

The Youngster

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



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Our wishes for a Merry Christmas are somewhat tempered as.....

It is with great sadness that we learn of the death, after a long period of ill health, of Caroline Walker, daughter of Life Member Graham and Diane Walker.

To lose one's parents in the fulness of time is not unexpected but to lose a child is something we do not usually contemplate and our heartfelt sympathies are extended to you, Graham and Diane and family, at this very sad time.



Visit to Müller Museum

A mix of 14 members of Bromley Heath Probus and the Y's Men's Club visited the Müller Museum at Ashley Down on 2nd December. It's run by the George Müller Charitable Trust which continues the work of George Müller nowadays all over the world.



George Muller 1806 - 1898

George Müller was born in Germany in 1829, went to Halle University and came to London as a missionary. Taken ill, he recuperated in Teignmouth, married Mary Groves and moved to Bristol as a preacher in 1832, where he founded his first orphanage house in the city. The museum comprises exhibits and artefacts from the Müller era, his desk etc, and a tracing of his history and work in Bristol and as a missionary afterwards. He later built a large orphanage on Ashley Down where he cared for over 10,000 orphans in his lifetime, never asking for funds but always trusting in God that they would be provided. We were addressed by Ellie, one of the Trust workers, who gave us a short and interesting welcome talk about the life and work of George Müller. He died in 1898 at the age of 92 and his funeral was attended by thousands of Bristolians and dignitaries. His name is remembered by Bristol to this day by the existence of Muller Road, which I'm sure many Bristolians use, unaware why it is so named.

We attended The Wellington for lunch at a pre-reserved table after an enjoyable visit.

Our thanks to Roger Clutsom for arranging the day.

Mike Bendrey

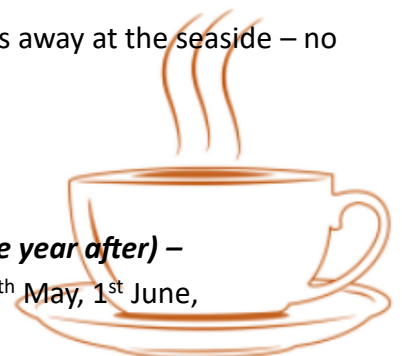


November Coffee Morning No. 2

A cold morning today; not so many customers and a number of Club Members away at the seaside – no accounting for people's sensibilities – and only £43.00 raised.

Many thanks to Judy & Angela for the lovely cakes!

Please note the following dates for Coffee Mornings next year (and some the year after) – not always the first Saturday of the month: 10th Feb., 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July, 3rd Aug., 31st Aug., 28th Sept., 26th Oct., 30th Nov., 4th & 25th Jan. 2025



November Dinner Night – Bees Abroad

We were delighted to welcome Rachel Monger as our Dinner Night speaker last month to tell us about Bees Abroad and the introduction of beekeeping to rural communities in many countries in Africa. Rachel's particular emphasis was on her work in Tanzania where she and her family had lived for a number of years, working with the charity Emanuel International. Initially involved in the encouragement of conservation agriculture and tree planting Rachel became interested in the work of Bees Abroad and began introducing local villagers – mainly the women – into establishing bee colonies. With the help of the internet she decided to make a Top Bar Hive which is the simplest type of hive and easily made in a local workshop with more and more people becoming interested in the project. Beekeeping is a cost-effective and ecologically friendly food source and a way for communities to generate an income as there is always a market for honey and other products of the hive such as the wax, which can be used for the manufacture of candles and balms; these items can sometimes be more valuable than the honey. Rachel related stories of her experiences living with different communities in different parts of the country illustrated by many photographs, including the moments of hilarity when the budding beekeepers tried on their protective clothing for the first time.



A very interesting talk by a speaker who obviously has a bee in her bonnet about helping rural communities improve their way of life in a practical way. Thank you, Rachel.

Roger Cromwell



Quiz Night

No longer do I fear watching University Challenge – it's the Kingswood Kwiz which now puts the shivers up me shimmy. Probably the widest and most unexpected range of subjects to face us since we started quiz nights but that was no problem for 'The Hanham Six' which walked off with First Prize. Second Place went to previous winners, 'Old Friends' and Third Place was taken by 'Team SLT'. We must be positive though: there are no difficult questions, just some (well, quite a lot really) for which we don't know the answers!

Another successful fund raiser, although not on the scale we had hoped. Eight teams took part and the sum of £411 raised. The prizes were provided by The President and Mrs. President – thank you Jerry & Sam!



The President's Lunch – 4th February at The Radisson Blu

Just a reminder, as all Club members should have received an earlier notice from Jerry with all necessary details. Please advise Jerry if you wish to attend but don't be misled by the title, you need to pay for yourself - before 13th January please.



Membership List

A new list has been prepared and is attached to this newsletter. A LARGE PRINT version of 'phone numbers and e-mail addresses has also been produced and if you wish to have copy, please ask Wally and he will be only to pleased to send you one.



Dates for your Diary

21 st Dec.	Christmas Dinner – Entertainment devised by Graham Walker
18 th Jan.	Dinner Night: Speaker from Meningitis Trust Foundation
4 th Feb.	President's Lunch at The Radisson Blu, Bristol
15 th Feb.	Time of Fast Supper
24 th Feb.	Race Night at The Tynings School, 1900hrs.
19 th Mar.	Proposed day-tip to Military Band Concert, London
13 th Apr.	Jazz Night with Stuart Potter and The Strollers



Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? A mince spy!

How did Scrooge win the football game? The ghost of Christmas passed!

What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? A Holly Davidson!



