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The Youngster



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Jean Walters

Sadly, Jean Walters died in Southmead Hospital on Thursday, 5th December where she was admitted with a virus infection. Jean's husband, Pete Walters, joined the club many years ago and was renowned for his wine tasting evenings in which he supplied copious quantities of wine and a commentary about each tippie. The evenings started quietly, but the volume increased as the evening progressed! Jean was a teetotaler.

Jean joined the club after Pete died and she supported club activities on a regular basis. She was very sporty even from her schooldays at Kingswood Grammar School and she played tennis well into her 70s. She was a consummate joiner, being also a member of the Friends of Kingswood Heritage Museum and a committee member of Kingswood Old Scholars Association.

One of her hobbies was to produce stained-glass artefacts, and examples of her work were in evidence at her home in Kingswood. She will be missed by the club, but especially by her children Alison and Richard.

The arrangements for Jean's funeral are as follows. It will be on Monday January 6th at 11:00 at Westerleigh Crematorium. There will be a wake afterwards, it is not booked yet but it will be local to this area. The family hope all friends will attend.



Mike Bendrey

Diary

Thu 19 Dec	7.30 pm Christmas Dinner - 'A Magic Show' - Tony Griffith
Fri 3 Jan	Visit to Bath Royal Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast' - Bob Gray organising
Sat 11 Jan	7.00 pm Games Evening at Bob and Sherry's house
Thu 16 Jan	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Christmas Toy Memories' - David Cheesley
Sun 2Feb	12.30 for 1.00 President's Lunch, Alveston House Hotel, David's Lane, Alveston BS35 2LA
Sat 15 Feb	7.30 pm Quiz Night
Thu 20 Feb	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'The life, the poems and the songs of Rudyard Kipling - G Walker
Thu 19 Mar	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Downend and Bromley Heath in Bloom' - Jackie Baker
Sat/Sun 28/29 Mar	Visit to Windsor Castle and the Tower of London
Thu 16 Apr	7.30 pm Dinner Night
Sat 25 Apr	7.30 pm Concert at Mangotsfield School
Thu 21 May	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Our Heritage of Song' - Robin Burton
Thu 18 June	7.30 pm Presidential Handover with skittles and a buffet at Mangotsfield Football Club
Sat 10 Oct	Race Night

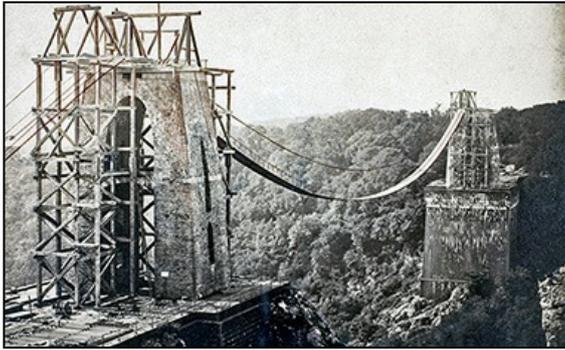
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Brunel's Bristol



Chris Bigg gave a very interesting talk at Dinner Night on 21st November which, as the title suggests, covered the many engineering achievements of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. He was described as "one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history". We tend to claim him as "one of our own" despite the fact that he was born in Portsmouth in 1806 and was largely educated in France.

He was mostly associated with Bristol because of the Clifton Suspension Bridge for which he did the original design although it was completed by other engineers after Brunel's death in 1859.



The original design for a bridge to span the Avon Gorge in Bristol was to be decided by a competition which, in 1829, was judged by Thomas Telford. Telford rejected all the designs and put his own forward which obviously proved very unpopular. A

second competition was held in 1830 and 24 year old Isambard Kingdom Brunel was eventually declared the winner and appointed project engineer.

Brunel also built dockyards, the Great Western Railway, a series of steamships including the propeller-driven transatlantic steamship and numerous important bridges and tunnels. His designs revolutionised public transport and modern engineering,

Although we claim Brunel "as one of our own" he had a wide ranging international reputation and in a recent poll for the greatest Briton was voted second only to Winston Churchill.

Roger Clutson

A Touch of Nostalgia

By Pat Fairless



Back in the days of tanners and bobs
When mothers had patience and fathers had jobs
When football team families wore hand me down clothes
And TV gave only two channels to choose

Back in the days of three penny bits
when schools employed nurses to search for your nits
When snowballs were harmless, ice slides were permitted
And all of your jumpers were warm and hand knitted.

Back in the days of hot ginger beers
When children remained so for more than six years
When children respected what older folk said
And pot was a thing you kept under the bed.

Back in the days of Listen with Mother
When neighbours were friendly and talked to each other
When cars were so rare you could play in the street
When doctors made house calls and Police walked the beat.

Back in the days of Milligan's goons
When butter was butter and songs all had tunes
It was dumplings for dinner and trifle for tea
And your annual break was a day by the sea.

Back in the days of Dixon's Dock Green,
Crackerjack pens and Lyons ice cream
When children could freely wear National Health glasses
And teachers all stood at the FRONT of their classes.

Back in the days of rocking and reeling
When mobiles were things that you hung from the ceiling
When woodwork and pottery got taught in the schools
And everyone dreamed of a win on the pools.

Back in the days when I was a lad
I can't help but smile for the fun that I had
Hopscotch and roller skates, snow balls to lob
Back in the days of tanners and bobs.

Why Coffee Morning is Special

We all enjoy the monthly dinners with the speaker to keep us entertained but one of the disadvantages is that we all seem to like sitting with the same people each month. The big plus of the monthly Coffee Mornings at the Staple Hill Methodist Church is that you move around and are able to chat to others. You can see from the pictures that standing or sitting down give plenty of chances for chatting. The dates of the 2020 sessions are below, please book them into your diaries and try to come and experience the joy of fellowship.

Jan 4th	Jan 25th	March 7th	April 4th	May 2nd	June 6th
July 4th	Aug 1st	Sept 5th	Sept 26th	Nov 7th	Nov 28th

There will not be coffee morning in February, October and December.

Alan



Eileen Price

On Thursday 21st November we welcomed Eileen Price into the Club. She takes over from Ryan who had given years and years of support to the Club. On November 23rd some of us went to her house to say at least a temporary farewell to her as she is moving into an elderly persons home to be closer to her family who all live in the western home counties. This was a super idea of Eileen's children, Andrew and Christine, to organise this small farewell. It was a great shame that some of the older members of the Club who would love to have been there were away on a Freemason's holiday. Life is like that isn't it?

Tea, coffee and cakes were on display in abundance and it was a joy to just chat. Clearly we are not saying a permanent 'Goodbye' as Christine and Andrew will be bringing Eileen to the President's lunch on 2nd February.



The London Theatre Trip

A group of 16 members of Y's Men and Probus had a trip to London. When they were there they split into three groups for theatre visits. The shows they saw were: 9 to 5, Lion King and Matilda.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their shows and it was a really nice day out. Many thanks to Roger Clutsom for organising this excellent trip.

Dave Moore

60? You cannot be serious



I suppose it couldn't really be a Y's Men's 'do' but there were very many Y's Men there. I confess that I thought it was a joke when Jer first mentioned this event to celebrate his 60th birthday. I still think of him as a young adult not one of the old and decrepit ones. We hope he is not going to use this as an excuse for wondering why he has just come upstairs, why his legs creek as he gets up and why he's just finding it more difficult to remember anything. As nearly everybody else at the party was even older than Jer we knew it was going to be a staid, quiet affair. That's another thing I got wrong about it. Admittedly I didn't stay late enough to see the beer barrels roll in but it was a

most enjoyable outing with lots and lots of chat - and a chance to meet some people we have not seen for a long time. Perhaps you'll hold another party when you're really sixty Jer. But thanks for this practice one.

Something You need To Know!

The combination -ough can be pronounced in nine different ways. The following sentence contains them all.

“A rough-coated, dough faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough: after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.”

Now try this one:

A woman in a pub bet me she could prove that GHOTI can be pronounced FISH using just three words as evidence. What are these words? In other words, can you explain why she is right?

News from RD Wally

Pleased to be able to announce that a new club for Region Central Southern Europe is on the horizon. We have a group of 15 enthusiastic potential members at the Catania YMCA in Sicily. They have been meeting for a while now. They have created a team to lead the work who have prepared a constitution and are well on the way to submitting a Charter application.

Some background from the Wikipedia web site: Catania is the second largest city of Sicily after Palermo; it is located on the east coast facing the Ionian Sea. It is the capital of the Metropolitan City of Catania, one of the ten biggest cities in Italy, and the seventh largest metropolitan city in Italy. The population of the city proper is 311,584 while the population of the Metropolitan City of Catania is 1,107,702.

The answer for those who read The Youngster this far. I'll bet you didn't get it.

The GH of Rough makes an F sound. The O of Women makes an I sound and the TI of Action makes a SH sound.