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The Youngster



June 2019

A Life on the Ocean Waves

Well, perhaps a little exaggeration to describe the Club's voyage round Bristol Harbour on the 30th May but the mini cruise was enjoyed by all. It started off with Graham Walker missing the bus at Lyde Green because he didn't realise that buses move off from the bus stop when there is nobody left at the bus stop to get on. Nevertheless he still got to the point of embarkation in time. Once on board we were given the official warnings about the safety procedures that could be involved in a case of emergency but this could best be summed up, as it was, by 'keep away from the water'. Nobody doubted this advice enough to put it to the test.

The ship onto which we embarked was run by an American skipper and a gentleman of even more foreign origin who proceeded to tell a boat



full of Bristolians all about Bristol. But I mustn't give the impression that they did a bad job of this; they were pleasant and knowledgeable. They had obviously done their homework. We sailed up to Hotwells and back down to just past Temple Meads Station where we stopped close to the Hole in the Wall pub for an hour for refreshments. Then on we went, not back to St Augustine's Reach as we had expected but back to Hotwells via Bathurst Basin. On the first part of the journey we had been told about the buildings around the harbour but on the second visit we were just able to look and chat amongst ourselves.

The whole trip had been accompanied by gorgeous weather. It was not novel or exciting but it was very enjoyable. I think everybody thanked Mike for organising it and I just add my appreciation to theirs.



Speakers for 2019/20 (from Alan)

There are ten dinner nights a year to be filled with interesting, amusing and/or educational talks after our meal. Seven of these dates for next year are booked.

September is something I will be bringing to you but I will not disclose the content until the night.

October will see the return of the speaker we had last June, Phil Collins. He entertained us with his colleague Richard Watson with stories and performances of Comedy Duos. This time he is bringing a different partner and his talk, entitled 'Fun with a G String' is an hour's fun with a ukulele.

November brings us Chris Bigg who will talk about Brunel's Bristol. Chris is a local lad whom we heard in March last year, he tells a very interesting story.

December has to be a bit special to help us celebrate Christmas. I have booked Tony Griffith, a member of the Magic Circle to give us a show.

March brings us Graham again with one of his special presentations he prepares so carefully. I'm leaving it up to Graham to tell us the subject of his presentation.

May will see Robin Burton with us to talk about 'Our Heritage of Song'. He uses pictures and songs to illustrate the story.

June is President Handover night and Jerry is planning a skittles match and buffet to celebrate the occasion, more details later.

You will see I have not mentioned January, February or April. Here is where you can help. If you have any ideas let me know and I will investigate

Wally

Grand Tour (or we all like some "Romantic Intrigue")

Bernard Merrick entertained us at dinner night on the 16th May by relating the exploits of young men from wealthy families in the 17th and 18th centuries who were taken on the "Grand Tour" of Europe to improve their knowledge and education.

The young men were prepared for careers in the diplomatic service by travelling through France and Italy with their entourage. Italy was a prime target because of the many items of architectural interest. One of the first travellers was Thomas Coryate who walked from Odcombe across Europe in 1603 and in doing so allegedly became the first Englishman to use a fork and brought the custom back to the United Kingdom.

The young men were accompanied by tutors who helped them to understand the culture of Europe and allowed them to become involved in various "romantic intrigues".

There were a number of items of local interest referred to including Holy Trinity Church and the Blathways of Durham Park and of particular interest was the description of how Thomas Cook began his tours across Europe which of course continue to this day.

Sadly, following the French Revolution of 1789 Napoleon stopped the tourist trade and this resulted in no more "Grand Tours" and even more sadly no more "romantic intrigues".

Roger Clutsom



Tea Party at the Saville's house - 7th July

Whilst there are lots of chairs in the garden it would be advisable for members to have a couple of camp chairs in the car if necessary. Bob Gray isn't promising a repeat of the glorious weather of last year - but he is crossing his fingers.

Excitements to Come - from Mike B

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.



Windsor Castle and the Tower of London

Plans are under way for a joint Y's Men and Probus visit to Windsor Castle and The Tower of London on the 28th and 29th of March next year. As participants will be staying at an hotel well outside the central area of London there will be no theatre visit but instead dinner in the evening will be included in the price of £160 per person with a £45 single supplement.

November Showtime - 13th November 2019

Roger Clutson is organising a one day visit to almost any theatre show in London you would like to see. He will be talking about this trip at the June Dinner Night. Here is the list of programmes on offer. We don't all have to go to the same show. You say where you want to go and Roger will see that he gets you there.

Fiddler On The Roof	Playhouse	Very Poignant musical
Come From Away	Phoenix	2019 – Best Musical
9 Till 5	Savoy	What a way to earn a living !
Only Fools and Horses	Theatre Royal	Rave reviews
Rip It Up	Garrick	4 Strictly winners- Fab- u -lous
Waitress	Adelphi	Something different
Comedy About a Bank Robbery	Criterion	So funny but it's brilliant
Tina The Musical	Aldwych	Simply The Best !!
Everybody's talking about Jamie	Apollo	A must see - Fantastic
DISNEY'S ALADDIN		Disney - say no more !!
THRILLER	Lyric	Tribute to a Legend
THE BOOK of MORMON		PREPARE TO BE SHOCKED
LES MISERABLES		A CLASSIC BUT ALWAYS WORTH ANOTHER VISIT
LION KING		WONDERFUL – FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES
MAMMA MIA		SEA- SUNSHINE - AND ABBA MUSIC
MATILDA		WHEN I GROW UP – I'M GOING TO SEE THIS AGAIN!!
PHANTOM of the OPERA		I'VE SEEN THIS SHOW 27 TIMES AND STILL LOVE IT
SCHOOL of ROCK		WISH MY MUSIC TEACHER HAD BEEN LIKE THIS !!
WICKED		THERE'S A GOOD WITCH AND A BAD WITCH !
Witness for the Prosecution		Mrs Christie at her best – set in County Hall
Six		Henry V111's wives set to music –brilliant
Fame		Get those legwarmers out !!!
BIG		Starring Jay McGuinness from Strictly
	<u>PLUS ALL OTHER PLAYS</u>	<u>GLOBE SUMMER SEASON</u>
PLEASE ASK ME FOR FURTHER INFO ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE- CAST TIMES ETC		

Diary

Thu 20 June	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Family Favourites' - Graham Walker
Sat 22 June	2.30 pm Visit to Mumford's Vineyard. Lunch at the George Inn, Bathampton 12.15pm
Sat 6 July	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Sun 7 July	3.00 pm Afternoon Tea Party at the Saville's as last year - £5.00 pp
Mon 8 July	2.15 pm Conducted tour - Children's Hospice South West. Lunch at the Failand Inn 12.15
Sat 3 Aug	9.30 am set up, 10.00 open Coffee Morning
Thu 12 Sept	8.00 om BoG meeting at Jerry's house
Sat 14 Sept	Visit to Goldney House - (proposed date only)
Mon 16 Sept	8.00 pm Project/Programme Committee
Thu 19 Sept	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Welcome Back' - Alan Wallington
Sat 12 Oct	7.00 for 7.30 pm Race Night
Thu 17 Oct	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Fun with a G String' - Phil Collins
Sat 9 Nov	2.45 pm Visit to BBC Whiteladies Road
Thu 21 Nov	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Brunel's Bristol' - Chris Bigg

Around the City Docks - May 30th



Waiting for the boat



At the sharp end



In the fresh air at the blunt end



Something interesting on both sides



This is what the SS Great Britain look like from the water



The Shot Tower