

The Youngster

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



January 2024

The month has moved on but belated greetings to everyone for the ensuing year. May 2024 be a year of health and happiness, a year of peace and also a year of love and laughter – with the hope that the politicians around the world don't mess it up for us!



Some New Year thoughts from people you may have heard of:

"I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." — Thomas Jefferson

"It is never too late to be what you might have been." - George Eliot

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis

"Cheers to the New Year and another chance for us to get it right." - Oprah Winfrey



Due to a family bereavement the proposed speaker from Meningitis UK will be unable to attend our dinner so, as a last-minute replacement, we have a presentation prepared by Graham W. on behalf of our late President, Peter Shepherd.

Dates for your Diary

18 th Jan.	Dinner Night: A change of programme - 'Opera at Lunch with a President'
4 th Feb.	President's Lunch at The Radisson Blu, Bristol
15 th Feb.	Time of Fast Supper – Look out for a missive from Jerry with details.
24 th Feb.	Race Night at The Tynings School, 1900hrs.
19 th Mar.	Day trip by coach to The Royal Albert Hall for a Military Band Concert
21 st Mar.	Dinner Night: Speaker – Richard Bentham, Blood Bikes
13 th April	Jazz Night with Stuart Potter and The Strollers at The Tynings School

December Dinner Night

Another excellent meal from Hannah and her team was followed by a completely different type of programme to our normal December celebrations. This time we were treated to an eclectic selection of video clips compiled by Graham Walker. As Graham & Diane were unable to be with us, Wally took on the task of continuity using the prepared script. The theme to the presentation was 'Entertainment' including, amongst many other clips, one of the most brilliant tries in Rugby Union (1953 Barbarians vs. The All Blacks), an Aussie take on Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado*, then a song from Judith Derham and The Seekers, after which we visited a sleepy Belgian town where nothing ever happened.

Just picture a medieval square edged by cafés with the locals enjoying a quiet coffee or maybe something a little stronger. The centre of the square is empty, save for a short pillar with a large button on the top. A cyclist approaches and pushes the button and to coin a phrase, "all hell lets loose"! Cars race in, shots are fired, people 'killed' then an ambulance arrives accompanied by flashing lights and sirens. Casualties are loaded in the back and the ambulance starts to pull away with the casualties' stretchers falling out in



the square. A motorbike races by, ridden by a girl in a bikini; fights break out and half a dozen American Football players emerge from a café to pick up the remaining injured when suddenly, it is calm again as all vehicles leave the scene and the square returns to its quiet, medieval setting where nothing ever happens.

"There is nothing like a Dame" from "South Pacific" rounded off the very interesting presentation and with the very varied selections there must have been something for everyone at some part of the show.

Roger Cr.

January Coffee Morning

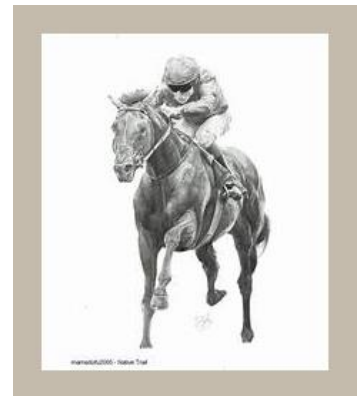
Sorry, forgot to enter January in Calendar Dates last month - editor

Another cold morning but the good sum of £59.00 raised. Our thanks to Angela and Eileen B. for the cakes!

Just a reminder that the next Coffee Morning will be 9th February – not the first Saturday! Help appreciated during the run-up to opening at 10 o'clock, e.g. kitchen set up, tables and chairs, etc.

Race Night approaches!

The usual plea: we need to ensure a good crowd at the Tynings Racecourse on February 24th so please do your best to sell tickets to your friends, enemies - anyone! If you have already sold out, Wally has more if you need them!



Not much to report this month I'm afraid, everyone's been doing other things!

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