

The Youngster

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



January 2026

December Dinner Night

Following the usual excellent dinner from Hannah and her team we had an entertaining evening of **Christmas Desert Island Discs**, organised and led by Wally. A pre-selected number of Club Members were asked to select a piece of their 'favourite' music. This was then played, following their explanation as to why they had chosen that particular piece.



We opened with the perennial "White Christmas" sung by Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Vera Ellen and Rosemary Clooney. 1st surprise for me (Ed.) was when Mike B. abandoned Beethoven and gave us The Dave Brubeck Quartet playing "Take Five", whilst John Brown reminisced about his courting of Sylvia to the sound of The Bachelors singing "I Wouldn't Change You for the World". James was a bit more ancient with his choice of "Les Barricades Mystérieuses". Mike McB. was a fan of John Denver who sang "Take Me Home, Country Roads". Back to more serious stuff for Leon's Rimsky-Korsakov piece following which Pam B. confessed to being a Cliff Richard fan and his rendition of "Bachelor Boy" delighted us. Bryan R is a massive fan of Freddy Mercury and Queen: his selection featuring the duet with Monserrat Caballe, "Barcelona" – what a performance! We finished with an Acker Bilk Classic - "Stranger on the Shore" from 1962, the choice of Alan W. The selections were varied and were sure to have satisfied most of the audience most of the time and maybe caused a few surprises when matching choices to contributors!

Thanks Alan for organising the evening entertainment and the basis of the above account.

Health concerns:

We have the unfortunate news of both Chris Holmes and Bryan Rowe having been taken into hospital. We wish them both a quick recovery and return home. No doubt we will have an update at Dinner Night.

Dates for your Diar

15 th January 2026	Dinner Night – Speaker, Garry Atterton – 'Whitaker's War'
19 th February	Time of Fast – Speaker, Bruce Kent – 'Turnaround, Bristol' a Methodist Charity
21 st February	Race Night – The Tynings School; further details later.
19 th March	Dinner Night – Speaker, David Burlison – South Gloucestershire Waste Disposal
16 th April	Dinner Night – Speaker, Philip Ashford – 'William Tyndale and his Gloucestershire connections'
25 th April	Jazz Night – Now confirmed and band: "The Andy Legget Quintette"
21 st May	Dinner Night – Speaker, Oliver Davey – 'Yanks in Bristol'.

Coffee Mornings

Another quiet Saturday at Staple Hill with scant footfall, resulting in takings of only £40. Thanks again for the cake, Eileen.

Future dates: 7th February, 7th March, 4th April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, 10th October, 7th November with the December date yet to be confirmed.

Race Night – The Tynings – coming up very soon! 21st February



If you need more tickets ask Jerry!

Old man: Whatever happened to our sexual relations?

Wife: I don't know; I don't think we even had a Christmas Card from them this year!

Wife: How come you don't say you love me any more?

Husband: I've told you once – if anything changes, I'll let you know!

President's Lunch : Last chance to book – tonight!

I asked my wife... “What do women want?” She said, “A tent full of lovers.”

Or was it “Attentive lovers?” I wasn't really listening.

Just a thought! Why do New Year celebrations start at midnight? At my age, somewhere around a quarter to nine would be much better!

*happy
new
year!*
2026

I don't think it's age that makes us forgetful – there's just so much stupid stuff we need to remember!

I have a lot to be thankful for but I'm going to give a special shoutout for elastic!

Patient: Well Doctor, you see, obesity runs in my family.

Doctor: No, the problem is that nobody runs in your family!