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The Youngster



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Body Language - 20th Sept

Andy Workman talked to us at our dinner night on 20th September emphasising that he would be focusing on - "What is every BODY saying ". In order to do this he used his experience as a Hypnotherapist Author and Speaker and particularly as a Police Officer of 32 years standing.

He mentioned his experience as a Police Officer in using common signs and signals to detect possible violence and also covered our reactions to other human beings when we make judgements over a period of seven seconds. Particular examples were given as a Guardsman (must be brave and reliable) and a Nun (must be virtuous), judgements being based on clothes, looks, speech, body shape and body language.

Andy referred to the hand movements of Donald Trump as an example of how this can mean different things in different countries identifying the hand movements in the United States meaning "satisfactory" but the same movements in Tunisia and France meaning "worthless".

On a similar theme he showed George Bush and Tony Blair talking about "weapons of mass destruction" without showing their palms which can be an indicator of telling lies. He used Bush and Blair in another example which covered the fact that in the Eastern world the last person entering through the door is the most powerful and showed Bush making sure that he was last in for a meeting with Blair in Downing Street.

It was the type of presentation to which we could all relate in our everyday lives and perhaps showed that the roles of Hypnotherapist and a Police Officer are not that dissimilar.

Many thanks to Andy for a thought provoking talk.

Roger Clutsom

Diary

Fri 19 Oct	7.00 pm - Dinner Night at Hanham Club - The Queens Bodyguard Of The Yeomen Of The Guard - Shaun McCormack - £5.50
Sat 3 Nov	Coffee Morning
Tue 6 Nov	8.00 pm BoG meeting at 26 Overndale Road.
Thu 15 Nov	7.30 pm Dinner Night - Ten Sing
Sat 17 Nov	Barn Christmas Fair
Thu 20 Dec	7.30 pm Dinner Night - Old Time Music Hall - Alan Wallington
Sat 24 Nov	Coffee Morning
Thu 29 Nov	Visit to 'Oakham Treasures', Portbury. - £5.50. Suggest meet at 12.30 for lunch prior to visit to the 'treasures'
Fri 4 Jan	Pantomime at Theatre Royal, Bath (Bob Gray organising)
Sat 5 Jan	Coffee Morning
Thu 17 Jan	7.30 pm Dinner Night - My Life with Musical Instruments
Sat 9 Feb	Quiz Night - tickets £7.50
Thu 21 Feb	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Songs from the Second World War' - Graham Walker
Thu 20 June	7.30 pm End of Term Dinner - 'Family Favourites' - Graham Walker

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To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 19th Sept

Like all our BLOC visits before, it started at the pub - although I find it difficult to think of Wetherspoons as a pub rather than as a restaurant. I happened to be sitting near the people I sat near to last year before BLOC's 'My Fair Lady' and my fellow diners remembered what I had chosen from the menu then. I just can't compete with human beings who have memories like that. Nevertheless, let's get on to the show.

I understand that this is the first year that amateur groups like BLOC have been allowed to put on this show. The cost of buying a motor car that flies should be enough to limit the competition. The child catcher's costume alone who was on the stage for about ninety seconds would have been enough to bankrupt most people in the audience - and the cost of a nightly journey from Bulgaria to Brazil (for whatever reason I couldn't understand) must have added to the Company's financial problems.

Whilst the story was a little thin on content (especially when compared to last year's show) it was produced to the incredibly high standard that we have come to expect from BLOC. How many companies are there in the whole of the UK who can perform so professionally? And they maintain this standard year after year.

One thing they do have in their favour is Roger Cromwell. He sold ninety tickets for the Wednesday and Friday performances. I'm sure that BLOC are grateful to him but so are we for adding a gem to each of our Y's men's years.

'Thanks Roger' and 'thanks Mike' for organising the lunch.



Race Night 2018



We were fewer in numbers at the Race Night but the enjoyment was just as good. The evening went without any problems and the tote was busy extracting money from the punters. As usual we were treated to a great meal by Bob & Sherry, including apple pie from the Cottage Bakery. Mentioning the Cottage Bakery reminds me to thank the sponsors of the eight races. The Fruit Tree - Staple Hill, Cleeve Wood Pharmacy, The Cottage Bakery, Brookers Mobile Bar, Fabrics Plus - Downend, Brunt & Fussell - estate agents, CR Windows of Kingswood and Olya Wallington, Seamstress. We sold 72 horses before the event and the winning owners were Pete Sheppard, Paddy Clark, Giles Britton, Diane Cromwell, Kath McBraida, Jason Warlock, John Gray, Sherry Gray and Robin Short. The profit from the evening will be about £800.

Thanks to all who bought horses, sold tickets and helped in many ways.

Alan Wallington

Members List

The latest edition of the current members list has just been created. Alan will be distributing these as he is able to get in touch with members.

Phoenix Wind Band Christmas Concert with The Silverhill School Choir

Saturday 1st December - 7.30 pm at
Resound, Blackhorse Road, Bristol
Adults - £6.00 Children £1.00

Tickets from Leon Found tel: 0117 956 2445

Australia - from the Australians

The following is an extract from the 'South Scuttlebutt' magazine of the Y SERVICE CLUB OF BENDIGO SOUTH. Alan emailed it to all members a few weeks ago but I thought it so good that it might get a wider readership in The Youngster.



Australia – Through the Eyes of Douglas Adams

Australia is a very confusing place, taking up a large amount of the bottom half of the planet. It is recognisable from orbit because of many unusual features, including what at first looks like an enormous bite taken out of its southern edge; a wall of cliffs which plunge into the girding sea. Geologists assure us that this is simply an accident of geomorphology, but they still call it "The Great Australian Bight", proving that not only are they covering up a more frightening theory but they can't spell either.

The first of the confusing things about Australia is the status of the place. Where other landmasses and sovereign lands are classified as continent, island or country, Australia is considered all three. Typically, it is unique in this.

The second confusing thing about Australia is the animals. They can be divided into three categories: Poisonous, Odd, and Sheep. It is true that of the 10 most poisonous animals on the planet, Australia has nine of them. Actually it would be more accurate to say that of the 9 most poisonous animals, Australia has all of them. However there are few snakes, possibly because the spiders have killed them all.

But even the spiders won't go near the sea. Any visitor should be careful to check inside boots (before putting them on), under toilet seats (before sitting down) and generally everywhere else. A stick is very useful for this task.

The last confusing thing about Australia is the inhabitants.

A short history: Sometime around 40,000 years ago some people arrived in boats from the north. They ate all the available food, and a lot of them died. The ones who survived learned respect for the balance of nature, man's proper place in the scheme of things, and spiders. They settled in and spent a lot of the intervening time making up strange stories.

Then around 300 years ago, Europeans arrived in boats from the north. More accurately, European convicts were sent, with a few deranged people in charge. They tried to plant their crops in autumn (failing to take account of the reversal of the seasons), ate all their food and a lot of them died.

About then the sheep arrived and have been treasured ever since. It is interesting to note here that the Europeans always consider themselves vastly superior to any other race they encounter, since they can lie, cheat, steal and litigate (marks of civilised culture they say), whereas all the Aboriginals can do is happily survive being left in the middle of a vast red-hot desert, equipped with a stick.

Eventually, the new lot of people stopped being Europeans on "extended holiday" and became Australians. The changes are subtle, but deep, caused by the mind-stretching expanses of nothingness and eerie quiet, where a person can sit perfectly still and look deep inside themselves to the core of their essence, their reasons for being and the necessity of looking inside their boots every morning for fatal surprises. They also picked up the most finely tuned sense of irony in the world, and the Aboriginal gift for making up stories. Be warned, even in the most embellished stories told by Australians, there is always a core of truth that is unwise to ignore

There is also the matter of the beaches. Australian beaches are simply the nicest and best in the world, although anyone actually venturing into the sea will have to contend with sharks, stinging jellyfish, stonefish - a fish which sits in the bottom of the sea, pretends to be a rock and has venomous barbs sticking out of its back that will kill, just from the pain, and surfboarders. However watching a beach sunset is worth the risk.

As a result of all this hardship, dirt, thirst and wombats, you would expect Australians to be a dour lot. Instead, they are genial, jolly, cheerful and always willing to share a kind word with a stranger. Faced with insurmountable odds and impossible problems, they smile disarmingly and look for a stick.

Major engineering feats have been performed with sheets of corrugated iron, string and mud.

Alone of all the races on earth, they seem to be free from the "Grass is greener on the other side of the fence" syndrome, and roundly proclaim that Australia is, in fact, the other side of that fence. They call the land "Oz" or "Godzone" (a verbal contraction of Own Country).

THE IRRITATING THING ABOUT THIS IS THEY MAY BE RIGHT.

Walk for Sherwin



A year ago we were able to give £100 towards an appeal for donations to support the son of one of Olya's friends. Sherwin has severe Cerebral Palsy which makes his life extremely difficult. There was an opportunity to have a pioneering operation, Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy, which would make Sherwin's life better by relieving pain related to spasticity, avoiding further contractures and reduction of his abilities.



The operation was not available on the NHS and the cost was £10,000. Following an appeal on Facebook and a lot of fund raising by friends and family Sherwin had his operation in Nottingham in June 2018. The operation went well and Sherwin said straight away that his legs felt lighter, considerably relaxed. The ten days after the operation were a bit rough but things improved slowly. Sherwin is now four months into intensive physiotherapy with SDR Rehab UK in Newport and with other physiotherapeutic treatments he is making great progress. This support is likely to have to continue for at least five years so fund raising continues.

Further information and videos of Sherwin's progress is shown on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/walkforsherwin/>

Alan Wallington

Travels of the Regional Director

I was able to attend two sessions in Denmark as part of my duties as RD. The first was the Area Council meeting where we discussed the business of Area Europe. I was pleased to meet my fellow RDs from Denmark, Norway, Finland & Baltic and Russia. We covered many subjects including the frequency of Area Conventions, the Area Web site, Christian Emphasis and the availability and distribution of Special Development Support (SDS). I am able to promote the next Area Convention, which will be in Ekaterinburg, Russia from 28 to 30 June 2019. The next International Convention will be held from 13 to 16 June 2020 in Odense, Denmark. Start saving!



The second event was Regional Director Elect training. We covered many of the practical requirements of the job of an RD. I found this valuable as I have been out of International circulation for a few years now and some of the procedures have changed. The most encouraging aspect was the chance to meet and hear the new International Secretary General, Jose Varghese and the International President Elect, Jennifer Jones. I can tell you they were both very impressive at the meeting and I am sure we are in good hands for the future.

There is the offer of a Brotherhood delegate trip from Europe to Africa in 2019/20. The reference is BF19/20-04 and applications close on December 1st 2018. There is a new online application procedure and if you are interested please let me know and I will guide you through the application.

Alan Wallington

Glenys Walker

Diane and I went to see Glenys at Emerson's Green Hospital yesterday - she had a replacement hip operation the day before. Within 24 hours she had taken some steps and hopes to be going home on Wednesday. She was in good spirits.

Graham Walker - written 17.10.2018