

The Youngster

The Bulletin of the Y's Men's Club of Kingswood, UK
"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



February 2025

President's Lunch at "Hayward's at The Grasmere"

On Sunday 2nd February 32 members, including nine from Hanham Club, enjoyed an excellent lunch superbly organised by President Bob. We had our reserved tables in a nice bright restaurant where a very efficient staff ensured no one was kept waiting for their food to be served.



The Chef certainly earned much praise for the generous helpings given, and my particular praise for his belief in serving Yorkshire Pudding with all the main courses.

Thank you, Bob, for all your work organising such a convivial event.

Wally and Sam were active photographing us all enjoying ourselves and some of the results are available on the club web site <http://www.ysmen.co.uk/picture-gallery.html>

Leon

Coffee Mornings

Takings for the late January coffee date were £45.00 – a slight improvement over the early January Coffee Morning.

Remaining 2025 dates are: 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 11th October, 1st & 29th November then 3rd January 2026.

Set up help from 9.15a.m. welcome as are contributions of cake for sale

Dates for your Diary

20 th February	Time of Fast Dinner Night – Soup and a film – 'High Society'.
22 nd February	Race Night at The Tynings 7.00p.m.
20 th March	Dinner Night – Speaker, Becky Court from Age UK (How appropriate!)
17 th April	Dinner Night – Speaker, Mark Gregory – "Early Mornings and Late Nights"
26 th April	Band Concert at The Tynings – further details later
15 th May	Dinner Night – Speaker, Richard Lunn – The Dramway
19 th June	Dinner Night – Speaker, Eloise Green – My Interrail trip with the Guides
28 th June	Cream Tea at Bob & Sherrys' 1500hrs. t.b.c.
25 th October	Quiz night at The Tynings – provisional date

January Dinner Night

We were treated to 'A Musical Entertainment' at the January dinner. Steve Price is a singer and all round entertainer who accompanies himself on guitar and intersperses his songs with funny stories. He is certainly an accomplished guitarist and singer, especially when considering that he is self-taught, writing many of his amusing songs himself. "Just Can't get the Wood" was particularly funny.

He started with a story of how, when he left school his form master's report said "Nice boy but won't amount to much". He believes this spurred him on to achieve much in his life. He now runs a successful business and is a well-known long-distance swimmer. He went on to become the first man to complete the Three-Channels' challenge, by swimming the English, Bristol and Irish Channels. The crossing of the English Channel in 1987 was a sponsored swim in aid of the Southmead Hospital Scanner Appeal about which he wrote "The Scanner Song", which he performed for us.



His stories were appropriate and very funny, including how he returned to his school in Lawrence Weston and mentioned his leaving comment, without revealing the name of the teacher, who was there! He now strives to support youth work in Lawrence Weston, where he comes from, and Bristol, as he believes this is the best way to give young people a good start in life. His fee for tonight is treated as a donation to youth work. He finished with a rousing rendition of 'Sweet Caroline' letting us all join in with the chorus. Altogether a very enjoyable evening.

Mike B.

Theatre visit

A batch of tickets had been reserved for the BLOC Productions led show "Les Miserables – let the People Sing" being presented at The Bristol Hippodrome this summer. I have chosen our usual Wednesday Matinée, for 13th August 2025. The tickets are in the same part of the theatre as last year's visit to "Me and My Girl" but, unfortunately, there has been a big increase in price and this year our seats are priced at £56.00 each. This is the 40th Anniversary of "Les Mis." and the first time the show has been released for amateur production – Cameron Mackintosh cashing in on the occasion? – but we know from past experience that BLOC does not do 'amateur' shows, they produce professional level shows but just don't pay the performers! A list will be circulated at Dinner Night for completion if you are interested in coming but if not at Dinner you can e-mail me with the number of tickets you would like. I will need the money for the tickets by the end of April.

Roger Cr.

Regional Convention 2025

Following last month's note, a small committee of Bob Gray, Alan Wallington, Jerry Mundy and Chris Holmes met to take this project another step forward. It was suggested that The Tynings be the main venue for the conference over the weekend of 25/26th July 2025 and this has been 'pencilled in' the Club's diary. Other C. & S. E. Clubs have been approached asking for a show of interest from their members in travelling here for the occasion. They have been asked to let us know by the end of this month as to what interest has been shown and another committee meeting early March will consider whether we will be in a position to make a positive decision on the viability of holding the event.

Have you noticed? A woman's "I'll be ready in 5 minutes" is the same as a man's "I'll be home in 5 minutes"