

The Youngster

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



June 2022

Another rather quiet month has passed but things are starting to look up as we get to the summer break.

Summer social events commence 2nd July with a BBQ and an afternoon/evening of family fun at the Tynings School. Jerry will give fuller details at the June Dinner Night. The occasion will include our President handover ceremony. The cost for the barbecue will be £10 for adults and £5 per child.

16th July is the proposed visit to Bath Vineyard, preceded by lunch at The George, Bathampton. No doubt more details at June Dinner Night.

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Our first fund-raiser for some time will be a Quiz Night and the Barn has been booked for 19th November. Ideally, teams of six people to compete for 'fabulous' prizes with a hot meal included - bring your own drinks - and all for £7.50 per head. Numbers need to be good to raise charity money so please start asking around now and get firm bookings from your friends or anyone else you can tempt along - it's good value and good fun!

A Race Night is back on the cards but is not likely to happen until February or March with the hope that during the ensuing period members will be able, once again, to persuade friends and families to participate. A firm date will be settled on in the not too distant future.

Another anticipated money maker will be a return to our popular Jazz Night but possibly using a jazz quartet rather than a larger band in order to keep our costs down. Further details in due course.

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Mentioned last month - Jerry will expand on the proposed trip on the Dean Forest Railway - Saturday 11th September. Lunch on board has been mentioned at an anticipated cost of £29.50 each.



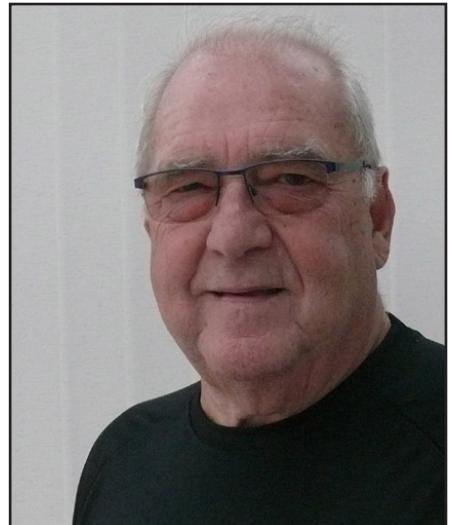
Dates for your Diary

- 16th June 19.30. Dinner Night - Speaker, Graham Walker, "Life & Music of Irvine Berlin"
- 2nd July 10.00. Coffee Morning - Staple Hill Methodist Church.
- July 2nd 16.00. President's Handover and Family Fun Day at Tynings School.
- 15th Sept 19.30. Dinner Night - No speaker, lighter meal followed by Bingo Evening.
- 15 Oct 19.00. Games Night at Bob & Sherry's. Usual good refreshments!
£10 per head, profits to Charity Fund.

Look out for other dates for events mentioned above.

Pete's final words as President.

I had the honour to be made President of our club in July 2020; of course it was no ordinary year as the lock downs started to affect our activities, even the hand over was arranged virtually. By then we had held some 15 virtual coffee mornings with donations reaching £1011, a great benefit at the time enabling us to keep in touch and communicate with many International members; this may not have happened otherwise. The club chose to let me stay on as President for 2021/22 due to the unusual circumstances.



We had a Picnic in the Park on August 9th 2020 but it was to be the last physical meeting for some time with many activities postponed. As the virtual coffee mornings progressed with donations from members who attended, so our financial position improved which enabled us to make donations to more charities that badly needed the money due to their activities being curtailed. It was a very difficult winter and summer in which no one was allowed to hold meetings or visit family and friends. By August 2021 things had eased and we were able to hold an Indoor Picnic in the Jubilee Hall; what a relief.

When we restarted Coffee Mornings in September 2021 they were held in the foyer of the Staple Hill Methodist church, Dave and Judy decided to retire from organizing the event after some 15 years' service, a big thank you to them, and we were very lucky that Christine Bilella stepped forward to take over, what grand job she has done. September 2021 we were at last able to hold our dinner nights in the more traditional way, everyone was so relieved. The London Weekend finally took place what a great time everyone had, thank you Bob for organizing the event.

Despite the lockdown many things happened during my term of office and I should mention a few. Wally was awarded the Ballantine Award, the highest honour that can be given to an individual for services to Y'sdom, well done. Bob and Sherry asked to be relieved from the in-house catering, Bob organized a new team, thank you both for your years of service. Jean Short had sadly passed away but left a legacy of £1000 in her will to dispose as we see fit. We remember other members who passed away Robin Short. Bill Bailey, Scilla Barnes.

My time as President has come to an end which I have thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to thank

Wally for his diligence.

Chris Holmes who has flawlessly kept the finances in place.

Leon Found for organizing the raffle.

Roger Cromwell as editor of the Youngster

Mike Bendrey - who always seems to know the best places to visit.

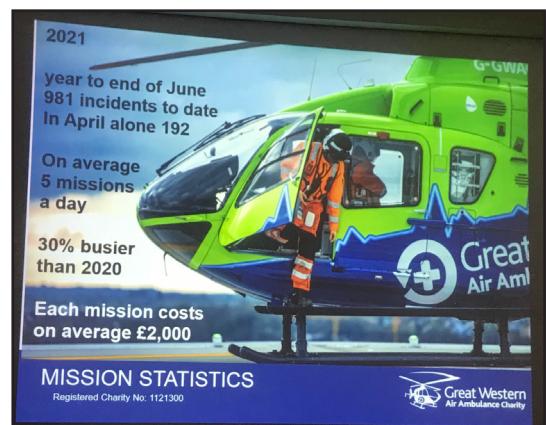
The rest of the BOG and all the other members for their support.

God bless you all, my best wishes for the future.

May Dinner Night



Speaker Phil West's grandson had an accident whilst on holiday and he was picked up by the Great Western Air Ambulance; the swift and expert response greatly reduced the effect of the accident. He has since given his time to spread the word of the value of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC). Phil was keen to emphasise that it is a charity reliant on public donations. They receive no money from the Government or NHS but around half of the Specialist Paramedic costs are funded by South Western Ambulance Service. They treat an average of five critically ill or injured patients a week and each mission costs an average of £2,000. The team who travel are specialists in emergency treatment and carry the equivalent of a small operating theatre with anaesthetics and blood products. They don't simply fly people to the nearest hospital, the priority is to get to the patient fast. Casualties are treated at the scene, on the road and in the air, providing complex interventions to stabilise and treat the patient, giving them the best chance of a positive outcome. We usually think of helicopters when seeing GWAAC but in fact nearly two thirds of call outs are by one of three critical care cars, which carry the same vital equipment as the helicopters. One big advantage of the cars is the ability to work in bad weather and at night. It costs about £4 million a year to run GWAAC out of their base at Almondsbury and public support is vital.



We have recently donated to GWAAC and it was an interesting and valuable talk for the members to hear where the money goes and what it achieves.



June Coffee morning

Second Saturday of the month rather than the first at Staple Hill Methodist Church with takings of £62.50. Thanks again to our regular cake makers.

Next one will be 2nd July – don't miss it.



From the Archives

We mention the Coffee Mornings each month but how many know when and how they started?

The first mention is in the Youngster of October 1996. Janet Clark was Editor and the idea came from Ray Nicholls. The Church had been holding Coffee Mornings for a while but was finding it difficult to get volunteers for a weekly commitment. They opened it out for charity groups and we, together with the RNLI and the local Guides, took on a monthly event.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 17th 7.45p.m.	Dinner Night, "On the roof of the world" Richard Nicholls
SATURDAY October 19th 7.15p.m	Charity Concert, Hexagon Theatre, Kingsfield School
Saturday 2nd November 9.30a.m.	Coffee morning, Staple Hill Methodist Church
November 21st 7.45p.m.	Dinner Night "Russia/Latvia" Mike Bendrey
SUNDAY December 8th	President's Lunch "White Hart" Ford.
December 19th 7.45p.m	Christmas Dinner Night

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Saturday January 11th 7.15p.m (tickets from Janet) Pantomime "Cinderella" Theatre Royal
January 16th 7.45p.m. Dinner Night "Hold hands with the handicapped" Pippa Sutcliffe

Coffee Morning, Staple Hill Methodist Church

Ray has booked another session for us at Staple Hill on Saturday 2nd November. Please could club members supply a cake (preferably around 1lb in weight) for sale. These need to be brought to the hall by 9.30 on the day, or perhaps you could pass it on to anyone who is attending, if you are unable to come. This is a nice little fund raiser which new members might like to come to, to see how much work is involved. A list will be circulated for volunteers.

Since then it is estimated we have run over 300 Coffee Morning and, assuming a modest £40 per event, raised over £12,000. That is a lot of tea, coffee and cakes!