

The Youngster

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



January 2025

Christmas Dinner Night

This year was a departure from our usual efforts in after-dinner entertainment. Additionally, with another change to the norm, we were pleased to welcome Joan & Frankie Wong from Hong Kong. Joan is the current Area President for Asia & South Pacific.

We first enjoyed the traditional Turkey meal, prepared up to its usual excellent standard by Hannah and her team. This was followed by a Christmas themed sing-along put together and presented by Wally, in his usual inimitable manner, with some projected graphics. Christmas Carols interspersed with Christmas Songs from many eras – and what an eclectic mix it turned out to be. Anyone who had travelled in Wally's car will have some idea of Alan's music tastes and this was borne out by tonight's selection. Some of the recordings were well known whilst others were a little more obscure with, just once or twice, a dodgy soundtrack: 'White Christmas' by Bing Crosby was obviously very well-known but 'All I want for Christmas' by Big Bad Voodoo was an entirely different matter! Screen shots of some of the lyrics helped us along with the less well-known verses but the contribution of the visitors from the Hanham Club ensured that the carols rang out with gusto.



With the excellent Christmas Dinner our thanks to Alan for his part in making the evening a success.

Dates for your Diary

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| 16 th January | Dinner Night – Musical entertainment with Steve Price |
| 2 nd February | President's Lunch – 2 p.m. 'Hayward's at The Grasmere', Keynsham. £30.00 |
| 20 th February | Time of Fast Dinner Night – Soup and a film – 'High Society'. |
| 22 nd February | Race Night at The Tynings – details being distributed – Tickets to be sold! |
| 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 |

On school run pick-up today and I couldn't believe it when my wife told me that he wasn't actually my son. She told me to pay more attention when picking him up from school!

Memories of Diane

We were devastated to hear the sad news that Diane Cromwell passed away on New Year's Day. Diane had been a great support to Roger and our Club for over 60 years. Despite not being in good health for the past few years she still supported as many of the of the Club's activities as she her health allowed. She will be



sadly missed by the family and the Y's Men's Movement generally. The positive news was that all the family was able to celebrate Christmas together but her condition deteriorated rapidly once Crispin & Marit returned to Norway. Diane was admitted to Southmead Hospital on New Year's Eve where she died the following day. The Club offers its condolences to Roger, Amanda, Crispin and family for their loss.

Bob Gray – President

Eileen and I have many fond memories of Diane from the day in 1963 when the engaged Roger & Diane visited us in our first home, a flat in Redland. We remember the Y's Men's camping trip to Charmouth when she was pregnant with Amanda. There have been many Club events with Diane always there, supporting Roger and the Club. Diane also

contributed to the international side of Y'sdom with trips to Germany with us and a long friendship with Y's Men in Holland. She will certainly be missed by all of us at our gatherings but are sure she will not be forgotten,

Mike & Eileen Bendrey

Coffee Mornings

Takings for the early January coffee date were £39.00 – not too bad for a cold morning.

Remaining 2025 dates are: 25th January, 1st March, 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd August, 6th September, 11th October, 1st & 29th November + 3rd January 2026

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

Regional Convention 2025

Our Club has been asked if we would host this year's regional convention as Hamburg, initially thought to be the host club, is not able to do it. Dates will have to be confirmed but if we commit ourselves to what is usually a very interesting and enjoyable weekend, please try to make yourself available to help out in some way. Details will be made available if a positive decision is taken.

Diane,

Thank you so much for all the notes, cards and calls since Diane's death. She had not been in the best of health following her falls eighteen months ago with the resultant fractures to her leg. She appeared to be recovering steadily over the winter 23/24 but in May last year, one of the fracture repairs came adrift leading to corrective surgery which in turn led to a severe infection, keeping her in hospital for about six weeks. Diane was never really well again after discharge from hospital and with her immune system being virtually non-existent after treatment for previous long-term problems she succumbed to pneumonia and passed on quite rapidly. Once again, my thanks for your condolences, The family and I appreciate your support.

Roger