



“QUAY NOTES” - June 2009

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

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GORDON’S BRISTOL BITES

The Redcliffe Pipe

On Redcliffe Hill, close to the junction with Colston Parade is a reminder of mediæval times, before water in the home was available at the turn of a tap. It is, or was, the outlet of a natural spring that from the year 1207 (thanks to Sir Robert de Berkeley, then Lord of the Manor of Bedminster) supplied the parishioners with clean fresh spring water. The source is located some two miles away on the slopes of Knowle from where the water was piped under gravity to an outlet by St Mary Redcliffe church. Water was so supplied for hundreds of years and when the New Cut was excavated in 1809 the pipe was re-routed so that the supply continued. The outlet now seen was built in 1932 to replace a much older version.

All was well until the air raids of WWII when the pipe was damaged where it crossed the Cut and was not repaired. However in the 1980’s a new use was found for this water; it was directed into a shallow maze, a very decorative feature constructed in Victoria Park, close by St Luke’s Road. The maze itself is a copy of a mediæval roof boss still to be seen, ideally with binoculars in the north aisle of St Mary Redcliffe church.

The water supply was so important to the parishioners in earlier times that to confirm their entitlement to the water, the vicar, churchwardens and parishioners walked, and still do walk, the route annually from Victoria Park to the source in Knowle. For the very observant, stone markers are still in place to show them the way.

Thank you Gordon, for your regular, fascinating ‘bites’ of local history, Ed.



The Great Summer Picnic!

JUNE 13th. Coming Sooon!..... Make sure you don’t miss this event!!! Bring your chairs, some food, outdoor games, and we will provide our marquee, fun, music, strawberries and cream (and hopefully good weather!?)

A message from Mary and Anthony at 5 Merchants Quay:

We have a Charity (Reg. 1115604) which is working to supply a full healthcare service to people in the Southern District of Zanzibar, and we work there regularly ourselves. Look at our website : www.makunduchi.com

On 7.30 pm Saturday 11th July 2009

at Nailsea Methodist Church, Silver Street BS48 2DS

Nailsea Concert Orchestra will play a diverse programme of music – from Bizet to Britten, and Gershwin to Puccini

There will be a Medley of Light Classical Pieces - and Susan Weaver singing Soprano

This evening has been arranged by Nailsea and Backwell Rotary Club. Tickets are £8 each (children free) and proceeds will go to our Zanzibar Charity, HIPZ, to help us continue to upgrade our Hospital in Makunduchi. Please let me know if you would like tickets, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT from Mary Rackham 5, Merchants Quay. Tel.929 7562

Next edition of “QUAY NOTES” will be out on 1st September 2009. Contributions to Mary and Anthony @ 5 Merchants Quay or preferably to: rackhams@talktalk.net

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FUTURE EVENTS- for your Diary!

1: AGM for Merchants Landing Residents, Mon. 5th Oct. 09 on the John Sebastian.

2: BOB's Popular Quiz Night –Fri. 20th Nov.09

3. On a disappointing note, the Flappers night planned for April had to be cancelled due to lack of support. If YOU have ideas for events – please let your committee member know – it is great to get together occasionally!

REPORT FROM JOHN ASHFORD- Our Representative with “Redcliffe Futures “ Group

This report covers the period from March 2009 to the end of May 2009 and deals mainly with matters discussed that are in close proximity to Merchants Landings

Project	Planning Ref	Progress / Comment
Redcliffe Wharf	07/05719/F	The developer, Westmark is still considering the comments given by BCC Development Control. Cllr Mark Wright is being asked by RFG to press BCC officers for a progress report. Meanwhile RFG are keen to promote the Wharf as a tourist destination
St Mary Redcliffe & Temple School	08/03765/FB	Skanska, the contractors are well on with ground works and piling on the site. Good views of the works in progress can be seen from Commercial Road
Bristol General Hospital	Not yet submitted	Still awaiting Pre Planning Application details. Some delay in financing the project is being felt by the trust. A key issue is the progress of the South Bristol development plans that include a new hospital complex which needs to be in place before BGH can close.
Prince Street Bridge and Rapid Transit Route		The change in traffic management on Prince Street Bridge have now been in place for some while and it would be useful to know if residents have experienced any major hold-ups in accessing the bridge as a result of the changes. Has there been much evidence of the predicted long queues of vehicles forming following the introduction of the changes? BCC have advised RFG that the Rapid Transit Business Case for the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre scheme is compliant and are now working towards DIT approval of Programme Entry in this coming Autumn. Conditional approval for the scheme is programmed for Spring 2011 with Final Approval in Autumn 2011. <i>I understand that the Rapid Transit proposal is to be a discussion item on MLRA July agenda and implications on its affect on Prince Street Bridge and Merchants Quay will form part of the discussions.</i>
Barossa Tunnel Site		This site is being offered for sale. An advertising sign for sale has been erected.

Information for Residents

Giovanni Schillace of the Louisiana pub had applied for an extension until 2.00 a.m. Monday to Sunday, but this has been refused by the City Council.