



## **“QUAY NOTES” - December 2011**

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

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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS !! (Make sure you don't miss them!!)**

- 1) Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January will feature another Murder mystery evening, and if anything like the last, it will be a sell out! Tickets at £5 from Shirley Stark at 8 Wapping Road. We are limited to 40 and it is first come first served, so get your skates on! The venue is the John Sebastian Lightship in Bathurst Basin, starting at 7.30 pm. Proceeds to this year's charity, Cancer Research.**
- 2) A Queen's Diamond Jubilee garden party on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Plenty of food, wine, music and good company, so put it in your diary now.**

**AND MORE IN THE PIPELINE ..... BUT DO LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR SOCIAL EVENTS WHICH YOU THINK WOULD APPEAL!**

### **PROPOSED BOOK READING GROUP**

Where we lived before moving to Merchants Landing just over a year ago, we got a lot of fun from being in a Book Reading Group, and we haven't heard of one on the Landing, so we would like to propose setting one up. The format would obviously be determined by the people who decide to join with us, but for starters we propose the following framework:

- Meeting once a month, on a fixed date, say the third Tuesday of each month.
- Discussing each month a book recommended by a member of the group, and agreed by the group to be the choice of the month, usually a paperback, modern novel or classic, discussion to be led by the person recommending that book.
- Maximum of nine people in the group, so that we can fit reasonably well into members' living rooms. (If more than nine people are interested in this proposal, we might set up more than one group).
- Host each month to provide glass of wine/ coffee/ biscuits.

Anybody interested please contact us by the end of the year, preferably by email to [maggieandmikethorne@talktalk.net](mailto:maggieandmikethorne@talktalk.net) or by text to 07817 561321, or if neither of those means of communication suit, by dropping us a line in our mailbox.

**Maggie and Mike Thorne, 15 Merrick Court.**



**We have been asked how we use the Annual membership fee for Merchants Landing Residents Association.**

We use the monies received to fund the events put on by the association, including hire of the John Sebastian, providing food at events, hiring bands, printing of Quay Notes, etc. All residents, including tenants, are welcome to attend any of these events, so we would be very grateful if you would support us financially,(and with your presence).

## Your Committee Members for 2011

Joi Demery Quay	9 Merchants Quay 9297562 (Sec.)	9213412 Chair	Mary Rackham	5 Merchants
Betta Eriks	2 Draycott Place	3305379		
Shirley Stark	8 Wapping Road	9293953 Treasurer	Tony Little	13 Challoner Court 9227336
Sandy Conway	1 Draycott Place	9293454	Geri Bowie	7 Merrick Court 9294689

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Appleby almost three years ago, right to the stall where she slept in the county of Cumbria? And, they even tracked her calves to their stalls.

But they are unable to locate 125,000 illegal immigrants wandering around our country. Maybe we should give each immigrant a cow.

**Congratulations to Tina and Paul Thomas of 15 Challoner Court who have just had identical twin girls, Erina and Imani. Their elder daughter and son are pretty chuffed with the new arrivals. (fortunately!)**

### **Review of Local Planning Developments Discussed at Recent RFG Meetings**

**Report by John Ashford covering the period from Sept 1st to the end of November 2011**

**Dealing with matters that may interest Merchants Landing Residents**

#### **Redcliffe Wharf**

No preferred developer has yet been selected from the four final candidates that were short-listed. However it is likely that a final decision will be made by mid to late December 2011. The four short-listed developers have been asked to respond to the comments made by BCC and the community consultees

Following this selection RFG will actively engage with the preferred developer and with BCC in ensuring that this historic site meets the aspirations of the Bristol community.

#### **Bristol General Hospital**

Following the public meeting held with City & Country on 1st November, RFG has submitted its views on the sketch scheme seen at the meeting. These can be made available to MLRA if requested.

#### **Rapid Transit**

The date for a funding decision by Government is likely to be 8th December 2011

#### **Merchants Landing (Amenities) Ltd Update:**

The ML(A)L AGM was held on the John Sebastian on the 14<sup>th</sup> October with 37 shareholders present. The Annual reports and accounts were presented and items discussed included Car Parking Regulations, enforcement of planning controls and the garage lighting circuits. An election for the 'A' directors was held and the following were appointed: Roy Demery, Michael Hart, David Johnson, and Gaenor Cashman,

John Brentnall as the sole 'B' nomination was also appointed.

Contact details for all directors are on the MLRA website.

The new board met on 29<sup>th</sup> October when Mike Thorne was co-opted as the second 'B' shareholder and discussions continued on the provision of lighting to garages.

A letter has now been sent to all shareholders stating the financial case with a questionnaire section on the personal implications of termination.

It would be appreciated if responses to the letter could be returned in time for the next directors meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any concerns or matters that you wish to raise at this meeting please forward them to the secretary - Colin Williams, *Holdshare Management Services Ltd, 2 Westfield Business Park, Barns Ground, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 6UA* (Email: [colin@holdshare.co.uk](mailto:colin@holdshare.co.uk)). for inclusion on the agenda.

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