

# The Youngster

The Bulletin of the Y's Men's Club of Kingswood, UK  
"To acknowledge the duty that accompanies every right"



*April 2024*

## *March Dinner Night*

An interesting talk about Freewheelers EV Blood Bike Service by one of their volunteers, Richard Bentham.

Richard explained that the organisation, founded in 1990 and a registered charity, gives a free out of hours courier service to the NHS transporting blood, pathology specimens, patient notes, X-rays, breast milk and other medical supplies to wherever they are needed. Every night, deliveries are also made to two local Air Ambulance bases. Their slogan is 'Riding for Life' and this is certainly supported by the part they play in saving people's lives by their activities mentioned above. Their service is entirely free to the NHS and reduces considerably the money which might otherwise be spent on the use of taxis and expensive professional couriers. During the COVID year 2020-21 they rode nearly a quarter of a million miles, making almost 8,000 deliveries and since that time they have been even busier.



All riders are volunteers and in 2008 the organisation was awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Being a voluntary service they depend on financial support by way of donations and sponsorship.

An informative talk which explained the purpose of those fancy motorcycles we sometimes see, looking very much like police bikes at first glance until we see the word 'blood' displayed on the panniers.

## *Dates for your Diary*

18th April	Dinner Night: Speaker – Owen Fitzwarren: A Scout we sponsored to Korean Jamboree
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. Staple Hill Methodist Church
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Dinner Night: Speaker - Professor Brian Vincent "The Herapaths of Bristol".
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Coffee Morning at 10 a.m. Staple Hill Methodist Church
20th June	Dinner Night & Presidential Handover
22nd June	Visit to Bletchley Park - If interested, please speak to President Mundy
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz Night at The Tynings - Just note the date in your diaries for now!

## *Jazz Night*

Another social evening of Traditional Jazz which doubled up as a money raiser for our charity fund.

We were entertained again this year by the Bristol 1904 Arts Strollers a 5-piece ensemble of very experienced musicians comprising players of keyboards, percussion, double bass, trumpet and soprano, alto & tenor saxophones; two of the players also provided vocals from time to time. A good repertoire included many tunes which sounded familiar but one is unable to put a name to but a number of pieces were immediately recognised such as Acker Bilk's 'Stranger on the Shore', Sidney Bechet's 'Petite Fleur' and 'Bei mir bist du Schein' which, apparently, started life as a song from a 1932 Yiddish language musical comedy called 'I Would if I Could' in Brooklyn, New York – it closed after one season. The show may have died a death but the song lived on!



During the interval we were treated to our usual 'Ploughman's Supper' of bread, ham, cheese, salad pickles and crisps in the inimitable Bob & Sherry Gray style. Keeping the refreshment supplies in the family, the bar was run by their daughter Sam and her husband, President Jerry. Our thanks to them all for their continuing support of our Club's activities.

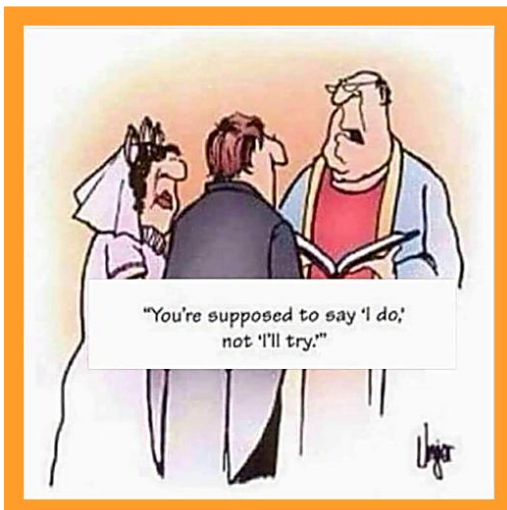
There was still plenty of room for more punters but overall a successful, pleasant and enjoyable time at

The Tynings, courtesy of Jerry and Sam and thanks to those who were able to help with the setting up and clearing away tasks always present at our fund raisers.

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***April Coffee Morning*** – Another good morning with a good number of 'visitors' from the High Street achieving a profit of £60.00.

Extra help always welcome in order to give the regular helpers a break from the counter and washing up!



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*A Pastor, giving a children's sermon asked them "Why do you think I am wearing this collar?"*

*One child answered, "Because it kills ticks and fleas for up to 30 days."*

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*Police have confirmed that the security guard who tragically fell from the roof of an 18th floor Night Club was not a Bouncer*