

Japanese Knotweed

It's hard to believe that the tall red stemmed plant, with lovely green leaves and sprays of white flowers is such a pest. This summer it has flowered particularly well. It's is the attractive nature of the plant that caused the Victorians to import it as an ornamental garden perennial. It grows to about seven feet (two metres) tall each summer but dies back to below ground level each winter.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that it is particularly prevalent in Radyr Gardens and Radyr Sidings, where Railtrack and Aviva are trying to eradicate it from railway property. It is also well established along the Taff Trail and around the Ty Nant. It is a thug happily forcing its way through tarmac and and even concrete.

It spreads vegetatively and not by seed but the smallest piece of root or rhizome will grow into a new plant. There are restrictions about the movement and disposal of these plants and their roots which it is



worth knowing about and on no account should it be thrown out with garden or household waste. We hear horror stories of neighbours being sued because Japanese knotweed has spread from one property into a neighbours garden and even of house sales falling through because surveyors have found Japanese knotweed to be present on a property.

What to do if you think you might have Japanese knotweed?

The first thing to do is to get expert help. Many weedkillers are not effective against this thug, and even those that are take two or three applications. An expert will also be able to dispose of the roots safely.

Bus to Botswana

Well known Radyr resident, Chris Gray, managing director of C D Gray an engineering company based in Pentwyn, Cardiff has just sent a state of the art mini-bus to Mabele Primary School in Botswana, southern Africa.

Chris visited the school in October 2016 and was so moved by the sight of primary school children having to walk long distances to school in temperatures up to 42 degrees and in dangerous areas, that he decided to raise money for a mini-bus.

It so happened that his company was celebrating it's 25th birthday and so they decided to make Mabele school their project for this important year. Not only have they bought the mini-bus they have also, working with their local Primary School – Glyn Coed – in Pentwyn, filled it with gifts, footballs, tennis balls – Chris is a keen tennis player - school equipment and fans to make the temperature in the classrooms more bearable.

In the photograph you can see Chris with the mini-bus before its departure for Sheerness for a seventeen day sea voyage to Walvis Bay in Namibia. It is hoped that the mini-bus will make its first journey to collect the pupils on the the 16th of October.



Some of the children in Botswana who will benefit from the new bus



Chris Gray with school children from Glyn Coed Primary filling the new bus with supplies for a school in Botswana.

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Treforgan v Pentrepoeth

There is a move to change the Welsh name of Morganstown from Treforgan to Pentrepoeth, we don't believe that there is any move to change the name of Morganstown in English. We aren't sure from where this idea has come but the Community Council have been approached for their views.

Historian Allan Cook, Chair of the Radyr and Morganstown History Society said, "Morganstown grew up on a farm called Ty'n y Berllan owned by a Morgan that is why the name Morganstown, Treforgan came into being.

The first reference to a "village" at Morganstown is in the 1801 census when it is known as Ty'n y Berllan. When the Taff Vale Railway opened a station in Morganstown, at the back of Pugh's Garden Centre, in the 1840's they called it Pentyrch Halt, because clearly, the new village did not have a name at that stage.

The only reference I've found to a Pentrepoeth is in the Births, Marriages and Deaths registers of Radyr Parish Church. Villages called Treforgan, Pentre and Pentrepoeth are recorded as

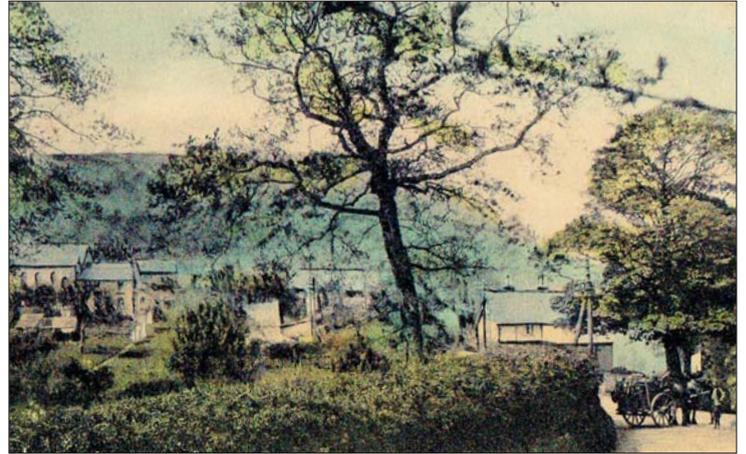
well as Morganstown – which became the dominant name.

I'm not even sure that Pentrepoeth refers to the village we now call Morganstown /Treforgan. During the Industrial Revolution quite a few small communities grew up in industrial

areas, Gwaelod y Garth to mention but one. There was a village between Morganstown and Gwaelod y Garth, which grew up around the Pentyrch Ironworks.

Pentyrch Ironworks was on the west bank of the Taff, north of the Ynys Bridge and was excavated in the late 1970's before the building of the estate known as Riverglade. The village that grew up around it was south of Riverglade under what is now the Gwaelod y Garth Industrial Estate. It is shown on late 19th century maps, and photographs taken from the Viaduct at that time.

This village would have merited the name Pentrepoeth (the Hot Village)



The road from Radyr to Morganstown c 1900

more so than Morganstown, as it would have been very close to the iron works. Morganstown has never had any industrial activity and was accommodation for the iron and coal miners, brickwork workers and the workers on the Taff Vale Railway.

I think a great deal more research needs to be done on the village called Pentrepoeth before the Council - Community or County - spend money on changing the signage yet again".

It might also be worth canvassing the views of the residents of Morganstown.

Radyr Tennis – Ladies 1st team are victorious!

On Sunday 17th September, the ladies 1st team at Radyr Tennis Club took on their biggest challenge yet – competing in the Division 1 play-offs against Swansea. A win at this event could secure a place in the Premier League, an achievement not yet reached by a ladies team at RLTC in recent memory.

To get themselves in position for this exciting opportunity, the team fought hard in the summer league, playing with determination and tenacity to secure their win in Division 1, with plenty of close battles, skillful play and, not forgetting, winning shots!

The main players in the squad during



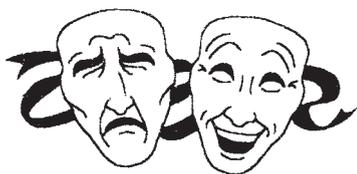
the summer league were Zoe Hunter, Teresa Evans, Zara Cottle, Caroline Lai, Helen Quick, Rachel Evans and Dawn Hodnett. Liz Zyjewski, Lianne Booth and Chloe Taverner also stepped up as substitutes when

required.

On the morning of the play-offs, Zoe, Helen, Teresa, Zara, Caroline and Helen met at the Radyr clubhouse for a pre-match team talk – everyone was

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COMING EVENTS



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

Thur 5 Oct 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr golf Club. An illustrated talk by Nigel Seaman on "A Musical Interlude" New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Sat 7 Oct 10:00 R&M Alzheimer's. Presentation from the newly formed Alzheimer's Group in the village at Radyr Library. Coffee and biscuits served. Come and find out more about the Society. All ages welcome.

Sat 7 Oct 19:30 Quiz night. RPMG presents a quiz night - open to all. New Schoolrooms, Christ Church. Tickets £8, to include a light supper. Bring a bottle. Contact Martin 029 2084 2954 to book your place.

Mon 9 Oct 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. Our speaker this month is Dean Powell talking about "The Incredible Life of Dr Price". Visitors are always welcome.

Tue 10 Oct 10:30 Tenovus Festive Flowers at Radyr Golf Club. Demonstration, sale of Christmas cards, Raffle, Tickets £5 to include coffee and mince pies. Please ring 20401872. All welcome

Wed 11 Oct 19:30 RCTS South Wales. Over the rails of Wales - steam in the 1960s OCR

Sat 14 Oct 09:00 Radyr Woods Wardens Working Party at Car Park Top Taff Terrace. Do come and join the Wardens who are all volunteers and help them keep Radyr Woods beautiful. This time, they intend to install a bench for wheelchair uses.

Sun 15 Oct 14:00 SHWOP! Clothes swapping event (and charity fundraiser). Bring your unwanted, good quality, clothes and accessories and schwop them for 'new'. Extra items for £1 donation. Cuppa and a cake £1.50, all proceeds going to PMH Cymru Parental Mental Health support in Cardiff. 2-4pm at Radyr Scout Hall, Heol Isaf.

Thur 26 Oct 19:30 R&M Film Club - *Miss Sloane*. Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4. Join our Mailing List - Email rmfilmclub@btinternet.com

Thur 2 Nov 10:00 Probus of Cardiff West. Radyr golf Club. An illustrated talk by Rachael Williams on "A life in Hollywood (USA)" New members welcome. Contact Mike Thomas 20408056

Wed 8 Nov 19:30 RCTS South Wales. Railways of East Anglia in the 1980s and 1990s OCR

Mon 13 Nov 19:30 Radyr and Morganstown WI. This month's speaker is Gwerfyl Gardner with her talk about "William Goscombe John - Welsh Sculptor". Visitors are always welcome.

Mon 20 Nov 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 Chris Dale. All Welcome. Contact 2084 2561 or rma@radyr.org.uk for further details.

Thur 23 Nov 19:30 R&M Film Club - *Churchill*. Old Church Rooms. Tickets £4. Join our Mailing List - Email rmfilmclub@btinternet.com

Thur 23-Sat 25 Nov 19:30 Radyr Drama Society. A Chorus of Disapproval by Alan Ayckbourn. Morganstown Village Hall. Tickets from 20842585 or Enerchi or www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama

RADYR CHAIN DELIVERERS NEEDED

The Radyr Chain is delivered to every household in Radyr & Morganstown every other month. The next one will be ready to be delivered in December. As the main distributor I receive all 3,000 copies which I then break down into areas to be handed out to the local distributors. The local distributors then break there allocation into rounds and hand those to the deliverers. All of us are volunteers; we need more deliverers and a local distributor. In particular we need volunteers to help distribute and deliver in the Radyr Sidings.

Most rounds can be completed within an hour. If you are able to help please contact me.

Chris Wills
Tel: 02920 842197

Do you wish to send greetings to family & friends this Christmas?

Why not use Scout Christmas Post 2017

Once again Radyr Scouts are providing the opportunity for you to send Christmas Greetings through the Scout Post to family and friends living in the **Cardiff and Vale areas**.

If you wish to support scouting in Radyr and Morganstown, please purchase your scout post stamps from the local area outlets:

Pugh's Garden Centre, Morganstown P'zazz Hair Designers, Castle Court, Caer Graig.

Solo Hair & Beauty, 1a Springfield Gardens, Morganstown.

Radyr Library, Park Road.

Enerchi, Station Road.

Section Leaders and members of Radyr Scout Group.

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

Can I thank all those people who have, in previous years, supported Scout Christmas Post.

By purchasing your stamps locally, you are providing the Radyr scout group with its largest source of fund raising during the year.

Leaflets giving information on Scout Post 2017 will be delivered to your door and stamps will be available at the local outlets from the start of November.

Please note that scout post greetings will only be delivered to the **Cardiff and the Vale areas** indicated on the scout post 2017 leaflet.

The last date for posting this year is **Monday 4th December 2017**.

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

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

Be prepared and post early to save money by using SCOUT POST 2017. JBT

THE DECEMBER EDITION OF THE CHAIN WILL GO TO PRESS PROMPTLY ON THE 15th OF NOVEMBER. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE TO INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARRIVE AFTER THAT DATE

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

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**Christ Church Christmas Tree Festival
 Celebrating the life of our community**

Friday 1st- Sunday 3rd December



Friday/Saturday 10am-6pm: displays/refreshments-come and see
 Sunday 6pm: Carol Service-come and sing
 In aid of 1FamilyCardiff, a project to support Syrian refugees

Dark nights and hedges...

Please could Radyr residents check their hedges, particularly at the top end of Heol Isaf coming from Llantrisant Road. Many of them are extremely overgrown and contain some very large brambles and both the brambles and the hedges themselves overlap the pavement to such an extent it is impossible to walk safely.

I expect many people who do not walk along Heol Isaf are unaware their hedges are causing a problem as they just drive into their property but for people who walk it is an increasing hazard. As the nights will soon be drawing in it is particularly dangerous. The village is used as a rat run for traffic and pedestrians are being pushed closer to the edge of the road, an accident waiting to happen.

So please, pop outside, take your pruning gear out and cut back your hedge to your property to allow safe

access for pedestrians. Make the village safer for us all to enjoy. Many thanks.

Carole Jacobi

**Charities Fair &
 Coffee Morning**

at
**Radyr Methodist Church
 Saturday 4th November**

10am - 12 noon

Entrance £1.50
 (Refreshments included)

Come and support various charities - Christmas cards, Scout Stamps, Traidcraft gifts and more.

**Radyr Tennis – Ladies
 1st team are victorious!**

... from front cover

feeling a bit nervous, a bit excited and very determined.

The first round of matches got underway on the tiger turf courts at Radyr and after the first three rubbers, Radyr were in a comfortable position with a 3-0 lead. They were feeling confident, but wary of thinking that a win was definitely on the cards.

The team remained focused and the second round of matches proved as successful as the first. After several hours of competitive tennis against the Swansea ladies, Radyr secured their victory in some style with a 6-0 clean sweep.

This is a fantastic result for Radyr Ladies 1 and means they have achieved back to back promotions having only been promoted to Division 1 last year. So let's give a huge congratulations to the team and wish them every success in the Premier League in 2018.
Well done ladies!

**RADYR FOOD FOR
 THOUGHT**

Venue: The New School Rooms,
 Heol Isaf, Radyr
 Time: Tuesdays 12.15-2pm
 Membership Fee: £20.00
 Lunch: £6.50. Talk only: £3.00

Autumn Programme 2017

- 10th October** – Egypt without the crowds! Ron Powell
- 17th October** – Orchids & Houseplants, Leslie Wood
- 24th October** – Five Boys and a Party! John Sheen
- 31st October** – Half Term
- 7th November** – Trip
- 14th November** – GI Brides in Cardiff Part 1, Glen Baker
- 21st November** – Tommy Cooper, Chris Leach
- 28th November** – New research on Strokes, Abdul Seckam
- 5th December** – Visit to the Senedd
- 12th December** – Christmas Party

Next Term begins on
 9th January, 2018
 Telephone Number
 2084 2461 or 20552610

Radyr Parish Music Group



Rehearsals are now in full swing for our musical "Me and My Girl" to be performed at the Bishop of Llandaff High School next February. The show has many familiar songs including 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On' and also the well known 'Lambeth Walk' accompanied by a band of Pearly Kings and Queens.

Bev Jones and Ben Pinnow have returned to the company as Producer and Musical Director respectively. They produced "Kiss Me, Kate" for RPMG in 2016 and have recently produced a very successful show "Guys and Dolls" for Rhiwbina Amateur Theatrical Society.

RPMG run a "Friends" scheme. For an annual subscription of £20 you are entitled to one free ticket either for the February show or our Summer concert, your name in your complimentary programme and invitations to some of our social events such as our Christmas Dinner and Summer Picnic. If you are interested in becoming a Friend and supporting the group, please contact our Publicity Team on 029 2031 0894.

During the year we hold social events open to all, including our popular Barn Dance which will be held on Saturday 20th January 2018 at Morganstown Village Hall.

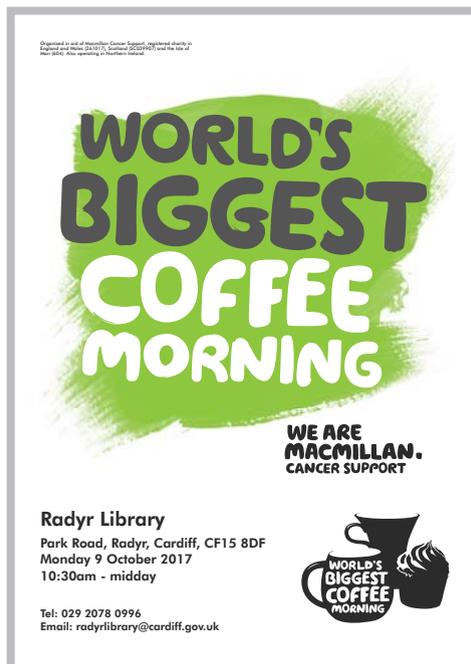
We always welcome help backstage with scenery moving, make-up and wardrobe. If you are interested in helping in this way or have any other 'talent' that could be put to use in this exciting production, please contact our Secretary Judith Jones on music@radyr.org.uk.

To find out more, check our web page <https://rpmgweb.weebly.com>

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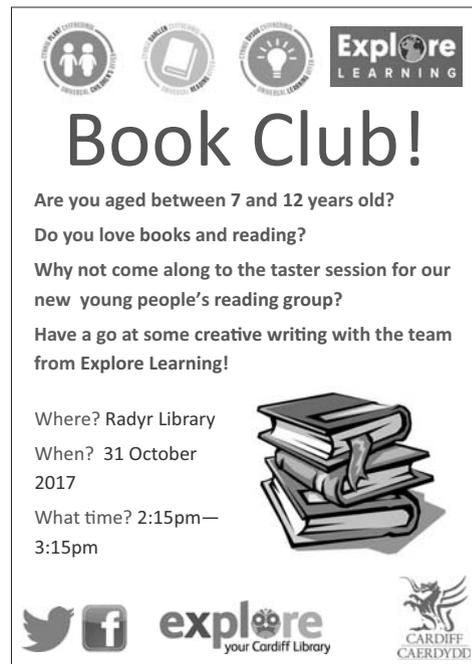
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Explore LEARNING

Book Club!

Are you aged between 7 and 12 years old?
Do you love books and reading?
Why not come along to the taster session for our new young people's reading group?
Have a go at some creative writing with the team from Explore Learning!

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Eisteddfod Fundraising

On Friday 20th October at 7.30 leading Welsh poet Gwyneth Lewis will launch her latest volume of poetry in the Old Church Rooms. This will be Gwyneth's first volume of poetry in Welsh for ten years. Gwyneth is best known as the author of the poetry that blazes out at you from the front of the Millennium Centre and she will return from an American tour reading her own poetry, for the event.

This is an event organised by the Radyr and Garth Fund Raising Committee towards the 2018 National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay.

Tickets £5 from Allan Cook



News from Radyr & Morganstown WI

After the atrocious August weather, it was a relief to begin the September Autumn term activities. Our WI meetings resumed on Monday 11th September and the first meeting of the season proved interesting. Our speaker was Romeo Basini, a direct descendant of Italian pre-war immigrants. He gave a talk entitled "The Italian Connection Part 1". He told how, before the second world war, life in Bardi, a town in Northern Italy, had not changed much in 200 years and a group of young men, lured by stories of "black gold", had set off to walk across Europe in search of it. Some eventually made it to the UK and, specifically, to South Wales, particularly the Rhondda Valley. These intrepid young men also collected ice cream recipes whilst working on their travels and thus began the tradition of Italian ice cream and Italian cafes. At its peak, the Rhondda had 52 coal mines but boasted 54 Italian cafes! It now has no mines but still four cafes. It was a fascinating story which has a sequel "The Italian Connection Part 2" so perhaps Romeo Basini will appear on our programme next year.

On Saturday 23rd September, some of our members will be joining the Glamorgan Federation WI trip to the Malvern Flower Show. Hopefully the weather will be good.

Moving into October, as mentioned in the August edition of the Chain, our WI will celebrate its 60th Birthday. We have rearranged the date of the party for the 26th October as the original published date clashed with a History Society meeting. It will be held in Morganstown Village Hall at 7.30pm and promises to be an evening of music, fun, cheese and wine. Two of our members have agreed to produce a large celebration cake; Jane Parry will bake and Anne McClarg will decorate – who needs Mary Berry or Pru Leith! Any past members who would like to join us for the evening can contact us on our email or speak to any member who will pass on their details to our President, Enid Brooker.

As soon as September is here, we are

already receiving reminders of the approach of Christmas! This year our Institute will be participating in decorating a Christmas tree for the Christ Church tree festival which will take place on the first weekend in December. The decorations are supposed to be pertinent to the local organisation it represents and we already have a working group to undertake the project.

At the September meeting, we were also reminded by Anne-Marie of "Operation Christmas Child", that is the Shoebox Appeal. WI members wishing to participate should bring their filled shoeboxes to the November meeting as "Shoebox Sunday" is on 19th November.

So, the year progresses – the speaker for our October meeting on Monday 9th October is Dean Powell who will talk about "The Incredible Life of Dr Price".

All our groups – walking, genealogy and book groups have resumed their activities for the Autumn. If you would like to join us, just come to a meeting as a visitor. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr. Or contact us on email at:

radyrandmorganstownwi@yahoo.com.
LJH

Number 63 Bus

Radyr Library now has a stock of the timetables for the new 63 bus route which a lot of people have been asking about.

Volunteers Needed

to help at the little shop at the Rookwood hospital entrance which is open for patients and visitors Monday to Friday 9.30 – 12.30 and 1.30 to 4.30. Volunteers needed for Either a morning 9.30 – 12.30 or afternoon 1.30 – 4.30, it is not expected for volunteers to do every day just a half day would really be appreciated. Please contact Pauline on 02920568907 if interested.

Thank you - Mrs. Cleaver

CHAIN COOKERY CORNER

SEA BREAM/BASS HERB VINAIGRETTE, GARLIC & CHILLI BROCCOLI

Serves 4

This is so delicious it is well worth the trouble. It looks difficult but is very easy. Just read through twice!

4 x 110g(4oz) scaled seabream/bass filets
drizzle veg. oil
half lemon

Dressing

50ml olive oil
4 teaspns.white wine vinegar
1 clove garlic,crushed
2 teaspns.finely chopped fresh coriander
1 teaspn. finely chopped basil
1 teaspn. finely chopped tarragon (or dried)
1 teaspn. lemon juice
half teaspn. Dijon mustard

For the broccoli

400g.(14oz.) broccoli spears
3-4 TBspns. olive oil
2-3 cloves garlic, finely sliced
1 large red chilli,deseeded and finely sliced

First, place all dressing ingredients in clean jam jar.

Seal and shake well.

Add seasoning.

Next blanch broccoli.

Place 1" water in pan, add salt, bring to boil.

Add broccoli and cook 3 mins.

Drain and set aside.

Heat olive oil in large frying pan.

Add garlic and chilli.

Cook few mins. add broccoli.

Stir fry 3 mins and season

Set aside to keep warm

Brush the fish skin with oil and season

Heat frying pan

Cook fish, skin side down for approx.

5 mins.

Turn fish over.

Turn off heat.

Squeeze over lemon juice.

Leave to rest in pan 3 mins.

Serve fish on bed of broccoli with dressing spooned over and chosen potatoes

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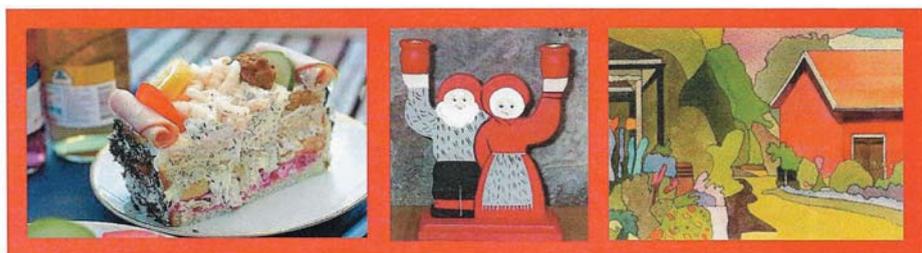


Experience A Taste of Scandinavian Christmas

Sunday 26th November 2017

11am - 3pm

At the Old Church Rooms, Park Road, Radyr CF15 8DF



**Gifts, Art & Crafts, Lush Food, Treats and more
All with a Scandinavian Christmas twist!**

FREE ENTRY

Enquiries: eglobalybtinternet.com

Radyr Art Group

We are an informal friendly group of people who get together to paint each Thursday in the room above the Methodist Church, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm.

This is our fifth year. We have a few vacancies and would welcome new members.

This is not a teaching group and the members pursue their own interests whether it is painting or crafts. There are all levels of expertise within the group.

We do invite professional artists to give us workshops at least once a term and have occasional days out sketching.

If you are interested please contact:

Jane Evans

Tel: 029 20844556

FILM CLUB

The last two films in the Film Club season before Christmas are;

Miss Sloane. This highly topical political thriller involves the high-stakes world of political power in Washington D.C. Elizabeth Sloane is the most sought after and formidable lobbyist in D.C. But when taking on the most powerful opponent of her career, she finds winning may come at too high a price.

She is called to appear before a Congressional hearing to answer questions about violating Senate ethics rules. Where will it lead?

Miss Sloane can be seen at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday October 26th in the Old Church Rooms.



Churchill. Tensions mount for beleaguered British Prime Minister Winston Churchill as D-Day nears in June 1944. Fearful of repeating past mistakes, Churchill is reluctant to embark on the large-scale campaign that the entire war effort hinges upon. Clashing with his political opponents, the troubled leader receives unwavering support from his devoted wife, Clementine. With strength and shrewdness, she tries to prevent his physical, mental and spiritual collapse while inspiring him to achieve greatness.

Churchill can be seen at 7.30 p.m. On Thursday November 23rd at the Old Church Rooms.

Film Club.

You don't have to be a member of the Film Club to attend showings of films by the Film Club in the Old Church Rooms, although it does mean you get advance information about future films. Entry is £4, there is no bar but you are welcome to bring your own drinks, and Joe's Ice Cream is on sale.



FRENCH EVENING (Young Wives)

The old Tennis Pavilion is in danger of fading away quietly and gracefully was resurrected by the Radyr Young Wives Group to enjoy a last exuberant fling!

The 'Jeune Fille' had transformed a room with no floor into a cafe/bar. It grew more French with the flow of red wine.

The guests were suitably dressed for the occasion. A parade was notable, with Gareth Burris wearing onion earrings and Liz Jones with 'suggestive eyelids'. The contest was ably judged by Cllr Frank Elliot, Chairman of the Community Council. He announced the news of a possible French twinning exchange.



TENNIS PAVILION 1982

FRENCH TWINS?

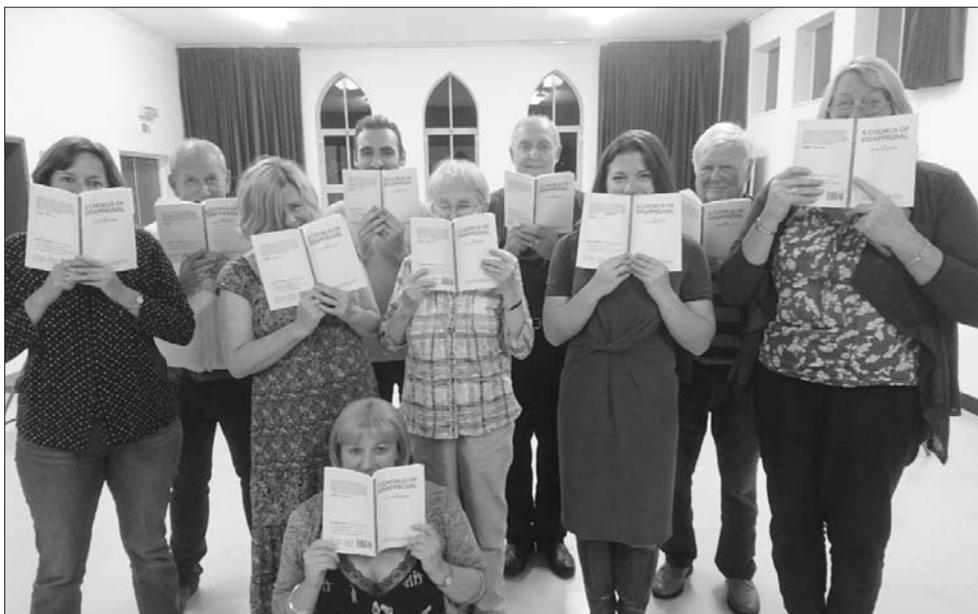
AUGUST 1982 - A communication has been received from the United Towns Organisation of Paris seeking our views on the possibility of Twinning Radyr and Morganstown with a small French town of similar environment, population.

Certain consultations are being held with local organisations and considerable interest has been shown in this proposal. The Community Council would welcome comments from members of the public on this subject.

The suggested French towns include:-

- COIGNIERES -pop 2,700 - Ile de France area
- LANDEDA pop 2,500 - Finistere Region
- LORRIS pop 2,000 - near Orleans
- MEYSAC pop 1.500 - Correze Region
- NEUNG SUR BEUVRON pop 1,500 - The Loire
- SAGY pop 750 - Vald 'Oise Region
- VEIGNE pop 4.000 - Indre et Loire
- ST ROMAIN DE BENET pop 1,200 Charen area
- LAS POSSONIERE pop 1,750 Main Le Loire
- VENDEUVRE DU POITOU pop 1,900 Vienna
- WIGNEHIES pop 3,800 Aisne
- (ST PHILBERT DE GRAND LIEU pop 1,900)**

The Secret life of Amateur Dramatics



Following on from the success of April's production of Willy Russell's thought provoking drama "Blood Brothers", rehearsals have started for Radyr Drama Society's November Production of Alan Ayckbourn's "A Chorus of Disapproval".

Returning to the Director's chair is Mike Gelder, bringing a cast of both old and new faces together to bring this light-hearted comedy to the stage. The play will have you laughing and crying as you see identifiable characters' lives and loves come to life with personal stories, trials and tribulations and farcical behaviour.

On stage from November 23rd to 25th at Morganstown Village Hall, the play welcomes the audience back stage and tells the story of Guy Jones

as he embarks on his journey with the Pendon Amateur Light Operatic Society, and the secret "wheelings and dealings" that go on between its members.

From bed hopping affairs to back stabbing deals, from love triangles to cat fights, it's all going on off stage and on with this group of actors as they muddle their way through their production of "The Beggar's Opera".

Will the show go on or will it fall at the first hurdle? Will the crowd applaud as the curtain closes or will they be walking out before the curtain goes up? Come and find out for yourself...Tickets are already on sale for this not-to-be-missed play so get yours today from 029 20842585, Enerchi on Station Road, Radyr, or www.ticketsource.co.uk/radyrdrama

To the Editor

An unnamed writer to Radyr Chain in the August edition expressed 'disgust' that the Council has given permission to open a Co-op next door to the Spar. Competition is healthy as is choice and the council had no reason to decline the application from Co-op.

Spar is a franchise of a multi-national chain owned by a Dutch company. Co-op is a British company. It sources a lot of products in the UK which supports British farmers; is a leading campaigner in Fair Trade and supports environmental sustainability such as avoiding products with palm oil which is sourced from rainforests which leads to their destruction.

These are just three of the reasons I shop in the Co-op and I look forward to the store opening in Radyr.

Yours sincerely , Anne Morgan
9 Pilgrim Close Radyr

To the editor

I'd like to congratulate Tom Lockyer on his selection again for the Welsh senior football squad for the latest round of world cup qualifying matches.

Tom is a former pupil of Radyr primary and comprehensive schools and was a very talented footballer as a youngster.

This has continued since signing as a professional with Bristol Rovers in 2013.He has now played over 200 games and he's still only 22.

Here's wishing you ,Tom, all the best for the future. You're doing Radyr and Morganstown proud.

Roger Hughes
14 Graigwen Morganstown

Operation Christmas Child

(Shoe Boxes)

Since 1990 Operation Christmas Child has been blessing children around the world with gift filled shoe boxes packed by children and adults in the U.K. It's a campaign supported by thousands of schools, churches and other organizations between September and November each year. It is now the largest children's appeal in the U.K.

It aims to meet critical needs of war,poverty,disease and natural disaster.For many children it is their only Christmas present.

Locally, I start contacting our 2 churches,schools and organizations in Sept. Generally we hold our Shoe Box Sunday in Nov.when all our shoeboxes are placed in Christ Church for a blessing.The following day, volunteers come to collect them, then take them to a warehouse for sorting and packing. All people involved in this scheme are volunteers.The warehouse for the last 2 years has been in Llantrisant where hordes of people(and children) work for hours in very cold conditions.(No heating).Each box is opened and unsuitable contents removed.It is far preferable to leave the box untouched as the donor planned it.

Any unsuitable contents are given to Charity shops etc.The boxes are tightly bound with coloured tape before being crated for transport. It is an amazing operation to witness!

We are in South East Wales district and in 2016 Llantrisant warehouse processed 35,092 shoe boxes!

With your help we sent-
16,375 to Zambia
9,673 to Albania
2,696 to Romania
6,348 to Belarus

It is basically a Christian Organization and the children are given a leaflet on the Christmas story. This can be followed up by attending a type of Sunday school. Many people travel annually from U.K. to help distribute the boxes and return with very moving stories.

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