

# “QUAY NOTES” - December 2007

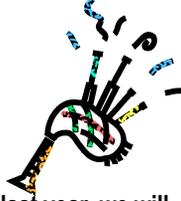
(News, views and information for residents of Merchants Landing)

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### A “LAID-BACK EVENING” WITH JENNY

Everyone’s chance to experience the benefits of aromatherapy, relaxation and other therapies which we probably all need! The evening may include Thai massage, hot stone therapy and different approaches to improving your lifestyle. Jenny feels a maximum of twenty people will be ideal, and it will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at 7.30 pm. and will cost £2.00 per head to cover costs. The venue to be decided. Contact Jenny Britton for your tickets.



### BURNS NIGHT

After a very successful evening this last year, we will be arranging a Burns Night celebration for 2008. Details have yet to be finalised, but residents who wish to attend should telephone Shirley Stark to obtain tickets. We will try and plan it for as close to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan as possible.

#### 1) BEN BARKER

Ben has been very successful in obtaining funding for the Southville Community Development Association. We hope that he can provide an interesting talk on how to get resources for community projects and to learn lessons from his success at the Southville Centre. Date and venue to be announced later.



## A very Happy Christmas to all our readers.

Many thanks to Geri and Mary for arranging a very successful wine tasting evening on the John Sebastian.



### Quay Notes

Next edition will be out on 1 April 2008. Yes really! Contributions to 5 Merchants Quay or preferably to [rackhams@talktalk.net](mailto:rackhams@talktalk.net) (note the new email address)

## GORDON’S BRISTOL BITES

### The Phoenix Statue

The Phoenix Assurance Company was founded in London in 1781. In 1974 its headquarters relocated to “Phoenix House” on Redcliffe Hill (now the Holland House hotel) and in the mid 1980’s further expanded into a new building, then known as “Freshford House” diametrically across the traffic island from St Mary Redcliffe church.

Outside of the building, at the junction of Redcliffe Street and Redcliffe Way, the company erected a sculpture, now partially hidden behind shrubbery. It is called “Phoenix and Four Elements” and was commissioned in 1985.

The four relief bronze panels depict Earth, Air, Fire and Water (the four basic elements of alchemy, or mediæval chemistry) and form the four sides of a stylized geometric mountain which represents the world and on which a bronze phoenix alights to be reborn in flames.

“Earth” is the pregnant figure emerging from the clay of the relief, surrounded by orchids. “Air” is seen against the disc of the sun borne along by the wind which blows her hair between the fingers of her right hand. “Fire” is the figure emerging from the flames with stylised flames to her left and “Water” is represented by the swimming figure.

The “Phoenix” is a mythical bird said to live for some 500 years before immolating itself on a funeral pyre from which it rose again in renewed youth, regenerating itself from the ashes.

### **Fireworks at Bathurst Basin**

Our thanks to Caroline and Norman who hosted a Merchants Landing firework party on the 5<sup>th</sup> November. Food, drink and sparklers were the order of the day with Anthony and Bernie letting off the more exotic fireworks. A fun evening. Make sure that you don’t miss it next year.



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## Recycling at St Phillips Marsh waste disposal centre

(For those items which are not collected on a weekly basis)

**Waste Types Accepted:** Car Batteries, Domestic Batteries, Garden Waste, Bulky Garden Waste, Glass Bottles/Jars (Mixed), Glass Bottles (Green), Glass Bottles (Amber), Glass Bottles (Clear), Car Oil, Cardboard, Mixed Paper (incl Newspapers, Junkmail, Magazines), All Plastic Bottles, Clothes, Tyres, Bricks, Rubble, Concrete, Soil, Asbestos, Scrap Wood, Household Cleaning Materials, Paints, Varnishes, White Spirit, etc, Gas Bottles, Aluminium Foil, Aluminium Cans, Mixed Scrap Metal, Spectacles, Shoes, Christmas Trees, Aerosols, Books, Phone Directories & Yellow Pages, Mixed Metal Food & Drink Cans, Cooling Appliances, Display Equipment, General WEEE, Large Household Appliances, Gas Discharge Lamps.



## Redcliffe Futures

If you have any questions relating to the various developments taking place across Bathurst Basin in Redcliffe, contact John on 921 3495, at 3 Merchants Quay, or email [john.ashford3@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.ashford3@btopenworld.com)

Item Description	BCC Planning Application No.	Progress / Comment
Guinea Street Car-Park	07/02933/F	Applicant (Mr and Mrs Pratt) wish to retain the Metal fence and gates. Council have referred the matter to their enforcement section for action.
Land between Barossa Place and Guinea Street	07/03113/F	This proposal was to erect a three storey building <i>over</i> the car-park referred to in 07/02933/F to provide mixed use development of 28 apartments, 4 work units and a café has been <b>withdrawn</b> by the applicant, Urbis Ltd. Council would have opposed the application on grounds of <b>'too much development on the site'</b>
Guinea Street Car-Park	07/04379/Z	Applicant has submitted an enforcement notice appeal for installation of railings and gates.
Redcliffe Wharf Beach		This was judged by most people and institutions to have been a success. Discussions are underway to confirm that it may be held again in 2008 at same venue. However after 2008 it will not be possible to locate the beach at Redcliffe Wharf. Other venues are being assessed including Bathurst Basin, Cumberland Basin, Lloyds Amphitheatre, Car-Park at Mud0Dock and Totterdown Basin. These are only early thoughts on the matter. No conclusions have been reached.

## RECYCLING FOOD/BROWN BIN LINERS

David Johnson has managed to get a very good deal on liners for our food waste bins, in the form of brown paper bags at very low cost. Benefits are that you can avoid unpleasant bin smells, they are strong and Bristol City Council approves them. David is happy to buy them in bulk and sell them to residents for £5 for a pack of 50 – a fraction of the price charged by ASDA. Please contact David on 929 7602 for your supplies!

## Annual Subscription to MLRA

Please pay your subscription for 2008 to Shirley Stark, or your committee member. It is still only **£5. Yes really! Only £5!**

This is not related to the amenities charge. It pays for Quay Notes and social events. Tenants as well as residents can belong and are particularly invited to join. There will be plenty of events to enjoy.

Don't delay. I know the temptation is to say that you will pay it later, but then it is forgotten. Should we increase it to £10 as this is easier to remember?!