy* was presented to Julie Davies, the leader of Radyr Guides.





Pictured is the presentation to St. John Ambulance of a cheque for £10,500 which covers all the donations from the Association, the schools and all other organisations in the village. Thanks go to them all for their generous support of the charity. Next year's charity is the Alzheimer's Society.

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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

[animal-agents.org.uk](http://animal-agents.org.uk)

Sat 15 July 10.30am Summer Reading Challenge  
Launch – storytime and craft

### Week 1

Tue 25 Jul 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Fri 28 Jul 10:30am Stories and poems for older children – ages 7+

### Week 2

Tue 1 Aug 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Fri 4 Aug 10:30am Helping Hedgehogs  
Learn about hedgehogs, and what we can do to make sure they are happy and healthy. Have a go at making some hedgehog crafts. Age 5+.

### Week 3

Tue 8 Aug 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Fri 11 Aug 10:30am Crimebusters!  
Have fun with our local police officers, learning about crime prevention, and

have a go at being fingerprinted!  
Age 5+.

### Week 4

Tue 15 Aug 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Tue 15 Aug 2:00pm Wise Owls  
Meet some real life owls in the library, and make some owl crafts. Age 5+.

Fri 18 Aug 10:30am Puppy Tales  
Meet Nelson the guide dog, and learn about all the work he does to support his owner. Age 5+.

Fri 18 Aug 2:00pm Workshop – 'A Day At The Zoo'

This workshop, provided by Explore Learning, aims to promote communication and team skills.  
Age 5-7.

### Week 5

Tue 22 Aug 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Tue 22 Aug 3:30pm Author visit:

BB Taylor

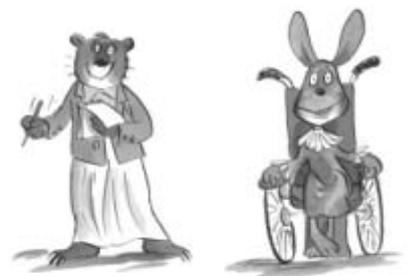
Meet author BB Taylor, and her friends Yoshi and Hamster – she will be selling copies of her books, which she will be happy to sign for you. Age 5+.

### Week 6

Tue 29 Aug 10:15am Storytime for under 5's

Booking for events is essential, as places are limited.

To book a place, please contact Radyr Library: 029 2078 0996  
[radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:radyrlibrary@cardiff.gov.uk)



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE THE READING AGENCY

# Radyr and Morganstown Association United Against Dementia

21st century's biggest killer, with someone developing it every three minutes, and so many people are facing it alone. Alzheimer's Society Cymru is here for anyone affected by dementia. The charity carries out vital research as well as providing



The Radyr and Morganstown Association, better known locally as the RMA, has been in existence since 1987 and was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2015. The Association selects a charity to support and work with each year on events throughout the year in the run up to a two-week May Festival. In the coming year the RMA will be uniting with Alzheimer's society Cymru to raise awareness and funds for those living with dementia.

David Silver, RMA Chairman, said, "The Radyr and Morganstown Association is delighted to be working with Alzheimer's society Cymru over the next twelve months. The RMA was set up to make our Community a great place to live and work and we aim to interact with all sectors and ages. We are only too aware how dementia affects families as well as individuals. We will raise money for the Charity but, more importantly, we will work with Alzheimer's society Cymru to help set up an on-going local support group to which people can turn in the future."

Cheryl George Regional Community Fundraising Manager, at Alzheimer's Society Cymru said:

"Dementia doesn't care who you are; it could affect us all. It's set to be the

information and support to make sure people don't feel that way and they know where to go for support.

"We are so excited to be working with the Association over the next twelve months and hope raise both funds and awareness that will make a difference in this community and across Wales. There are lots of events planned from the Christmas lights switch on through to the festival celebrations next May. We are also looking to form a volunteer fundraising group over the course of the year. This will start with an open information session on 2nd September in the Old Church Rooms in Radyr"

If you would like to hear more about getting involved in the local fundraising group then please contact Cheryl George 07484510012 or email [cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:cheryl.george@alzheimers.org.uk)

Over 3,700 people have dementia in Cardiff. Alzheimer's Society Cymru is here for anyone affected by dementia. The charity provides information and support, to find out more call the National Dementia Helpline on 0300 222 1122 or visit [alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)

# New Sponsorship for Radyr Cricket Club

...from back cover

support. Our thanks also extends to the continued support of Radyr Garage as well as new sponsorship from Andrew Cox barbers, Glamorgan Telecom, Thomas H Wood, U Design Ltd and Gwynt y Ddraig. Not all support however amounts to money; a special thanks must go to the Radyr and Morganstown Association in particular Nick Hawkins for loaning us the marquee for our annual Vice Presidents luncheon.

Radyr Cricket Club is a vibrant, family club, proud of its 125 years of history within the local community. It is wonderful to have so much local support in all its guises.

In conclusion if you or any member of your family are interested in playing, scoring, umpiring or even cutting the grass do not hesitate to contact the club via [www.radyrcc.co.uk](http://www.radyrcc.co.uk) or just pop down to the ground.

**Jonty Wilson** - 1st XI Captain

## A Shop Too Far?

Since I moved to Radyr over forty years ago, there has been a 'corner shop' on Station Road and although there have been many changes over that time this shop has been a constant on the 'high street' and for the last twenty five years or so we have been well serviced by Jeff and his family.

I am absolutely disgusted that the council has allowed a big organisation like the Co-op to be given permission to open directly next door to this shop, both being retail food outlets.

I for one will remain loyal to the Spar and will not be entering the Co-op premises and I hope that many of the residents of Radyr will do the same. We do not need all these big organisations pushing out the smaller businesses.

Please join me as a protest and just support our local Spar.

(Name and address supplied)