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The Youngster



The King and his Fourteen Wives

February 2019

In listening to Jenny Bowen at Dinner Night on 17th January we heard about Mswati III, King of Swaziland (re-named eSwatini on 19th April). In particular we heard about the "recruitment" process which led to the appointment of the 14 wives and the contrast with his father who remarkably had 72 wives.

Jenny showed great enthusiasm for her subject as she described the benefits derived from an absolute monarchy as compared to a democratic process. She spoke of the high incidence of Aids and the National Care Programme aimed at reducing the impact of the disease.

The talk was then structured to cover the scenery, wildlife and culture of the country and we took particular interest in the description of antelopes, crocodiles, hippos, white rhinos, black rhinos and zebras. (We now all know a group of zebras is called a DAZZLE).

This was an entertaining talk aptly summarised by Pete Sheppard who gave enthusiastic details of the content of the talk.



Roger Clutsom

Diary

Thu 21 Feb	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Songs from the Second World War' - Graham Walker
Sun 24 Feb	12.00 for 12.30 President's Lunch - St Augustine's Church, Downend - bring your own drinks
Sat 2 Mar	Coffee Morning Coach Trip to Cardiff Castle - coach to leave Cleeve Hill Extension 9.15 am
Thu 21 Mar	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Guilty Pleasures: Chocolate, Beer and Tobacco' - Chris Bigg
Mon 25 Mar	8.00 pm Project/Programme Committee Meeting
Sat 30 Mar	7.30 pm Ten Sing Race Night at Warmley Community Centre
Sat 6 Apr	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sat/Sun 6/7 Apr	Weekend in London - Post Office Underground Railway, Emirates Cable Car
Thu 18 Apr	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'My Life with Musical Instruments' - Geoff Pegler
Sat 4 May	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sat 11 May	Phoenix Wind Band Concert
Thu 16 May	7.30 pm Dinner Night
Sat 1 June	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Thu 20 June	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Family Favourites' - Graham Walker
Sat 6 July	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sar 3 Aug	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sat 12 Oct	Race Night

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To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right

Brian Brady - Farewell

Ann Burgess has received the sad news that Brian Brady has died after a long illness. He was 90 last December. His funeral was last Tuesday when Ann, Roger and Diane Cromwell attended.

Some of the older members of the club will remember Brian and Beryl Brady before they moved down to Devon. I think I'm correct that Brian worked for the old *Evening World* as a journalist and left after it was taken over by the *Evening Post*. He moved to a government communications department, but his old journalistic skills came out when he was founder and first editor of the *Youngster*, and it's been going without a break ever since. He and Beryl were friendly and active members of the club and their planned move to Devon was received with sadness. Nevertheless, they have kept in contact with some members of the club since then. The photograph, taken we believe at a party in the early 70's, shows Brian, his wife Beryl and Ann Burgess.

Our condolences go out to Beryl and the family.



Mike

A young monk arrives at the monastery. He is assigned to helping the other monks in copying the old canons and laws of the church by hand.

He notices, however, that all of the monks are copying from copies, not from the original manuscript. So, the new monk goes to the Old Abbot to question this, pointing out that if someone made even a small error in the first copy, it would never be picked up! In fact, that error would be continued in all of the subsequent copies.

The head monk, says, "We have been copying from the copies for centuries, but you make a good point, my son." He goes down into the dark caves underneath the monastery where the original manuscripts are held as archives, in a locked vault that hasn't been opened for hundreds of years. Hours go by and nobody sees the Old Abbot. So, the young monk gets worried and goes down to look for him. He sees him banging his head against the wall and wailing.

"We missed the R! We missed the R! We missed the bloody R!" His forehead is all bloody and bruised and he is crying uncontrollably. The young monk asks the old abbot, "What's wrong, father?"

With a choking voice, the old Abbot replies, "The word wasCELEBRATE!"

Ed: This item is included with no apologies to those who have laughed at it before.

That's my kind of Music

I know that it's only a month ago that I mentioned this but I am looking forward to having your requests for entries in our 'Family Favourites' evening in June. Please think about it.

Graham Walker

Hanham Fish & Chip evening

The annual evening was attended by eleven Kingswood members who enjoyed not only pleasant company but also excellent Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips followed by a choice of puddings and tea or coffee. As usual a raffle was held and the first dozen tickets selected were Hanham members, we began to suspect a fix!

However three of the last four prizes were won by Sandy, Bryan and Janet so honour was settled.

Alan



Quiz Night 2019



The nasty Inquisitors

the categories dreamt up to torture and tease us for the evening; but I say this in jest. A lot of work goes into the preparation and without Roger and Joy's hard work watching TV quizzes and reading quiz books we would not be in the position of raising over £500 for charity this year. Of course on the night a lot of other people are also involved – Bob and Sherry cooking the food, aided by Gwen and Ann; Wally and Mike marking and keeping score; two of our grandchildren acting as runners and collecting the answer sheets; and Sandy doing her usual fine job of selling raffle tickets – she even brought one of her mum's saucepans to hold the tickets for the draw.

Congratulations are, of course, due to the winning team – Roger & Diane Cromwell and family and friends; I can't remember who got the "wooden spoon" prize (it was a set of quiz books, I believe) but everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and we have had positive feedback from among the teams attending.

A couple of anecdotes from my grandchildren – "I don't know why they didn't know the longest river is the Amazon – I knew it was!" and "if you don't give me your answer sheet now I'll deduct points from your score!"

6B in an O in C – 6 Balls in an Over in Cricket

7S on a FPP – 7 Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece



The Victims

6B in an O in C? 7S on a FPP? What on earth is going on! Well, it's that time of year again – the annual Clutsom Chamber of Horrors, otherwise known as the Kingswood Y's Mens Quiz. Fourteen teams of 6 gathered at the Barn on the evening of the 9th February to undergo an examination of memory and powers of deduction answering 120 questions set by Quizmaster Roger and Joy. Geography, Songs, Dates, True or False – just some of



The Victors - the local lads and lassies

Chris Holmes – Assistant Deputy Chief Correspondent

A Sour Note

Unfortunately the Editor was nursing a lousy cough on the night of the quiz so was unable to attend. "How did it go?" he asked when Diane got home. She told him how one of our team worked out the meaning of 7S on a FPP. "Wasn't that good" she opined. I was delighted that Terry B had offered an answer that satisfied the judges but pointed out that there are nine sides to a 50p piece. The biggest sides (the top and bottom) seem to have been forgotten. And just in case you are quibbling about the definition of a 'side' let me ask you if there are only four sides on a dice. Please be aware that your reign as quizmaster is in jeopardy Roger!

A social time.

We had two Coffee Mornings in January because the church asked us to swap dates. The results were healthy with £43 profit on Jan 6th and £46.80 on Jan 26th. The usual helpers were there early to set up and this picture shows us relaxing with a cup of coffee after the work was done.

Alan





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*To acknowledge the duty that
accompanies every right*

Name: Alan Wallington Home Club: Kingswood-Bristol

Emphasis Month - February **Spotlight on Time of Fast, STEP & YEOP**

Dear Alan,

February is the Emphasis Month for **Time of Fast** and **STEP & YEOP**.

Whereas, clubs' service to their YMCAs and communities brand our organisation locally, the [Time of Fast](#) (TOF) programme is a calling card for our organisation at the global level. Since its inception in 1972, TOF has raised more than USD 7 million for development projects and disaster relief. We are currently supporting **19 projects in 14 different countries**, with each of our Areas being represented by at least one project.

TOF helps vulnerable populations worldwide, either through emergency assistance following a natural disaster from the IP Discretionary Fund, which is financed by TOF donations, or through approved YMI, YMCA or YMCA affiliated projects (joint or independent). TOF projects are sustainable, aligned with at least one of the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). They improve lives immediately but also have a lasting impact. Please spread the news – the application deadline for funding beginning August 2019 is this 15 March. See the [website](#) for more information.

Party Time with Bob and Sherry

Once again we had a fun evening playing a variety of games at Sherry and Bobs. The event was well attended and we had a superb buffet courtesy of our hosts. They have looked after us so well over the years, long may they continue with their games evenings. Fun and fellowship, you can't beat it.



Ann Burgess