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# The Youngster



**October 2019**

## **R2R Leadership Training 4th – 6th October from Peter Sheppard**

I had the pleasure of attending this course held in Parnu, Estonia along with many other colleagues; five from Russia, seven from Denmark, two from Finland, three from Norway, three from Estonia, and one each from Holland, Romania and Portugal. Although the participants were from so many countries it was interesting that they all had similar personalities which enabled us to get on very well together.

The content covered many topics apart from Leadership within the Y's Men club. A very important discussion was how we need to generate new members. Other items discussed were Club Structure, Club Life, Club Management, also how to start up a new Club, write press releases and make practical use of the website.



We had an excursion by bus to the town centre where, divided into teams, we set about visiting the local places of interest. There was also a reminder that the movement has its roots based upon Christian values and the teachings from the Bible.



## **Race Night - 12th October 2019**

Our 24th Race Night took place on Saturday 12th October and it was great to see increased numbers attending this year's event expertly arranged by Wally and Chris. There was a healthy surplus with the provisional figure of £986 representing a substantial increase on last year.

In his concluding remarks President Jerry thanked everyone involved in making the evening a success, with particular mention to Wally for hosting and Bob, Sherry and helpers (including his own visitors) for a great buffet. He also thanked all Club Members who worked so hard before and during the evening. Thanks are also due to the Race sponsors and all who bought horses.

The only disappointment was the usual conspiracy which prevented "Gas Forever" and "Rovers Return" winning their races although of course it is always better to give rather than to receive!

*Roger Clutson*

# Welcome Back

We wondered how Wally would be able to present the talk at Dinner Night on 19th September as he was in Russia but we were pleased to discover that he had prepared the presentation which would be presented (expertly) by Graham Walker but through the wonders of technology Wally was still able to open the talk.

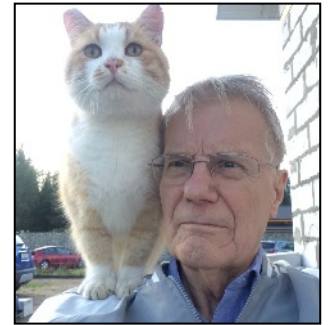
The presentation took the form of a resume of the various events of the last year covering some excellent trips, interesting and varied speakers and a number of fund raising events. Rather than go through each one again I thought it might be better to give particular mention to Wally for all he does for the Club, Graham for all his contributions, Mike for all the excellent trips, Bob and Sherry for high quality catering, Chris for all his work and everyone else who has been involved over the year.

It seems fair to say that we were all amazed by how much has been covered over the year and this is testament to everyone's efforts – a real team effort!


Thanks again to Wally for putting this particular one together and Graham for bringing it to life.

*Roger Clutsom*

*The two pictures of Alan were taken while he was in Russia avoiding his duty of presenting the show to his Club mates. Neither the cat nor Lenin seemed to be pleasing him at the time but he does say that it was an enjoyable visit. Good to have you and Olya back Alan.*



**Y's Men's Club of Hanham**



**SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER  
7 PM  
HANHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

**Quiz night**

**£7.50 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE SUPPER  
Family Reductions**

**MAXIMUM OF SIX PEOPLE PER TEAM.  
NOT ENOUGH FOR A TEAM?  
COME ANYWAY AND MAKE A TEAM WITH OTHERS!**

**For tickets please contact:  
Pam Liddiard 9670910  
Pam Blackmore 9611754**

**Charities for the year:  
Mary's Meals  
Sight Savers  
SPARKS – Children's Medical Research**



**Christmas Concert  
at  
Christchurch, Downend**

**Saturday 7th December at 7.30 p.m.**

**Tickets: Adults £8 Children £2  
(includes refreshments)**

**Tickets can be obtained from Leon Found  
Telephone 0117 9562445  
E-mail [leonandsue@yahoo.com](mailto:leonandsue@yahoo.com)**



# Wally Wanderings

While missing the last Dinner night I spent my time visiting Russia and Denmark; Russia to see Olya's family and Denmark for the Area Council Meeting (ACM).

News from the ACM included some preliminary details of the next World Convention to be held in Odense, Denmark from 13th to 16th August 2020. Visit [www.ysmen2020.dk](http://www.ysmen2020.dk) for more information and a video promoting the event. Registration will be from January 1st 2020. Start saving now!



Further in the future is the Area Convention in 2021. This will be held in Struer, Denmark from 16th to 18th June. Region Central Southern Europe has been asked to see if it would be possible to host the 2023 Area Convention, ten years since we last hosted in Bath.

A new initiative to get more members includes the ability of spouses and partners of existing members to join as new full members at half dues for the next three years.

Probably the news of most interest to members is about Roll Back Malaria. Y's Men International started the Roll Back Malaria programme in 2009 and it was due to finish soon. However it will continue as outlined below until at least 2022. As a Club we must maintain our support to this valuable programme.

Y's Men International, together with World YMCA, is pleased to announce a new multi-stakeholder partnership to support The Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria during the Global Fund's sixth replenishment conference, convened by French President Emmanuel Macron in Lyon, France from 9-10 October.

The International Council backed the initiative with a unanimous decision to join ranks with national governments and around 60 other organisations supporting The Global Fund such as Apple, Microsoft, Google, Mastercard, UN Foundation, Tata Trusts and Starbucks.

"Y's Men International has been providing funding support for malaria programmes since 2009," said Jose Varghese, Y's Men International Secretary General. "We see this partnership as a wonderful opportunity to step up our commitment to rolling back malaria, and to help catalyse youth-led community engagement and advocacy efforts in collaboration with World YMCA. We are grateful to the Department for International Development for matching our contribution, thus exponentially increasing our collective impact."

## Russia

I will finish with some of my experiences in Russia. First to St Petersburg to stay with Olya's sister, mostly family time. Next by train to Moscow where we had time to visit Red Square and take a bus tour of the city. Then it was on the train again for a 29 hour journey to Ekaterinburg to stay with Olya's parents. Ekaterinburg is a large modern city with an impressive underground system and a very old, above ground, tram network. We visited the Yeltsin Centre where memorabilia of the time Yeltsin was President is on view.

Ekaterinburg is in the Ural mountains and claims to be on the Europe/Asia divide. There is a tourist site where you can stand with one foot in Europe and one in Asia. We flew back to St Petersburg, a longer flight than the one from Gatwick to Russia. This illustrates the size of the country when you realise that St Petersburg to Ekaterinburg is only about a quarter of the way across Russia. A final few days with sister Tanya and we were on our way home. I noticed many things were done differently in Russia and took pictures which I hope to prepare as a talk in the future.

*Wally*

## A Warm Welcome

Last month Jerry took over the role of President again. We are delighted to see him back in that role, not only did he perform it well a few years ago but it also means the editor has a shorter journey when attending Board of Governors meetings. It's very thoughtful of you Jer.

But there was a reward for him immediately in having the opportunity to formally welcome Ken Spilman into the Club as a new member and Eileen Price as a fully paid-up member after all those years supporting the Club through Ryan. Welcome to you both.



## Just to amuse

I received this round robin in my emails a couple of weeks ago. Only people capable of a Bristol accent are permitted to read it aloud.

The snow it is a pitchin  
On the slider round by me  
Ee pushed I in the stingers  
And made I scrage me knee

So I went and called a taxi  
So off work I could skive  
'An when ee asked for payment  
I replied to ee "cheers drive".

Ee took I up to Patchway  
Although that is south glos  
Ee went and drove I really fast  
Like ee was Stirling Moss.

Ee talked about the concorde  
And glory be rolls royce  
In Rodney works me uncle  
Ee worked is lathe by choice.

All famlees thats in Bristol  
They all got one of them  
A dad, a gramp, an uncle  
Or one ooze up the crem.

A man of steely piles  
Of swarf a mile igh  
Oo elped to build the engines  
That made that beauty fly.

Or maybe built the buses  
From briz through kingswood there  
Up regent street a chassis  
With driver on a chair.

Oh let I go along there  
To Dower house on ill  
Where the pound of Purdown Percy  
It echoes to I still.

## Diary

Thu 17 Oct	7.30 pm Dinner Night with Hanham Club at the Barn - 'Fun with a G String' - Phil Collins
Sat 2 Nov	9.30 am set up 10.00 am Coffee morning
Sat 9 Nov	2.45 pm Visit to BBC Whiteladies Road - £10.25 pp - bring proof of identity
Wed 13 Nov	Visit to a London Theatre of your choice - organised by Roger Clutsom
Thu 21 Nov	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'Brunel's Bristol' - Chris Bigg
Sat 30 Nov	9.30 am set up 10.00 am Coffee morning
Thu 19 Dec	7.30 pm Christmas Dinner - 'A Magic Show' - Tony Griffith
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Fri 3 Jan	Visit to Bath Royal Theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast' - Bob Gray organising
Thu 16 Jan	7.30 pm Dinner Night
Thu 20 Feb	7.30 pm Dinner Night
Thu 19 Mar	7.30 pm Dinner Night - 'An Hour with Rudyard Kipling' - Graham Walker
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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