



## **“QUAY NOTES” - June 2006**

*(News, views and information for residents of Merchants Landing)*

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### **Gordon's Bristol Bites**

#### **The Redcliffe Tram Line**

Good Friday, to those of the Christian faith is a time for solemn religious reflection & devotion. More so in the past than perhaps today. However Good Friday in 1941 did not quite follow the normal pattern. To Bristolians who were around on that night 65 years ago it brings back memories of one of the severest German air raids that our city suffered. Much devastation and damage was caused. The church of St Mary Redcliffe came within a whisker of total destruction.

Incendiary and high explosive bombs fell on Redcliffe Hill, steeper and narrower then than it is now, with twin tram lines extending over most of the carriageway. Many of the buildings were destroyed, as indeed were the tram lines. One longish section of tram line was blown high into the air over the adjoining buildings and speared itself into the church graveyard, just within the railings separating the churchyard from Colston Parade. The church authorities decided not to move it. Why indeed did it need to be removed when there far more important areas to clear up? So there it still stands today, provided with a suitably engraved memorial tablet telling the story of St Mary Redcliffe's great escape.

### **“Recycling Opportunities”**

**A Garage Sale will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July 06 between 11am and 2pm.** This is an opportunity to recycle all those unwanted items that have been cluttering your house and garage for the last 20 years.

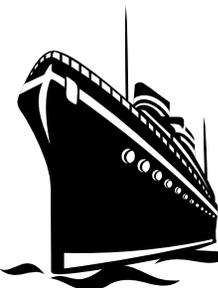
Residents are invited to either open their garages or to have a stall in the amenities area. Friends and families are welcome and there will be drinks and refreshments afterwards on a BYO basis. Those participating are asked to make a donation of 10% of their takings, which will go towards the Summer Party, or alternatively a charity of their choice.

It would be helpful if those intending to take part would let their committee member know, to assist with signage. Also if anyone would like to set up a cake stall, book stall, etc, these would be welcome.

### **Summer Party/Cruise**

The summer party will be a trip on the **Tower Belle on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2006** up river towards Hanham. The trip will last approximately 3 hours from 11.30 am until 2.30 pm. You are invited to bring your own food, and drinks are available from the bar on board. The charges will be £2.00 per head for 'paid up' members of MLRA, and £5.00 for those who have not paid.

Residents will have priority over places, following which vacancies will be circulated at the end of July. Please give your names to Shirley Stark (8WR) as soon as possible.



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### Dates for your diary

**Amenities Company AGM - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006**  
**Followed by a talk by Gordon Faulkner.**

**MLRA AGM - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006.**  
**Followed by some entertainment. Details to follow.**

### Newspaper deliveries

If you want a daily delivery of milk, newspapers Etc, contact Ridgeway Newsagents, 27 Victoria Street, Tel: 921 1942

## **Wapping Wharf development.**

Plans for the development will be considered by the Development Control Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 7th June at the Council House. The meeting starts at 2pm and I believe it is open to members of the public, they cannot confirm at what time this application will be considered. A copy of the Planning Officers recommendations will be available from the reception of Brunel House, St George's Road from Wednesday 31st May - photocopies can be obtained for a charge (!)

The outline application is being made to establish a masterplan for the Wapping Wharf site which will set the principles for future development. The aim is to create a new city centre community which, together with proposals to improve the Industrial Museum, will bring new sustainable investment to this key harbourside site.

The masterplan seeks to retain the industrial nature of the existing dock edge and protect key harbourside views. It features a new pedestrian route from Gaol Ferry Bridge through the site to a new public landscaped square on the waterfront plus a new urban street, behind the museum, with active ground floor uses and living above.

On the Gaol Gate site, Wapping Wharf (Umberslade) Ltd is proposing 57,000 sq m of new development and the re-use of key existing buildings. The scheme includes 592 new homes, ranging from town houses to apartments, complemented by small shops, local services and restaurants, with office/work space and scope for a 200 bed hotel.

The package of community benefits which will accompany the development have also been increased from the original submission. This will deliver 20% affordable housing, a contribution of £1.5 million for the new Museum of Bristol, the building out of the new public square as part of the initial infrastructure works plus contributions to education and local training.

## **The Friends of Bathurst Basin**

An organisation with the above name has been set up by Bathurst Parade residents. The purpose of the organisation is to focus on development issues in the Bathurst Basin area. John Bates of 12 Bathurst Parade (and of Neighbourhood Watch fame) is coordinating. Any MLRA members are welcome to attend meetings.

Items of interest include the area to the south of the John Sebastian lightship which is being considered for development as a recreational area, and the railway cutting which has recently been the subject of a planning application.

### Brunel 200 events

9<sup>th</sup> June The engine in the SS Great Britain will be officially started.

**Well done to the SS Great Britain team on winning the Gulbenkian prize!!**

### MLRA Committee meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 06. If you have any items for the meeting, please let a committee member know.

### **Committee member needed!**

There is a vacancy on the committee following Hazel Hill's departure. Please volunteer, particularly if you live in Byzantine Court.



### Quay Notes

**Next edition will be out on 1 September 2006. Contributions, photos etc are welcome. Don't be shy! Put pen to paper.**

**Contributions to 5 Merchants Quay or preferably to [rackham@onetel.com](mailto:rackham@onetel.com)**