

# The Youngster

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 "To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



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*After many attempts we get publicity in the local newspaper!*

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**KINGSWOOD Y'S MEN'S CLUB**

AFTER a recent successful race night to raise funds, Kingswood Y's Men's Club has agreed donations totalling £1,600 to a number of local charities. Our policy is to donate relatively modest sums which make a difference to a charity's funds rather than donate to large national charities, where the contribution would be a 'drop in the ocean'. The charities which will each receive £200 are: Children's Hospice South West, Alzheimer's Society, Great Western Air Ambulance, Jessie May Trust, St Peter's Hospice, Prostate Cancer Research, Dolphin Society and the Page Park appeal. Kingswood Y's Men's Club is a support group to the YMCA and, despite the name, has a mixed membership. The club meets on the third Thursday of the month at Lincombe Barn, Downend, for a meal and a talk by various speakers. We run fund-raising events to raise money for Y's Men's sponsored projects around the world, to which we have also donated £790. We're always looking for potential members who share our ethos: details of activities can be found online at [www.ysmen.co.uk](http://www.ysmen.co.uk).

**Jer Mundy**

*We have learned that our member in Scotland, Bill Beaugié visited Gwen during one of his forays into the old country and he forwarded a video of the occasion to Wally. It was circulated by e-mail but if you missed it, have a word with Wally and I'm sure he will be only too pleased to let you have a copy.*

*Gwen would welcome a call from you and there is a possibility that she will be joining us for our last Dinner of the season.*

## Dates for your Diary

20th June	Dinner, then Fun & Games at The Barn
19th Sept.	Dinner Night – Speaker, John Lockwood – Community History & Arts Project
17th October	Dinner Night with Hanham Club at Hanham Methodist Church
26th October	Quiz Night at The Tynings - Just note the date in your diaries for now!
21st Nov.	Dinner Night – Speaker, Luke Paddon – Haven Home Orphanage, India

## *May Dinner Night*

Prof Brian Vincent was the guest speaker for May dinner night with a talk on

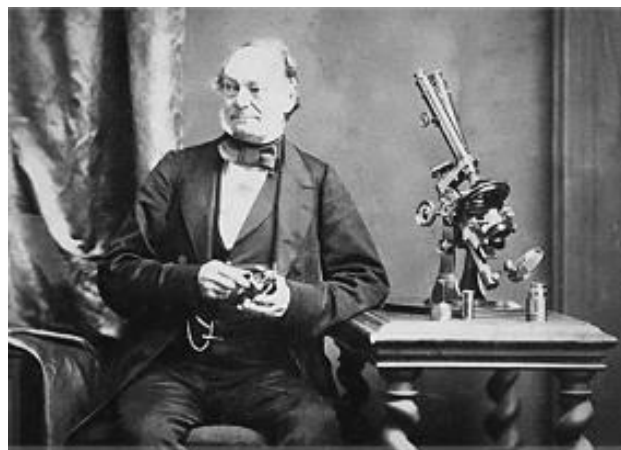
### *The Herapath Family: A Medical and Scientific Dynasty.*

The Herapath family had its roots in Pilton in North Devon. Two brothers John and William moved to Bristol in 1780, establishing themselves in the brewery trade and as publicans. The family is associated with the Jolly Mitre (Queen Square), Plume of Feathers (St Phillips), Horse and Jockey (Marybush Lane), and Packhorse (Lawrence Hill).

From these two men descended five generations of scientists and doctors. Some members of the Herapath family were medical practitioners, whilst others made notable contributions to physical and analytical chemistry and forensic science.

John Herapath (1790-1868) was a very bright child. Whilst working for his father, he taught himself French and Latin, and read books by famous scientists, including *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* by Isaac Newton. He went on to become a renowned mathematician and was involved in the early development of the kinetic theory of gases. Developed an interest in steam engines and the rapidly developing railway network. He became editor, and then owner, of the *Railway Magazine* in Fleet Street, which in 1894 became *Herapath's Railway Journal* which is still published today as the *Railway Gazette*.

His brother, William Herapath (1796-1868) taught himself analytical chemistry and became the first professor of chemistry and toxicology at the Bristol Medical School. As a chemical analyst, William was called upon to analyse the waters of Hot Wells and on another occasion provide forensic evidence, including Arsenic used as a poison. This led to the conviction and hanging of Mary Ann Burdock in April 1835. William was also involved in the early use of anaesthetics and was the first to administer laughing gas for dentistry. With an interest in politics and civic affairs, he was Founder member of the Bristol General Union, was elected to the Bristol City Council, and served as a magistrate.



William's eldest son, William Bird Herepath (1820-1868) was a surgeon at St Peter's Hospital, after which the present-day St Peter's Hospice is named. In addition to his medical practice, he also conducted original work on polarisation and discovered the crystalline material, quinine iodosulphate, now called Herapathite. He was elected FRS in recognition of his scientific work.

William's second son, Thornton Herepath (1830-1858) studied chemistry at the Bristol Medical School, under his father, and later he secured a position as a lecturer in that institute. With his father, he published many joint papers - notably on an analysis of a water sample from the Dead Sea and an investigation of the water supply at the BRI, which was found to contain strontium. He also built up a strong reputation for his own, independent analytical chemistry skills, and in 1856, aged 26, was appointed as chief chemist to the Mexican and South American Smelting Company in Chile. Sadly, he drowned at sea on a return journey to England in 1858.

Moving on to the next generation of Herepaths, Charles Kynaston Coathupe Herapath (1853-1923), attended Clifton College and then, following in the family tradition, enrolled in the Bristol Medical School in 1871. Charles worked as a surgeon at the BRI but had a private consulting practice at home. Charles' brother Charles Edward Kynaston Herapath (1882-1946), also attended Clifton College and then University College Bristol to study medicine. Obtained MB, and BS degree in 1907, then held various house appointments, before completing his medical studies in London, where he gained his MD degree in 1910. He was subsequently appointed (1910) as a physician at the Bristol Dispensary, Castle Green. During the First World War, he served in France (1915-1918) in the South Midlands Ambulance Company finishing with the rank of Major. After the War he was appointed physician, at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where he developed a strong interest in cardiology, making use of the "polygraph" machine devised by the British heart surgeon, Dr James Mackenzie, for detecting irregular heartbeats. A forerunner of the modern electrocardiogram – ECG.

Now on to the fifth generation, after the first William Herepath: Geoffrey Charles Kynaston Herapath (1925-2009) also attended Clifton College and then Bristol University where he gained MB, and ChB degrees in 1950. Although there had been a general medical practice in Keynsham since 1903, there was not one in nearby Saltford until, in 1953, pressure from the residents led to a branch surgery being established under the recently formed NHS. Dr Geoffrey Herapath was the first general practitioner.

*A truly remarkable family, but not quite the end.*

There is a road (Herepath Street) named after the family in Barton Hill. In 2017, the Bristol Civic Society commissioned a Blue Plaque fixed to the present Packhorse Pub, where Professor William Herepath (1796-1868) lived between 1800 and 1819.

There is also a royal connection, through the family of Antony Armstrong Jones who was married to Princess Margaret.

Finally, the origin of the name. Herapath is a Saxon word for a military path: *here-paeth*

Mostly found in the West Country (especially Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire)

The most famous is the so-called Wiltshire *here-paeth*, which extended for some seven miles across Fyfield and Overton Downs, between Marlborough & Avebury, and led directly to the Avebury stone circle.

## ***James Ball***

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We have received an invitation to this year's  
***C. & S. Europe Regional Conference***  
being hosted by the Zwolle Club in  
The Netherlands.

A nice hotel in attractive surroundings. Wally has already forwarded the registration details to Club Members so if you would like to attend, get your application in soon.



YMCA Hotel "Ernst Sillem Hove"  
Soestdijkerweg 10b – 3734 MH – Den Dolder, NL  
Netherlands

## June Coffee Morning



Eight of us were there well before the opening time of 10 o'clock. All set up with time to spare so were able to chat before any 'real' customers arrived. We had a good stream of church associated customers and with the help of cakes supplied by Angela and Eileen, we made £44.70 profit.

Book date of July 6th for the next one.

*Wally*

*Did they actually say that????*

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 2020 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances."

*Department of Social Services,  
Greenville, South Carolina*

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body,"

*Winston Bennett, University of Kentucky  
Basketball forward.*

"Traditionally, most of Australia's imports come from overseas."

*Keppel Enderbery (Federal Attorney General)*

"I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix"

*Dan Quayle (Former US Vice President)*

