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The Youngster



May 2019

Phoenix Wind Band Concert

Another successful fund-raising evening on the 11th May when the entertainment was provided by The Phoenix Wind Band.

The Band played a selection of music from the cinema: some pieces better known than others. Themes from the James Bond films and Star Wars, to my mind, seemed rather out of place without the movie whereas everyone's favourite, The Sound of Music, was perfectly capable of standing on its own with many of the audience trying to sing along to a number of the songs. The excerpts from the Disney film Aladdin were very catchy and, with 'Putting on the Ritz', certainly had a few toes tapping and heads nodding – the young lady sitting in front of me was very animated during those pieces, looking as though she couldn't wait to get up and dance. Quite early in the concert it was nice to see that one of the younger members of the band was given a solo spot with her Alto-Saxophone when she played 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' with the band. Overall, a varied programme with something for everyone and a very lively 'encore' rounded off a very enjoyable evening.



Thanks are due, once more, to the Gray/Mundy families: Bob & Sherry for the usual excellent mid-way 'ploughman's' supper, this time with a three way choice; Sam & Jerry for organising and running the bar and Sandy for her sterling work in selling the raffle tickets. Yet again the overall organiser of the school facility and pre-show ticketing was Alan W, so thanks once more to him.

Although still a reasonably good profit, the success of the project is somewhat tempered by the surplus only being around £600 which, although not a bad figure in itself, is £600 less than last year. A major contributing factor was lower ticket sales – 40 fewer seats sold which, in turn, led to lower raffle ticket sales. Having noted that, the profit was not far off what we made in 2017.

Roger Cromwell

Diary

Thu 16 May	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Grand Tour' - Bernard Merrick
Thu 30 May	2.00 pm Three hour trip around the Floating Harbour
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 22 June	2.30 pm Visit to Mumford's Vineyard
Sat 6 July	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sun 7 July	Afternoon Tea Party at the Saville's as last year - £5.00 pp
Mon 8 July	2.15 pm Conducted tour of Childrens Hospice South West
Sar 3 Aug	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Thu 18 Sept	7.30 pm New Season starts
Sat 12 Oct	Race Night

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To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right

My Life with Musical Instruments

or (All the best people come from Bedminster Down)



What an entertaining evening at dinner night on 18th April when Geoff Pegler explained to us how his life had been defined by his ability to find and play musical instruments. He was born in 1940 and fortunately his mother was a talented pianist. Geoff had a photographic memory which helped him to develop his musical expertise rather than practice regularly and his first instrument was a violin which enabled him to join an orchestra and learn "Celtic Lament" and, amongst others, the Ken Dodd signature tune.

By the age of 18/19 he was moving away from the violin and on a walking holiday in Scotland discovered a pipe band which led him to play "Scotland the Brave" and the "Skye Boat Song". He joined the Bristol Pipe Band and soon learnt "Mull of Kintyre". Whilst at an evening of Scottish Dancing at Monks Park School he discovered the accordion and was able to buy his own accordion from a collector in BEDMINSTER DOWN. He then learnt "Home on the range" and this was followed by learning the electric fiddle.

Geoff played all his instruments during the evening and provided us with an entertaining performance which evoked lots of memories for many of us.

*Roger Clutson
(Native of Bedminster Down)*

May Coffee Morning

We managed to survive without our Coffee Morning leaders; Dave & Judy are enjoying their cruise with Facebook pictures of Judy enjoying a banana split.

Our efforts this month gave us a profit of £46. Thanks to all who attended, helped or donated cakes.

Excitements to Come - from Mike B

All aboard for the Floating Harbour - 30th May

A 3-hour trip around the Floating Harbour, with commentary. Meet at the Centre slipway for 14:00 hours. The cost will be £16 per person and Wally will be sending round a list at Dinner Night on 16th May when I also need to collect payment. I am suggesting using the Lyde Green Park & Ride to get to the Centre, from where there's a bus at 13:01 on which OAP tickets can be used.



Mumford's Vineyard - 22nd June

The date of this trip has been changed. Lunch has been booked at The George, Bathampton at 12:00 and then meet at Mumford's for a tour starting at 14:30. Cost £10 (lunch cost whatever you order). Also list and payment at the next Dinner Night, please.



Children's Hospital South West - 8th July

A conducted tour of Children's Hospice SW at Wraxall for a tour at 14:15 (no charge). Meet at 12:15 at Failand Inn, Failand for lunch (party already booked). I know some members were unable to attend last time, so here's an opportunity to see what good work is being done there. A list will come round at the June Dinner Night for lunch and the Hospice.

