

The Youngster

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"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



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Bob & Sherry's Table-top Olympics

A couple of Saturdays ago, 21 of us gathered at the Gray's abode for an evening of table games, from the vast Gray family collection. Six games were on offer, although I don't think anyone managed to play all six during the evening; two or at most three being the limit for most of us. The games on offer were SkipBo; 5 Crowns; Quidler; Genius Square; Sequence; and Rummikub. Angela and I managed to play Quidler, which was new to us, with John Gray and the McBraidias - being similar to 5 Crowns. We know the game quite well but based on letters rather than numbers, so the objective is to build the longest word you can starting with 3 cards, all the way up to 12 cards on the last round. We played two rounds but used the wrong scoring for both (we found out later the correct scoring method when Bob went to the table to teach some others how to play).

Halfway through the evening we all stopped to enjoy one of the Gray's usual fine suppers of ham salad and indulgent deserts.

Afterwards everyone swapped around to play another game – we joined Sam and Eileen Rowe to play SkipBo – another relatively straightforward card game, but too complex to bore you with here. After a couple of rounds we came to end of what was another very enjoyable evening. On behalf of the Club and all the games players a big thank you to Bob and Sherry and family for a lovely evening that raised £110 for the Club charity funds.



Chris Holmes

Diary Dates

- 16th Nov. Dinner Night, Speaker: Rachel Monger – Bees Abroad
- 18th Nov. Quiz Night at Tynings School, 1900hrs.
- 25th Nov. Coffee morning 1000hrs – Staple Hill Methodist Church
- 21st Dec. Christmas Dinner – Entertainment from Graham Walker
- 18th Jan. Dinner Night, Speaker: to be confirmed
- 4th Feb. President's Lunch at Radisson Blu. Bristol - More details later
- 24th Feb. Race Night at Tynings School, 1900hrs.
- 13th April Jazz Night with Stuart Potter and The Strollers

October Dinner Night –Return to Banjo Island by David Cheesley



Last month's talk was on the subject of David's early stamping ground – the area around Banjo Island, Cadbury Heath. This area has become a suburb of Greater Bristol although within the bounds of South Gloucester District Council and is a large post-war urban development between Bristol and Bath. Our speaker informed us that the local name of Banjo Island came about because of the layout of the streets near the centre of the community which, with a little imagination, resemble the shape of a banjo as can be seen on the map. We were regaled with childhood fun and games whilst growing up in the area accompanied with photos on screen of many of the streets and alleys which made for good playgrounds until everyone bought cars. For someone with local knowledge of Cadbury Heath,

David's talk must have stirred many memories of days gone by and although put together well, for those not knowing the area it was perhaps just that little bit too long.

Roger Cromwell

Early sales opportunity – take advantage of it!



Our Quiz Night will be history in a few days but as shown on page one, we have a Race Night coming up in February followed by the Jazz Evening in April. If we get out and sell tickets for these events in the near future, the punters will find it difficult to come up with the usual excuse:



“Sorry, already doing something that night!”

Coffee Mornings

At coffee morning no.1 this month we managed to raise £57.80 so well done and thanks to all who helped out with this effort. Please note that there will be no Coffee Morning at the Church in December but we will be having an extra date this month so please note Saturday 25th November. Cake contributions, as ever, always welcomed!

Did you know that the correct word for vegan, sugarless, gluten-free brownies is ‘Compost’