



“QUAY NOTES” - December 2004

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

Your Committee Members

Mary Rackham	5 Merchants Quay	9297562	Janetta Mitchinson	3 Tryn Mills	9276209
Scott Bowie	7 Merrick Court	9294689	Michael Hart	2 Challoner Court	9215291
Bob Bishop	4 Daubeny Court	9268637	Hazel Hill	4 Byzantine Court	9294962
Shirley Stark	8 Wapping Road	9293953	Sandy Conway	1 Draycott Place	9293454

Gordon's Bristol Bites - Ferries

Until the early 1800's there were only two bridges in Bristol, Bristol Bridge itself over the Avon and the Drawbridge crossing the then open Frome Cut just where the much travelled statue of Neptune now stands on the Centre. So numerous ferries sprang up, many as an aid for workers to get to and from their employment. It is still possible to see reminders of these ferries around the harbour.

Close by Merchant's Landings there was a ferry from Wapping Road, landing point still used, across to Canon's Marsh. Further upstream was the Guinea Street, or Grove ferry which ran from the clearly visible slip near the Ostrich to a slip now incorporated in the River Station restaurant on the Grove

Redcliffe ferry crossed from Redcliffe Back to Welsh Back. The Redcliffe entrance at the end of Ferry Lane can be found between the old WCACA building (now affordable accommodation) & the near derelict concrete warehouse adjacent.

Then there was the Counterslip ferry, much older, crossing the harbour above Bristol Bridge to provide a link from Bristol Castle to Temple Back; to the "Countess Slip" in fact. It was replaced by a bridge in 1841 on which a toll of ½d was levied until 1875. Hence old Bristolians know it as "The Ha'penny Bridge".



Neighbourhood Watch.

A resident has had an unfortunate situation where upon entry into their rear garden they found an intruder. Police were involved. In this particular case the rear access door was locked.

I have recently carried out spot checks prior to the latter situation on rear garden access and found three doors unlocked. Please residents could you all sharpen up on your security. May I also suggest that if you are away for sometime, any slight visual restriction that may impair direct uninterrupted vision through your property, front to back could possibly deter an intruders intention, especially if you have direct access over a garden wall ?

Happy Christmas John Bates N / H Watch Co - ordinator. Tel 9211789.

Late news:

New Chief Constable to replace Steve Pilkington is Colin Port.

Scaffolding? A recommendation from John Bates

"I've recently painted the front of our house and have had scaffolding from top to the bottom with three access levels. The company contact was supplied by a resident. I have been very satisfied with the service provided and at a reasonable cost."

Company Name:

"A4 ACCESS" contact Mr Mark Snook Mbl 07976 885181 or 0117 9509868.

Web site

We now have a web site. The address is www.mlra.co.uk Have you used it? Do you have any comments or suggestions. Let Peter Hale know on pghale@jee.org. Hopefully in the near future, past and present copies of Quay Notes will be available on the web.

Window Cleaner

John Duffy on 07771915467 is due here next on 17th December. Iris recommends him as thorough and reasonable

Wapping Wharf redevelopment.

A site model including the 600+ dwellings is on view at the Planning Dept in Brunel House (behind the Council House).

New Police non-emergency number for use when 999 is inappropriate is 0845 4567000

APOLOGY - the notice below that appeared in the last Quay Notes unfortunately gave the wrong phone number belonging to another Richard. The correct Richard, who will taxi you to the airport, is on 07977 415789.

Sincere apologies from Scott & Geri for any inconvenience caused.

Flying from Bristol Airport?

Tired of paying sky-high parking charges? We were, and have found a reliable, local taxi service. Richard will deliver you to and collect you from Bristol airport, (including early morning or night flights) for a flat rate of £20. We have always found him to be very reliable and helpful, and it's far cheaper than driving / parking yourself.

Contact Richard on 07977 415789

We tried the original number, got Richard the antique dealer, sorted out the misunderstanding, and he then took us to the airport. You have some good friends S & G. Many thanks A & M



Bristol Harbour Homes

Peter Brooks, a resident of Merchants Landing, has recently set up a new business specialising in letting serviced accommodation for periods of three days and above.

"Our apartments are all in the centre of Bristol either on the Harbourside or in the city centre. They are fully fitted out and furnished to a high specification down to a corkscrew & include linen. We have one bedroom apartments which sleep up to four in a double bed and a double sofa bed and two bedroom apartments which sleep up to six in one double bed two single beds and a double sofa bed. Each has TV DVD & CD and a full range of appliances in the Kitchen. Two bedroom apartments are £80 per night and one bedroom apartments £65 per night regardless of how many occupants. That can be less than £15 per person per night with full occupancy. Secure 24 hour access car parking is Free."

Look at the website or contact Peter if you have friends or business colleagues coming to stay, or if you would be interested in renting to Peter as part of his portfolio of properties, as he's interested in adding Merchant's Landing to the portfolio.

Peter Brooks, Bristol Harbour Homes, 2 Trin Mills, Bristol, BS1 4RJ

0117 9279025 or 07834 517808. Web site www.BristolHarbourHomes.com

Thanks to Peter for the above. Peter is sponsoring Quay Notes / the MRLA website

Unwanted telephone sales calls? Tel 020 7291 3320 or register on line www.tpsonline.org.uk
Silent telephone calls? Tel 0870 444 3969
Register your Tel No on the silent callguard Service.

"A blue Umbro T Shirt (with white logo) was recently found in the back garden of 19 Challoner Court. Any takers, please pop around to collect!"

Thanks to Alan Davis for this note.

Flying from Bristol? www.skyscanner.net

Try this website which gives prices over a month, rather than the 3 days on Easy Jet's site.



Quay Notes

We wish all our friends and neighbours a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year, with special thanks to those who contribute to Quay Notes.

Next edition will be out on 1 March 2005. Please keep contributions flowing. Send them by e-mail to rackham@onetel.com. Alternatively post them at No5 Merchants Quay.

